

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:1-5

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

On one of my rest days in September, Adrian and I went for a walk along in the Dedham Vale near Stratford St Mary. We saw a combine harvester working in one field, but most of the summer crops had already been harvested. There were a couple of fields of root



vegetables that looked almost ready for picking. We enjoyed snacking on the wild blackberries in the field hedges which were also ripe!



The footpath that we were on took us across the middle of a field that had been harvested. The furrows from the harvesting went in one direction across the field, and there was a plough in the field turning over the soil making new furrows at a different

angle. It didn't take as long to discover that the field had been full of onions, because scattered across the field were small onions that have been left behind and were now being ploughed into the soil. I was reminded of the Old Testament practice of leaving gleanings.

Leviticus 19 says, "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings

of your harvest."

While I am sure that the leftover onions will help fertilize the soil, I was saddened by the waste of food.



I give thanks for the groups in the UK that do glean some fields and then distribute the food (https://gleaning.feedbackglobal.org/).

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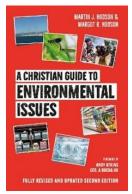
Joan continues....

As we continue our circuit focus on climate action leading up to COP26, I discovered that every year an estimated 2.5 billion tonnes of food goes to waste - more than half of this before it even reaches the shops. This mountain of food waste - the majority of which is fresh, edible food when it gets chucked - contributes around 10% of total global greenhouse gas emissions. If you want to speak out about and have your voice heard by Boris Johnson, then there is information on the climate action campaigns page of our website: <u>https://methodistic.org.uk/climate-action/speak/active-campaigns/</u>. Look near the bottom of the list for a petition from Feedback specifically about food. As Christians, we are called to be good

stewards of the earth, sharing our resources so none go hungry. I am excited that on Saturday 30th October, we will be joining together from around the whole circuit for a soup lunch at Museum Street. This is timed to be just in advance of COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference which is being held from 1st to 12th November. Drop by between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for tea/coffee and/or lunch or come for the whole three hours. There will be display boards to learn from, lots of discussion, some tips on ways to act and an opportunity to pray for the global summit, and more. We are hopeful that there may even be a special guest! See the poster on Page 4 of this magazine and invite your friends to join you.

In Christ, --Pastor Joan

BOOK STUDY



Come and join us at our Thursday book study at Noon at Museum Street:

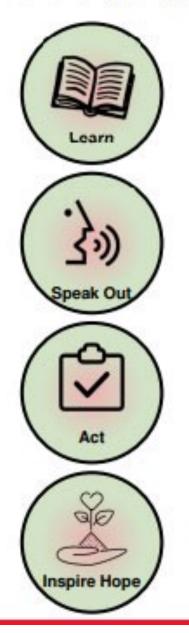


Climate Action

Saturday October 30th 11am -2pm Museum Street Methodist Church

Soup & Roll lunch available

Please join us to show global leaders that you care for your planet and want COP26 to succeed



POSTERS

Headlines from our 9-week cycle of education about climate change News from other organisations.

SHARE WITH OTHERS

Bring a friend to share the news with Discuss ways of sharing what you've learnt Selection of petitions to policy makers

TOP ACTION TIPS

Practical examples on display Make a commitment to the planet

SHARE MOMENTS OF HOPE

Quiet room set aside for guided meditation Spare a few minutes to join our vigil Share stories of inspiration and hope

CLIMB TILL YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE

Often your tasks will be many, and more than you think you can do. Often the road will be rugged, and the hills insurmountable, too. But always remember, the hills ahead are never as steep as they seem, And with faith in your heart, start upward, So start out today with faith in your heart and climb till you reach your dream,

For faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill, And many defeats tum to triumphs if you trust in God's wisdom and will. For faith is a mover of mountains there's nothing that God cannot do and climb till your dream comes true.

Helen was an American writer of religious and inspirational poetry. She was born in Lorain, Ohio. Her father, a railroad worker, died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. She began work for a public utility and progressed to the position of advertising manager, which was rare for a woman at that time. She was also a campaigner for women's rights.

In 1929 she married Franklin Dryden Rice, a bank vice-president. After the stock market crash in October that year, Franklin lost his job and his investments. He fell into a depression from which he never recovered, and committed suicide in 1932.



Helen became a successful businesswoman, but found her most satisfying outlet in writing verse for a prominent greeting card company. Her poems received wide exposure in the 1960s when several were read out on television shows.

She has been acclaimed as "America's beloved inspirational poet laureate". Helen Steiner Rice's books of inspirational poetry have now sold nearly seven million copies. Her strong religious faith and the ability she had to express deep emotion gave her poems timeless appeal.

She died on the evening of April 23, 1981, a month before her 81st birthday.

Helen Steiner Rice - copied from Wikipedia

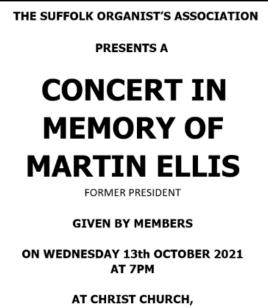
HAPPY BIRTHHDAY

Message from Joan.



Jean Carter celebrated her 90th Birthday. A special one—Well done Jean. We all wish you a Happy Birthday.

MARTIN ELLIS



AT CHRIST CHURCH, TACKET STREET, IPSWICH ADMISSION FREE



Trinity Players

invite you to an evening of drama and music, Thursday October 28 to Saturday 30 October inclusive.

Trinity Players is an amateur, Christian drama group, based at Trinity Methodist Church, Felixstowe. Since 1992 they have raised over **£14,700** and donated to fifteen charities

Trinity Players – The Methodist Church, Ipswich Circuit (methodistic.org.uk)

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

David Howlett reflects on how it used to be.

Before Health and Safety regulations got in the way, school, youth, church groups quite often had works and factory visits. I used to love these: I've visited the sugar beet factory, Cranfield's flour mills, farms, the Ford Motor Company at Dagenham, Ransomes, Pauls Malt and so it went on. One I do remember well was a visit to the East Anglian Daily Times works when it was in Great Colman Street in the centre of Ipswich. I frequently recall this visit when I think of how things in the print industry have changed. Just



think of this article; It is printed in Times Roman with a font size of 12pt. It could have been printed in Old English or any of the 200+ fonts at any size from miniscule to inches high. I can insert pictures in colour, line or black and white of any size. All this on my little laptop. What is more, I can now instantly send it to anyone in the world with an email address or a WhatsApp or Social Media account.

Amongst my little treasures I have my name cast in type metal on a Linotype machine at the printing works all those years ago. I remember men working at the 'Stone', hand setting individual characters for headlines and headings and restricted which size and font type they used by the large box of letters they had in front of them. The only mechanisation was the Linotype Machine where



an operator at a keyboard was able to select brass moulds for each letter. A line of these was the mould into which molten type metal was poured. I also recall at the wonder of watching a photograph being received from Reuters in London via a telephone line. The picture being built up a line at a time and taking anything up to a quarter of an hour to complete. Now news and photographs are gathered and sent completely electronically. I also believe that the E.A.D.T and Ipswich Star are now even printed in Norwich. Continued on the next page......

David continues..

As you have probably gathered, I very much enjoy photography. This is one item that has been completely revolutionised in my life time. From Daguerre, Niépce and Fox-Talbot's work starting in the mid-1820s to the invention of the digital camera, the messy processes of developer and fixer to produce a permanent image had hardly changed. It was in the early 60's when I was taken on as a trainee chemist by Fisons, at their Levington Research Station that my interest in photography was really kindled. I was assigned to the X-ray department. This was industrial radiography not the bones and broken arms stuff. Because of the nature of our work our laboratory had two darkrooms for processing X-ray film. As optical and electron microscopy were among our brief, we produced all the photographs from the equipment. I was taught how to make developers and fixers, process glass plates, sheet film 35mm and ciné film. We produced thousands of black & white prints for reports and colour

slides for lecture purposes. Cameras were fitted to all the microscopes and I had the use of a very expensive Nikon 35mm camera which was used for everything from macro, colour slide copying, to staff passport/visa pictures for their lecture tours. As you can gather, I had a very good grounding in the technical side of photography.

When Levington was shut for six months due to the concrete rot in the beam structure I was fortunate enough to have a secondment to Fison's Studio at Felixstowe. It was here that I had experience on the commercial side of photography with studio work using large format cameras, studio lighting, colour film processing and producing massive photographs for advertising.



The Nikon F2 with a photonic head (exposure meter); 100% accurate graticule ruled viewfinder, Interchangeable lens and will fit on a microscope. It was a real workhorse of a camera. I took thousands of pictures on this.



Those were the good old days!

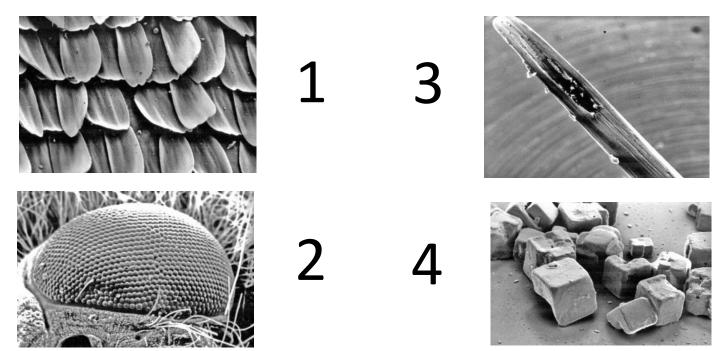
A Sinar Monorail Large Format Camera. Takes 5"x4" sheet film. Has rise and fall, front and rear, for correcting converging or diverging verticals.

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED

David Howlett poses a question..

For titles and lettering, wonderful Letraset rub on stencils were used - not any more - the computer does it all. It is now the world of the digital camera and the smart-phone which can instantly produce pictures at least as good, if not better than many of the old expensive single lens reflex cameras. Connecting this to a small laptop computer, with photo manipulating software, I now have the whole of the studio and darkrooms on my dining room table! I mentioned earlier that our laboratory was equipped with both optical and electron microscopes both equipped with cameras. We had a low magnification binocular model which could magnify up to about twenty times and two more powerful pieces of kit one dealing with transparent objects and an incident light microscope for opaque material such as metal surfaces. The limit on magnification on a good optical microscope is around 1000 times that is why we had a scanning electron microscope. Although its maximum magnification of 50,0000 times is quite low compared with other machines it has the advantage of ease of sample preparation and movement when in the microscope. It also produces almost 3D pictures. I have some copies of photographs which I took and used when we had farmer visitors to our laboratory. I thought that you might like to have a guess as to what they are. Clue - they are all things you are familiar with. Answers are on the Back-Page.



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AN ANCIENT STORY

Peter tells his Fishy Story...

I'm Peter. I'm a fisherman and this is one of my fishy stories — except that it's true. I know. I was there and lived to tell the tale, though at the time, I didn't think I'd make it. It was a hot day and my mates and I had been with Jesus all day. He made quite a name for himself. The word had gone round that he was telling stories, so a crowd had gathered round him. His stories made people laugh. The crowd got so big that Jesus was nearly pushed into the lake. I got my fishing boat out and Jesus stood in it. It



meant that he was safe and people could see him.

Sometimes we couldn't make Jesus out — me and my mates. He challenged all the rules. Our leaders used the old strict rule like the one of not working on the Sabbath - but Jesus constantly broke the rules by helping and healing people. He said people's needs were more important than the rules. Our leaders accused him of keeping bad company — and that included us fishermen — cos' we find it difficult to keep all the rules. We had to earn a living to keep our families fed; and if there were fish jumping we would catch and sell, Sabbath or not.

He even welcomed children! and children didn't have to keep the rules. Jesus said we must all become like little children. Fancy saying that! So, you see he was popular with the ordinary, common people like you and me. But we were fearful for him. Rumour had it that our leaders were out for his blood. It might mean us too. We were fearful for ourselves.

To get on with my story — gradually as the sun got lower the crowd melted away and Jesus suggested we sailed in my fishing boat to the other side of the lake. It is huge; as far as you can see is water. You can look forever and not see land when you're on the lake. The lake is so big. It is what I imagine the sea is like. You have a coast, we don't, so we are not sea farers.

AN ANCIENT STORY

The lake can be turbulent but that day it was calm and we set off with a light breeze. As we sailed gradually the clouds turned grey and then black. The wind got up. We could hear it whistling through the sails. Jesus was sound asleep after all his day's work — anyway he didn't know about boats. We fishermen did. As it gathered force the wind jangled the timbers of my old fishing boat. The boat bounced up and down. We were thrown from side to side. We tied everything down that we could with ropes. But the storm got worse. We cowered in the bottom of the boat and the waves lapped over us threatening to overwhelm the boat.

We yelled to Jesus. He got up. And do you know what he did? He shouted to the wind, 'Silence' and then talked to the water. 'Peace' he said. Is he balmy talking to the wind and the water? Then he turned to us 'Why are you frightened? I am here. "Trust me". Somehow his calm and words of Peace reassured us and we felt save with him on board and the wind and sea calmed too.

> Have you ever felt life was chaotic and out of control? What are the storms of your life? What upsets you and makes you afraid? Who can you turn to? Who do you trust when you feel afraid or frightened?

Submitted by Irene Jarrett

LAUGH

This made Ian Hunt chuckle.

The children at a Catholic primary school sat at the table ready for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples, on which one of the nuns had posted this note "Take only one – God is watching".

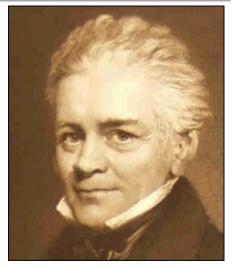
At the other end of the table was a large tray of biscuits, on which one of the children had posted this note

"Take all you want, God is watching the apples"!

THE TREADMILL

An Ipswich Invention

The treadmill, as an instrument of prison discipline, was invented by William Cubitt, an inhabitant of Ipswich. William Cubitt (1785-1861) was born at Dilham in Norfolk, where his father was a miller. He was an eminent English civil engineer. In 1812 he entered into a contract with Ransome & Son, the principal iron founding firm in Ipswich, to develop their general engineering business, and became their chief engineer. He designed and installed various iron bridges and supervised the first Ipswich gasworks. He worked on canals, docks, and railways, including the



South Eastern Railway and the Great Northern Railway. He later moved to London and was the chief engineer of Crystal Palace erected at Hyde Park in 1851. He was president of the Institution of Civil Engineers between 1850 and 1851.

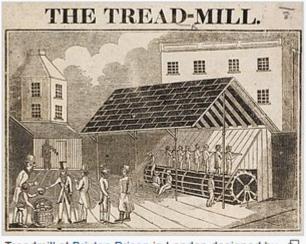
Noting stubborn and idle convicts at Bury St Edmunds gaol, he proposed using their muscle power both to cure their idleness and produce useful work. He invented the prison treadmill or treadwheel, installing the first one in Bury St Edmunds gaol in 1819, followed by Brixton in 1821, then at Worcester, Liverpool and elsewhere. The Brixton treadmill was particularly notorious (see illustration, right), and was commemorated in a 19th century ballad. Enthusiasm for this new device soon spread, and a treatise was soon forthcoming: "Description of the Treadmill Invented by Mr. William Cubitt of Ipswich for the Employment of Prisoners" published by the committee of The Society for the Improvement of Prison Discipline, &c (1822).

Treadmills as muscle powered engines originated roughly 4,000 years ago. Their primary use was to lift buckets of water. The main difference with Cubitt's invention was that, whereas previously users would be inside the wheel where they could relax the rotation of the wheel, the users on his device were on the outside of the wheel which remained in constant motion, like walking up an endless staircase. He also designed it so that multiple users could be on the device. They were like twenty-foot-long paddle wheels with twenty-four steps around a six-foot cylinder. Several prisoners stood side-by-side on a wheel, and had to work six or more hours a day. While the purpose was mainly punitive, it was also used to grind grain or lift water.

THE TREADMILL

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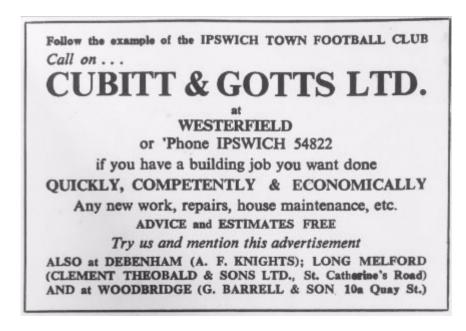
Prisons all over Britain and the United States bought the machines. In 1824, prison guard James Hardie credited the device with taming New York's more defiant inmates. He wrote that it was the treadmill's "monotonous steadiness, and not its severity, which constitutes its terror". However, it gained notoriety as an instrument of torture. Over the years, American wardens gradually stopped using the treadmill in favour of other backbreaking tasks, such as breaking rocks.



Treadmill at Brixton Prison in London designed by William Cubitt, <u>c.</u> 1817

In Britain, the treadmill persisted until the late 19th century, when it was abandoned for being too cruel. Today individual treadmills can be purchased as exercise equipment, presumably appealing to those with more masochistic tendencies.

Extracted from Steve Garner Facebook



Climate Justice - Campaign Message

Everyone in the circuit is encouraged to play an active part in the climate justice campaign being co-ordinated by David and Elizabeth Welbourn.

The campaign message is very simple. Our calling as Christians demands that we care for the whole of creation with as much passion and commitment as God loves us, and with the same intensity as Jesus' message to his disciples –

"Love One Another, just as I have loved you."

To live up to that demand, we must **LEARN** about the crisis confronting the environment, **SPEAK OUT** with conviction, **ACT** with intensity and **INSPIRE HOPE** in the future as we become God's partners in the ongoing work of creation.

We recognise that the climate crisis can easily overwhelm us in its complexity. This is why, we are providing easily accessible materials breaking down this complexity into 9 different topics – one topic for each week in the 9-week cycle leading up from the beginning of September to the opening of the COP26 conference of global leaders taking place in Glasgow from the 1st November. The Circuit website now contains lots of information. Just connect on: www.Methodistic.org.uk/climate-action

It is structured to help you find your way round easily, under the four headings – **learn, speak, act, hope**. The logo on this page is designed to help you remember this vital message. It is repeated on every page, with one of the four parts highlighted to show which section you are in.

The Materials focusing on each of the 9 topics are being published on the climate action area of the circuit website.

The 9 topics are:

- extreme events;
- net-zero carbon;
- loss of ecosystems;
- food sustainability;
- sea and ocean effects
- changing airstreams and currents;
- eliminate waste and reduce demand;
- population and community;
- global leadership and CO26



Climate Justice - Materials Available

The material for each topic aims to provide a simple explanation, describes how climate change affects that topic, where to find out more information for those who wish to explore deeper, provides real examples of what is happening and suggests ways individuals can act to make an important difference. Each week has its own dedicated prayer, distributed widely on a prayer card, so that the whole circuit can be united in a single prayer each week.

Other materials in the website include:

- links to other credible information sources for those who want to explore further
- a long list of actions you can take to reduce your contribution to climate warming;
- a list of recommended books, some with a review from a member in the circuit
- a daily tip of the day picking one action out from the list;
- a campaign page with petitions for you to consider and sign to declare your support;
- prayers linked to the 9-week cycle
- selected thoughts for the day relevant to the climate
- worship services focusing on the climate
- other worship resources

Please do take the time to look at the materials prepared specially to help you. Please do share them with neighbours and friends.

We are not seeking to use this as a platform for evangelism. We are seeking to use it as a platform so that every one of us can engage more

effectively with creation, within which God has given us responsibility and accountability as his partners in its nurture. We do aim to demonstrate loudly and clearly that we care for creation and we will neither be silenced nor overwhelmed by the challenges. We WILL be sources of HOPE and INSPIRATION for all, as we demonstrate that love and concern.



Climate Justice - Our Commitment..

On 30th October, the Saturday before COP26 begins, we will be drawing our 9 -week cycle to its close by holding an open day at Museum Street from 11am to 2pm, inviting people to drop in and make their presence and concern for the planet known.

There will be a soup and roll lunch.

One of the side-chapels will be set aside for **quiet prayer** and guided meditation, and we encourage everyone to spend a few minutes casting all else aside, pleading with God for the success of the COP26 global leaders conference.

There will be plenty of opportunity to read and discuss some of the materials from our website turned into posters. One or two petitions will be there for you to discuss and sign up. There will be help to choose some of the climate tips for you to put into action. Above all, we want you to **bring a friend** and share with them, and inspire them with hope, simply because of the extent of our love and care for the world's future.

There is a **poster** for the event elsewhere in the magazine.

Ask yourself and others around you each day:

"What new thing have I learnt, how have I spoken out" "Have my actions made a difference?" "When have I inspired fresh hope?" Hold each other to account for asking and answering with confidence. Finally, remind yourself of the pledge:

We believe in climate justice

We commit ourselves to listen and learn from stories around the world, to speak out and act for climate justice and to be ambassadors of hope for creation's richness.



Don't just remind yourself.

Make sure you live by it.

ABOUT YOUR RECYCLING BINS

A message from Ipswich Borough Council.

Ipswich Borough Council, like all its partner councils in Suffolk, operates a three-bin system. Waste and recycling are something that affects all of us and we want to make it easier for residents to understand what goes in what bin and what happens to it.

BLUE for dry recyclable products such as cardboard, plastics and cans



<u>BLACK</u> for general rubbish such

as crisp packets, used nappies, food waste and items like Tetrapak

BROWN for grass clippings, leaves, dead flowers/plants (garden grown, potted or bought) and windfall fruit but not kitchen waste.

Recycling can be quite daunting, so we want to make it easy to follow with our DO's and DON'T's.

We all want to help our environment and cut waste, so it is important to get it right. Putting things that can't be recycled in your blue bin can cause something called contamination, so it means it will have to be incinerated and not recycled.

While we all learn about how to recycle all the right things it is worth remembering that the four biggest "culprits" which can turn up in our blue bins and prevent us from being much more environmentally friendly are:

Nappies – Food – Glass -Tetrapaks. If residents sorted this out it would go a long way to making us greener. These items can lead to whole bin loads being contaminated and not suitable for recycling.

Glass should be taken to one of the dozens of <u>bottle banks</u> provided across the town or to a <u>household recycling centre</u> (Portman Road or Foxhall are nearest). Food waste and nappies should go into your black bin.

Shops and businesses all over Suffolk are offering refill services for household cleaning products and dried foods such as rice, oats and chocolate in a bid to reduce waste.

Where does my waste go?

One myth is that general rubbish is just put into landfill. This used to happen, but we've come a long way since then. General waste from your black bin is taken to a special incinerator outside Ipswich where it helps to produce electricity.

However, making energy this way is not cheap and it is much better to cut the amount of waste you produce. It is surprising how much food we waste. Together we can get our recycling right, by knowing your Blue from your Black! What you can recycle.

Your blue bin is for recycling clean, dry items such as paper, cans, cardboard and rigid plastic food containers. And now you can recycle even more at home. Aerosol cans and both paperback and hardback books can also go into your blue bin. Please put all of your recyclable materials loose into the bin. Do not use bags. Empty, wash and squash plastic bottles and put the lid back on.

YES please! Put In the BLUE bin.....

Paper (not shredded, tissues, kitchen roll or toilet paper) Newspapers, magazines or brochures

Books (hard and paperback)

Telephone directories - Yellow Pages

Junk Mail (remove plastic wrapping)

Envelopes

Catalogues

Wrapping paper (not foil/plastic type)

Greeting cards

Cardboard

Cereal boxes

Washing liquid/tabs containers

Food and drink cans/tins

Aluminium foil (clean, rolled in a ball)

Aerosol cans (no paint, fertilizer, weed killers or similar hazardous contents)

Plastic* - such as plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, shampoo bottles, cleaning bottles.

*If you are unsure whether a plastic item can be recycled in your blue bin do the 'scrunch test' - scrunch up the item in your hand and if it can be completely squashed, for example like cling film or plastic wrappers, it should NOT go in the blue bin. If it will not scrunch and is solid, like plastic bottles or yoghurt pots, it CAN go in.

Yes Please.....Put In the BLACK bin.....

Glass Nappies, sanitary items, pads, wipes Carrier Bags, black sacks and bagged recycling/waste Crisp packets Polystyrene Textiles, shoes, bags (donate to charity or local textile bank) Shredded paper, tissues, kitchen roll or toilet paper String and wire Video tape cassettes and cases DVDs/CDs Hard plastic such as buckets, plant pots and toys **Coat Hangers** Food and drinks cartons (such as Tetra Paks) Metal pots, pans and trays, utensils, knives No small items such as loose, lids, cotton buds, pill packets No items smaller than 4cm (they fall through the grid and are not recycled) No PPE (e.g., facemasks and gloves).

Electrical items (take small electricals to local WEEE banks)

Tools**

You may wish to contact Tools With A Mission, TWAM, a local charity that may be able to collect your old or unwanted tools. (Speak to Colin Westren)

Some items that cannot go in your blue bin can still be recycled at the <u>Household Waste Recycling Centres</u>. The <u>Suffolk A-Z of Recycling</u> helps you find out all the ways you can recycle.

<u>Useful tips</u>

- Crushed waste takes up less space, so rinse and crush all cans, tins and plastic bottles;
- Use your old washing up water to clean your tins and bottles, that way you aren't using extra water.

CLIMATE JUSTICE



Voice of Methodism Petition

Climate Justice for All (CJ4A), a youth-led, global Methodist campaign, have released their Open Letter to COP26 President Alok Sharma for British Methodists to sign. The letter is a passionate message inspired by the voices of Methodists across Britain who contributed at CJ4A's consultation sessions earlier this year. The letter captures the heart and passion of what church members wanted to say to world leaders ahead of COP26. Now CJ4A are asking YOU to help make the open letter a success by signing the letter, which you can find by going here: <u>https://bit.ly/CJ4Aletter.</u>

You can also find this and other petitions on the climate action Speak Out pages of our circuit website: <u>https://methodistic.org.uk/climate-action/speak/active-campaigns/</u>.

Remembrance Sunday Service

- advance warning for Museum Street members

On Sunday 14th November, you will need to arrive at the Museum Street car park on Black Horse Lane from the northern end via the Civic Roundabout, going past the New Wolsey Theatre and driving in through the Wolsey car park to Black Horse Lane. You will probably be unable to approach our car park from Elm Street. Written by Rev. Julian Pursehouse, Chair of the District

A Prayer for God's World

God of grace and love, embodied in time and space, we glimpse your glory in the living word of Christ and the dancing fire of your Spirit. In the light of your presence you call us to open our eyes to the gift of your good creation and to take delight in all that you have made; may we be truly thankful, and truly responsible as we step lightly upon the hallowed earth. In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Ways to be Greener

- Use Your Purchasing Power

One way to be kinder to the earth is to seek out and patronize those local shops and business that are making an effort to be sustainable. By using your purchasing power, you can help to create demand for some products over others and alter the mindsets of other companies.

Here is one local business that offers a low waste shopping experience: *Lucy's Unwrapped & Refill* shop on Woodbridge Road. At this shop, you bring your own reusable containers and there is a wide range of bulk food and non-food items without excess packaging.

Let us know what other local businesses you have found that are doing some innovative sustainable work.

Send an email to climate@methodistic.org.uk.

WHO WROTE THAT?

John Goodhand talks about Jean Ingelow.

Several years ago, I was walking along King Street in Ipswich, when I passed a group of tourists listening to a blue badge guide. He asked, 'How many of you have heard of Jean Ingelow?' He was met with blank stares. I suspect that most people would have reacted like that, but she was a popular figure in her day.

Jean Ingelow was born in Boston, Lincolnshire, in 1820, the eldest of ten children of William Ingelow, a banker and shipping merchant. The family came to Ipswich in



1834 when her father was appointed manager of the Ipswich and Suffolk Banking Company; they lived in accommodation above the bank at 2 Elm Street. After the bank failed, they moved out, and the arch was cut leading to Arcade Street. In 1850 they moved again, to London. Jean Ingelow lived in Kensington until her death. She never married.

She had been educated at home by her mother (also Jean) and her spinster aunt Rebecca.

Jean was a poet and author, her book *A Rhyming Chronicle of Incidents and Feelings* being published anonymously in 1850. This had been edited by Rev. Edward Harston of St. Stephen's church in Ipswich. This was followed by *Allerton and Dreux*, a novel exploring the tensions between evangelicals and traditional Anglicans in the Church of England, also published anonymously (she had evangelical leanings). During the 1850s she produced a series of fanciful children's stories under the pseudonym 'Orris'.

Her *Poems*, published in 1863, brought her first public recognition. Tennyson was an admirer as was Christina Rossetti and she was also acquainted with Ruskin, Browning, Longfellow and Anna Sewell. When Tennyson died a group of Americans unsuccessfully petitioned Queen Victoria for her to become England's first female poet laureate.

After this success she gave up verse for a while and concentrated on novels, for both adults and children. It has to be said that most have been long forgotten, though her prose fantasy, *Mopsa the Fairy*, was reissued as recently as 1992.

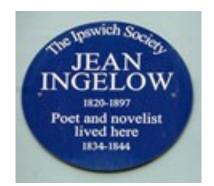
WHO WROTE THAT?

John Goodhand continues...

The *Methodist Hymn Book* included one of her compositions at Number 149:

And didst Thou love the race that loved not Thee? And didst Thou take to heaven a human brow? Dost plead with man's voice by the marvelous sea? Art Thou his kinsman now?

To a modern reader her works would appear overly sentimental and the language flowery. However, *High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire 1571* still finds its way into the poetry anthologies, and is well worth reading — preferably aloud. Yes, poetry should be read aloud. Jean Ingelow died in Kensington in 1897 and is buried in Brompton Cemetery.



People in Ipswich have no excuse for not knowing about her now, as a blue plaque has been installed at 2 Elm Street, commemorating her. You just need to learn to look up!

Comfort In The Night by Jean Ingelow

She thought by heaven's high wall that she did stray Till she beheld the everlasting gate: And she climbed up to it to long, and wait, Feel with her hands (for it was night), and lay Her lips to it with kisses; thus to pray That it might open to her desolate. And lo! it trembled, lo! her passionate Crying prevailed. A little little way It opened: there fell out a thread of light, And she saw winged wonders move within; Also she heard sweet talking as they meant To comfort her. They said, "Who comes to-night Shall one day certainly an entrance win;" Then the gate closed and she awoke content.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. What time of day was Adam created? Just a little before Eve.

2. Who was the fastest runner in the race? Adam. He was first in the human race.

3. Why are atoms Catholic? Because they have mass.

4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? Because Noah was always standing on the deck.



5. Why didn't Noah ever go fishing? He only had two worms.

6. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam? Nope — just an apple.

7. Why did the unemployed man get excited while reading his Bible? He thought he saw a job.

8. Does God love everyone? Yes, but He prefers "fruits of the spirit" to "religious nuts!"

9. If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus was a little lamb... Does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

10. What's so funny about forbidden fruits? They create many jams.

Author unknown

The Greatest Man in History

The greatest man in history is Jesus. He had no servants yet they called him Master. He had no degree yet they called him Teacher. He had no medicines or drugs yet they called Him Healer. He had no army yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb yet he lives today. Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

FIND OUT WHATS GOING ON



Harvest Festival & Parade Service - Sunday 3rd October

You are invited to bring some non-perishable food items that will later be given to FIND. In addition, some produce will be delivered to local people, so some fresh fruit and vegetables are also being collected. If you are unable to attend worship and wish to contribute, then please call a church steward and arrangements will be made to pick up your contributions.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be joining us.

FRIENDS

Please note that those aged under 11 will not be wearing masks, and there will be more people in attendance, so less space between people.



Youth Group

Our Youth Group has transitioned from meeting on Zoom to meeting in-person on Sundays at 4 p.m. at the church. We've been having a lot of fun! If you know someone who would like to join us, contact Rev. Joan.

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Worship Schedule

At the special Church Council meeting held in September, it was decided that we would hold worship services only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, we will have a special time of fellowship at 2 p.m.

<u>Harvest Festival</u>

We had a wonderful time at our Harvest Service on 12th September. We sent the food we collected to FIND.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A **huge** thank you to those who helped to run our Macmillan coffee morning and to those who attended. We raised £150.



FIND OUT——WHATS GOING ON AT



Museum Street

Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF https:// museumstreet.org.uk facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist



More details can be seen on the website at https://museumstreet.org.uk

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service at Museum Street was held on Sunday 26th September and it was so nice to see so many fresh faces in person in Church.





The Harvest Service was streamed and can be seen at

https://methodistic.org.uk/services/harvest-worship-service-2/.

After the service we shared our harvest lunch. Thanks to everyone so much for the generous donations of money and gifts. Our gifts this year was again a collection of non-perishable, tins and packets for FIND as they continue to seek and support families in our community.



SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

	3 rd	10^{th}	17 th	24th	31 st
Video Service	Rev. Jane Cassidy	Rev. Jo Jacobs	Rev. Andrew Sankey	Rev. Ian Gardner	Prof. David Welbourn
Chantry	Rev Joan Pell (HF, Parade)	Diana Sawyer (Prison Sun- day)	Diana Sawyer (with Elizabeth Hepplethwaite)	*Rev Joan Pell	@ Museum Street
Landseer Rd	No morning service – fellowship at 2pm	*Rev Joan Pell	No morning service – fellowship at 2pm	Rev Joan Pell	@ Museum Street
Museum St	Brian Nichols	David Welbourn	*Rev. Joan Pell	LA Led by Betty Lindsay	Rev. Joan Pell (Livestreamed)

*=Communion, LA = Local Arrangement

Fall Church Council Meetings

- o Tuesday 19th October at 2 p.m. at Landseer Road
- o Tuesday 19th October at 7 p.m. at Museum Street
- o Friday 22nd October at 11.30 a.m. at Chantry

Answers: - To David Howlett Quiz

- 1. Wing of a butterfly.
- 2. Eye of a fly
- 3. Hypodermic Needle
- 4. Common Table Salt

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Please note that Rev. Joan Pell's rest day is a Friday.