

Museum Street Landseer Road Chantry

Methodist Church

Connections



It was during this 'quiet' interval of 50 days
that Jesus' disciples became convinced that
Jesus had risen from the dead.

On Pentecost Sunday they went public and history was changed.

Whether you believe in the resurrection or not,
your life has been affected by the events of that Pentecost Sunday.

May 2021 **2**

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Adrian and I have just enjoyed a lovely week away staying in self-catering accommodation in Canterbury. Although there were no inside venues open, we were still able to see some great sights, eat outside at some good restaurants, and explore the area on some pleasant walks. One of the places we toured was the Canterbury UNESCO World Heritage site, which includes St. Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral and St. Martin's Church.

We learned that St. Augustine's Abbey is one of the oldest and most important monastic sites in England. It was from here that the conversion of the English people to Christianity began. It was founded by the Benedictine monk Augustine shortly after 597 on a mission from Rome to convert the pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. It was very influential in the Middle Ages. The abbey was rebuilt several times over the centuries but fell into disrepair in the 16th century after Henry VIII dissolved all Catholic monasteries and now only the ruins are left. St. Martin's is the oldest church in the English-speaking world and was where Queen Bertha worshipped; she was a French princess and wife of King Ethelbert and it was she who was said to have persuaded her husband to give Augustine the land for the abbey. It is still open for Sunday worship each week (although not right now with the COVID restrictions). The Cathedral also dates to St. Augustine and was founded in 602. It became infamous in 1170 when Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral and is now the Cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Church of England. It is the starting point for pilgrims embarking on the 1800 km ancient Via Francigena route to Rome.

The Cathedral was open for private prayer at the time we were there, so we were able to go inside and add our prayers to the millions who have gone before us. As I pondered all that we had seen that day, I was pondering how the church has always been in a constant state of flux and is ever-changing. We usually do not notice the small changes, but over time we can look back and see how God has been moving in our midst. While nothing stays the same, God does not change, and the church survives and changes and ministers in new ways. What a witness the church has been in Canterbury for over 1400 years. And what great work God still has for us to do in Ipswich. What a great opportunity we have now as we come out of lockdown to restart afresh and to build on our strengths.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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I am looking forward to seeing many of you back in worship this month. We will be following the same safety protocols as we were last autumn. We will be wearing masks and sitting socially distanced, although sadly, we are still unable to have any communal singing. We will however be able to see one another, and support each other, and afterwards have some conversation outside in groups of six. After May 17, when the country enters Stage 3, we will be able to have conversation in larger groups. For those unable to return at this point, the video services will still be released at 6 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

We have three special events during May.

1. At Pentecost, 23rd May, Museum Street will be marking their Annual Church Anniversary & Gift Day at the morning service at 10.45 a.m., and provided we are in stage 3, there will be a picnic after church in the car park.
2. Also, on Pentecost at 7 p.m., the Circuit is holding a Pentecost Service over Zoom. The preacher is Rev. Diane Smith, who will be sitting down (retiring) at the end of July. The access code will come out by email.
3. On Trinity Sunday, 30th May, Chantry will be welcoming two new members as Wilma and Francesca are confirmed into membership.

There is also a date for you to save in July.

On Saturday 17th July at 5.00pm we will have a combined BBQ at Landseer Road Church garden, We have all enjoyed meeting with each other over Zoom during the past six months, so let's come together and meet in person at this social event.

In Christ,

--*Pastor Joan*

ZOOMERS' LAMENT

Ten little Zoom screens, all logged in on time.
One had a power cut and then there were nine.
Nine little Zoom screens, starting a bit late.
One pressed the leave button. Then there were eight.
Eight little Zoom screens, all set to go-then
One felt the call of nature, and then there were seven
Seven little Zoom screens, thrown into the mix.
One ought not to be there. Then there were six.
Six little Zoom screens all on line and live.
One took a sneaky phone call, and then there were five.
Five little Zoom screens finding it a chore.
One took a hissy fit, and then there were four.
Four little Zoom screens (one of them was me).
I thought we'd gone on far too long. Then there were three.
Three little Zoom screens. Chair wondered what to do.
Then noticed they weren't quorate. Then there were two.
Two little Zoom screens couldn't get the business done.
They gave themselves a virtual hug and then there was one.
One little Zoom screen feeling very glum.
Then she pulled her plug out and then there were none.

Revd Dr Mike Wilson Supernumerary, Cambridge Circuit

The measure of God's Love

It is a love that
Reaches the unreachable –
I know because it reached even me.
It is a love that
Touches the untouchable –
I know because it touched even me.
It is a love that
Loves the unlovable –
I know because God loves even me.
It is a love that
Forgives the unforgivable –
I know because He forgives even me.

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PENTECOST

The Christian Holy Day of Pentecost is on the seventh Sunday after Easter (50 days). It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks as described in the Acts of The Apostles. (Acts Ch.2 vs1- 31). All present were able to speak in other tongues.

Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, the spring harvest festival of the Israelites which was celebrated when the Holy Spirit came.



Pentecost is the day we celebrate the birth of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the longest season in the Christian calendar. It begins on the Monday following the day of Pentecost and lasts until Advent begins.

Karolyn Howlett

5 VERSES WHEN YOU NEED PEACE

In these anxious and uncertain times, peace seems to be a rare commodity. Yet God's peace is a hard-fast promise from HIM to YOU in His Word. When you are in desperate need of his peace in your heart, take some time to meditate on these five wonderful verses.



“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” **Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)**

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” – Jesus **John 14:27 (KJV)**

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
Psalms 4:8 NIV

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **Colossians 3:15 NIV**

Submitted by Irene Jarrett

STATIONING

John Wesley at work.....

An article taken from the February 2019 'Connexion Magazine' to help some of us understand the 'Stationing process' a little better.

Our Minister, Rev Joan Pell, will conclude her appointment with us in August 2022, so this year we enter the stationing process to fill her vacancy as well as the vacancy in the Felixstowe area.

All Methodist ministers are connexionally stationed to appointments, with the expectation of moving on after a time under the system of 'itinerancy'. Usually, ministers who feel called to move make this known, and circuits seeking ministers do the same. Work is done annually to match them, with the intention that the right people will be matched with the right appointments. Stationing is not an easy process. It requires patience and trust from all involved.

Why do it, then? Why put ourselves through this system?

The practice goes back to the days of Methodism's founder John Wesley. For Wesley, it was a vital mechanism for mission and evangelism. Ministers were (and are) sent where needed, as an expression of what it is to be part of the people of God, who are all called to journey with Christ. Jesus calls us to follow him, but he also sends us to do his work. For Methodists, the stationing of ministers is an expression of being a connexion. Ministers are ordained to serve the whole Church, whose ministry does not belong to just one group of people or one church or one congregation but to all. Ministers equip and enable the Church's mission, wherever the need is greatest.

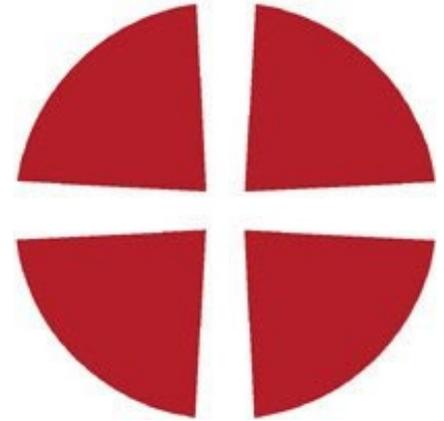
Ministers and circuit appointments vary enormously. This diversity is something we celebrate and is a gift. Getting the right combination of minister and appointment requires considerable effort. Getting the stationing wrong can be destructive and does not lead to the flourishing of God's people or ministers. A visit after a stationing matching round is an important part of the process and requires exploration between the minister and the circuit. We have to be honest with each other about hopes and needs.



STATIONING

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The stationing process requires us to be flexible. At times in the life of a minister, the need to support elderly parents or a family member at a distance can be anxiety. The needs of a partner's employment or education of dependents can sometimes require careful handling. A minister can only be matched or directly stationed to where appointments are available and where the mission of the Church requires a minister to resource and enable the ministry of all in a particular place.



The stationing matching group (SMG) is made up of all the District Chairs, a number of lay Stationing Representatives and connexional officers. Presbyters and circuits, in consultation with their District Chair, are asked to prepare profiles on a standard template that describe the ministry offered and sought. The circuit profiles are then scrutinised by a small group to determine which are the most critical to fill first.

From these profiles, presbyters and circuit Invitation Committees are asked to produce a list of five appointments/presbyters that they believe the best match their needs. The District Chairs then present these lists at the SMG meetings in November, December and January.

When the SMG meets there is knowledge in the room of every circuit and presbyter in the process. Circuits are matched with presbyters one by one and to ensure fairness these are considered according to a random selection process. At this stage all matches are provisional; no one is considered matched until every presbyter available is matched.

At the end of each SMG, when matches are finally agreed, presbyters are asked to visit circuits. Together, circuits and presbyters discern whether their match is a good one or not. When a match does not hold the presbyter and circuit then both re-enter the process. A smaller group then consults on a monthly basis to continue the matching process until annual Conference.

Ultimately it is at Conference which agrees to the stationing of all ministers.

I SHOULD HAVE THANKED THEM

David reflects on people who made his life different.

Miss King was a strait-laced lady in her late fifties with greying hair, horn rimmed spectacles and always dressed in a long tweed skirt. She always arrived at school on her old camel bicycle. Yes, she was a school teacher. My infant

school teacher when I was about seven or eight. Although she sounds formidable, she was a lovely teacher - must have been if I can still recall her after nearly seventy years. So **why should I have thanked her?**

Miss King lived, I think in Humber Doucy Lane before it was filled with houses and was in the countryside. Her classroom always had a "Nature Table". Throughout the year this was filled with seasonal items from her garden and the countryside round about. I remember conkers and chestnuts, sticky buds and beechnuts, pussy willow, tadpoles and other pond creatures. She was a real nature enthusiast and always encouraged us to take an interest in the creatures, trees and plants around us. So now you can understand that the influence this nature table and Miss King's enthusiasm has had a life time effect on me. I love the great outside, being able to recognise plants and birds, growing things and eating them! It's too late now but I should have thanked her as she added so much to my life.

It is strange really, I didn't like going to school yet when I look back, those school teachers didn't half have an influence on how I turned out.

At school, I was a very keen swimmer and did quite a few Royal Life Saving Societies examinations. One of the tests was to float motionless on your back for two minutes. No problem if you have positive buoyancy, but my buoyancy is negative - I sink! I explained this to my examiner and told him that this was an unfair request; promptly demonstrating to him by starting horizontal on the surface and ending standing upright on the bottom. Point made.

My dislike of school perhaps stemmed from the humiliation I received from a teacher of English and my inability to learn poetry. We had to learn by heart, poems, and say them to the class. I couldn't, so I developed a dislike of poetry and that English teacher. I admire actors who can learn by heart great scripts of text. I can't. I am unable to see things in my mind whereas many can carry out arithmetic calculations in their mind. I can't visualise these and add them up in my head. I have to write them down where I can see them - no problem. It's the way we are made.



“Thank you”

I SHOULD HAVE THANKED THEM

David continues reflecting....

The second person whom **I should have thanked** is another school teacher. Although I didn't enjoy school, it's strange isn't it, that later in life you realise what an amazing influence they've had on you. This time I was 10-11 years old, the year before leaving junior school.

Mr. Goodchild had this set of pale blue cards about 6" x 10" with rounded corners. I can still see them! On these cards were twenty arithmetic calculations and problems. The task was, in your spare moments during the week to complete these and hand them in on a Friday. What a nuisance and chore. But we did it. Now, looking back I realise that work put us two years ahead of the ability of children of the same age today. This chore gave me that great interest in mathematics and statistics which later on, inspired me to do four years with the Open University for a Mathematics degree.

At high-school now, about 1960. Physics - what does this conjure up? Horrible things like thermodynamics, forces, stresses and other dreadful topics. My physics teacher was an old boy nearing retiring age but **I thank him nearly every day**. Why? His favourite expression was "This is not on the syllabus but it's interesting and I think you ought to know about it."

Let me give you an example.

He stated "I think transistors and semiconductors are going to be the thing of the future so we ought to know something about them" so we did. Similarly, this was the period when ring circuits were just about being put into housing; he taught us about that. He had a wonderful demonstration on why earthing appliances is so important. He had a little model man being electrocuted with his eyes lighting up and alarms going off. His demonstration as to why we have pylons and very high voltage transmission was amazing with miniature power lines crossing the lab. Physics was not that boring theoretical subject but one of practical usefulness. Being taught how to use a test meter has saved us hundreds of pounds in fault finding and repairing, especially electrical equipment. Sadly, teachers today have to stick to the syllabus and there is no time for any deviations however useful they might be.

I should also have thanked so many kind people.



I SHOULD HAVE THANKED THEM

David reflects in later life...

I worked at Fison's Levington Research Station for twenty-six years. When I started it was a family run company with Sir Clavering Fison at its head. Unlike the philosophy in today's industry where workers are just numbers or units. This was a real family which looked after its staff and workers somewhat like the Quakers, Frys and Rowntree. Fisons paid for me to go to college for six years, they bought all my books, paid all my exam fees, paid all my travel expenses and when you passed examinations, promoted you and gave you a hundred-pound cheque! That was some incentive.

Can you see that happening today?

The way the company was run had this quite indescribable atmosphere about it. Although not in the horticultural department at Levington the people knew of my interest in gardening and I had the privilege of being one of the first amateur gardeners to trial the now famous "Gro-Bag" in my greenhouse. Everything had to be weighed and measured and as a result by the end of the season I had harvested nearly one hundredweight of tomatoes from my 6'x 8' greenhouse! I very much benefited from my friendship with the horticulturists and was taken to Wisley R.H.S. gardens, Rochford Nurseries and tickets to the Chelsea Flower show Members Day. Amazing as it may seem, over fifty years on I am still in contact with quite a few of my work colleagues - **I should have thanked them.**

Some while ago I saw an interview on TV, don't know where, I just remember the interviewer talking to a gardener who had an azalea with over a hundred flowers on it. The interviewer asked him how he had managed this and how he had nurtured it. "A secret; I'm not telling you that" was the gardeners reply. I was shocked and thought what a selfish man! I've nearly always found those who work with plants always so friendly; not only sharing their knowledge but also their plants. I still thank all those who throughout my life have shared their knowledge and their plants and given me so much enjoyment. I suppose these reflections really indicate I'm getting old but I'm putting it down to being "in lockdown" and realising how fortunate I've been. Strange how these things which occurred many years ago have had such an influence on my life.

Why not, now while we are being confined to your homes and have time look back, list those people and episodes that have changed and made life so much more interesting for you?

David Howlett

PARADOX OF OUR AGE!

We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers, wider motorways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees, but less common sense, more knowledge, but less judgement.

We have more experts and more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get angry too quickly, stay up too late, get too tired, read too seldom, watch television too often and PRAY too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom and lie too often.

We have learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We have added years to life, not life to years.

We have been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour.

We have conquered outer space, but not inner space.

We have done larger things, but not better things.

We have cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We have split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have learned to rush, but not to wait.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals.

We have more acquaintances, but fewer friends.

We build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies, but have less communication.

These are the times of fast food, steep profits, shallow relationships and domestic warfare.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are the days of quick trips, disposable nappies, throw away morality, one night stands, overweight bodies and pills that ruin the character.

SO MUCH OF
WHO WE ARE IS
WHERE WE HAVE
BEEN.

Dr. Bob Moorehead, former pastor of Seattle's Overlake Christian Church

FAMILIES IN NEED

All About FIND.

For 30 years, Families in Need (FIND) Ipswich has offered a lifeline to people in Ipswich and the surrounding areas who are experiencing poverty and despair.

FIND, provide free food parcels and personal care items to help people get through a crisis, as well as furniture, bedding and other household items where the person or family has none.

Over 80 volunteers regularly give their time freely to check and sort the donated food, collect items from local stores, make up the food parcels and deliver them.

It's a six-day a week operation.

The demand for food parcels has risen year on year.

Covid-19 appeal

FIND work with the community and Ipswich Borough Council to bring food packs to the most vulnerable people in Ipswich during the coronavirus crisis.

They rely heavily on food and money donations from the local community to help them to continue their work at this difficult time.

Monetary donations can be made via the links on the website.

Coffee	Long grain rice
Sugar	Long-life whole milk
Jam	Frozen food
Soup	Tinned vegetables, meat, fruit/desserts
Fresh food - Cheese, butter, fruit, vegetables.	
Pet food (dog, cat, fish, rabbit/guinea pig)	
Toiletries for men, women and children	



FAMILIES IN NEED

All About FIND.

Volunteering

Find are always looking for people to volunteer and donate 2 or 3 hours regularly each week or once a month?

Employers at the same local company arrange as a group volunteer and get involved.

Find is dependent on a team of committed volunteers for all of the work and come from a variety of backgrounds giving up their a little of their time to make a difference.

Volunteers help to sort donated food and other items, collect orders from local shops and make up the food parcels and volunteer drivers make deliveries Monday to Friday, every afternoon).

**If you are interested please call
Maureen Reynel on
01473 833351.**

Referring agencies

FIND helps people who have been referred by local and regional agencies and other bodies such as schools, local councils, GPs, health visitors, health centres, children's centres, social workers and support workers, job centre, housing associations, CAB and police.

These care professionals are best placed to assess need and make sure that it is genuine.

If you or someone you know needs support, do not hesitate, in the first instance please contact one of the organisations listed opposite.

Adapted from the Find website

At <https://www.findipswich.org.uk/>

Ipswich Borough Council	Schools – Colleges – UCS
Mid Suffolk District Council	4YP
Babergh District Council	Ipswich Foyer
St Edmundsbury Borough Coun-	Clinics
Citizens Advice Bureau	Suffolk Family Carers
Ipswich and District CAB	Suffolk Young Carers
Felixstowe and District CAB	Hostel / Supported Houses
Community Resource Centre	Health Outreach Project
Shelter	IBC Housing
Anglia Care Trust (ACT)	I.H.A.G.
AGE UK	Leeway
C.A.B.	Lighthouse Women's Aid
Catch 22	Make A Change
Children's Centres	Ipswich Probation
Genesis Housing	Open Road
Health Centres	S.N.A.P.
Genesis Housing	SRSF
Mental Health Teams	Salvation Army
Crisis Teams @ Ipswich Hospital	Stepping Stones
Stonham Group	Sanctuary Housing
Royal British Legion	Genesis Housing
Social Services (Social Care)	WDP
D.A.B.	YMCA
S.S.A.F.A.	Youth Offending Service
Community Resource Centre (Umbrella Trust)	

WHATS GOING ON AT



Landseer Road

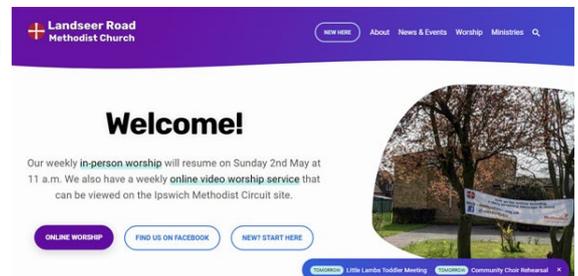
Address: Landseer Road, Ipswich IP3 9LX

Website: <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk>

Facebook: facebook.com/Landseerroadmethodistchurch

Saturday July 17th 5.00pm. A joint Get Together with Chantry and Museum Street for a BBQ in the garden. Little Lambs Toddler Group restarts on Thursday 20th May.

More activity can be located at the new website <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/>



Museum Street

Address: Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF

Website: <https://museumstreet.org.uk>

Facebook: facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist

160 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Joan Pell. **Sunday May 23rd 10.45am.**

After the service to celebrate our Church Anniversary of 160 years, we are holding a "Bring your own Pick-nic", in the Church Car-park, where 30 people can meet up outside.

IT IS ALSO OUR GIFT DAY:

We invite all our congregation to help our Church to continue Mission.



Chantry

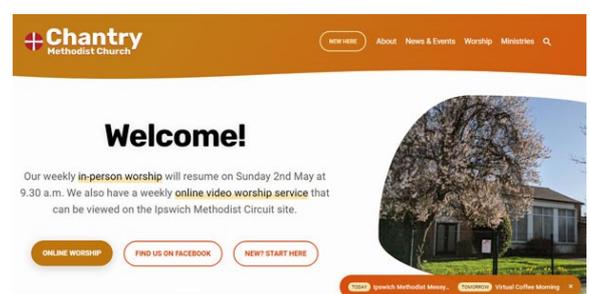
Address: Kingfisher Avenue, Ipswich, IP2 0QN

Website: chantry.methodistic.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/chantrymethodist

More details can be seen at the new website. <https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk/>

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MUSEUM ST PROPERTY POINTS

After a year of very little use being able to be made of our Church by the many outside groups who hire out our premises, as lockdown regulations are now being eased, we are now starting to see indications of groups expressing a wish to start returning. This will inevitably be a slow process although hopefully over the next few weeks some of our regular groups will be re-commencing “in person” meetings but we are also aware that some groups will not be able to return until guidelines relating to “permitted use” change and likewise some groups have indicated that they will not be returning until September. Sadly I think it is inevitable that we may for a variety of reasons have lost some of our previous groups but on the positive side we have had some initial enquiries from some potential new groups.

Another positive point on property is that after taking longer than initially envisaged, we have now let the flat in the Church House. The new tenants moved in in March and seem very happy in their new home. On this subject, please be aware that “Reserved Space 1” is designated for the flat and therefore could we respectfully ask that people avoid parking in that space.

There will doubtless be changes & developments involving our church property over the next few months, some you may notice, some you may not. Watch this space!!

Chris Finbow

At the Museum Street Council meeting, we discussed the huge importance of the global vaccination programme (COVAX), which has a single driving message – ***you are only safe when everyone is safe.***



This programme aims to supply Covid 19 vaccines to all the poorest nations on an equitable basis. Despite the fantastic science which has provided a whole portfolio of very effective vaccines, the global geopolitics, business and self-interest and outrageous conspiracy theory campaigns, only around a fifth of the vaccines promised are being delivered to poor nations, and several companies are making multibillion profits. We put this important topic on the Circuit meeting and then raised it at the District Synod, and a memorial is now going forward to conference encouraging the Methodist Church to adopt a strong three-part campaign – fund raising in support of Covax, political influencing against the bad behaviours, and education so that church members can inform their prayer life and action.

David Welbourn

SUNDAY SERVICE'S IN MAY

		Museum Street 10.45	Chantry 9.30	Landseer Road 11.00	Circuit On-line
2nd May		David Welbourn	Rev Joan Pell	Rev Joan Pell	Liz Cope
9th May		Rev Joan Pell <i>Communion</i>	Rev Joan Pell <i>Communion</i>	Maggie Finbow	Jane Cassidy
16th May	Ascension	Chris Finbow	Ray Sawyer	Rev Joan Pell <i>Communion</i>	Roger Theobald
23rd May	Pentecost	Rev Joan Pell	Luke Rokobuli	Video Service	Rev Joan Pell
30th May	Trinity	David Welbourn	Rev Joan Pell	Colin Westren	David Welbourn

CIRCUIT PENTECOST ZOOM SERVICE

Preacher Rev. Diane Smith. Sunday May 23rd at 7pm.

Following the successful online Circuit Carol Service in December, the Ipswich Circuit are holding an online Pentecost service on Zoom on Sunday May 23rd at 7pm.

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