

## Services at the Parish Church

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)  
Thursdays 10.00 am Eucharist (BCP) 3rd Sunday 10.00 am Family Service

## Music for Trumpet and Organ

On Friday, 26th September at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's we will have the all too rare opportunity to hear Trumpet and Organ playing together. They are, of course, both wind instruments, each with their own distinctive tone and with a wide dynamic range. Together, they complement each other perfectly, producing a uniquely thrilling sound.



Alex Berry of Ely Cathedral will be joined by trumpeter Chris Parsons with whom he has frequently performed.

Having heard them in rehearsal I can thoroughly recommend what will be a memorable evening which should not be missed.



## A Date for the Diary

On Saturday, 22nd November, St Cecilia's Day, Andrew Lumsden will be giving an Anniversary Organ Recital in St Andrew's following his Opening Recital for the new organ last year. I am sure that all those who enjoyed his outstanding playing on that occasion will be keen to hear him again, especially since the organ now has its full complement of 1856 pipes.

## September Sunday services

Sunday 14th 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.00am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)  
Sunday 21st 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.00am Family Service (Common Worship)  
Sunday 28th 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.00am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

## October

Sunday 5th 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.00am Service of the Word (Common Worship)  
Sunday 12th 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10.00am HARVEST Eucharist (Common Worship)  
6.30m Harvest Songs of Praise at Wicken church

## ROAD TRIP 2013

In June last year Mr C and I undertook a road trip in the US which took us into the heart of America and enabled us to visit friends and family as well as visit some of the places we'd seen before and some we had not.

We flew to Chicago and started our journey driving along the southern shore of Lake Michigan before reaching Richland, Michigan where our great friends, The Bergs, live. We have known them for over 20 years having been seated with them at a friend's wedding in Cambridge all those years ago and have managed, through the wonders of modern media, to keep in touch on a frequent basis. Richland is small town America, where many people are employed by Pfizer – the pharmaceutical company. While we were there we went on a mini road trip to Travers



City, Northern Michigan – the world's largest cherry growing area! From there we headed further north to Glen Arbor. This area boasts the bluest water and sky I have ever seen and the air is particularly clean and invigorating! Unfortunately, black and white prints of photos would never do the scenery justice... it is a very beautiful place and we were, at one point, standing on the 45th Parallel – halfway between the Equator and the North Pole!



After our few days in Michigan we set off on our travels, heading south. We passed through Indiana, Kentucky and finally reached Tennessee – our next port of call, to stay with Mr C's sister and brother in law. We have visited Tennessee on numerous occasions but managed to find some

different places to visit and the first of these was Chattanooga – yes, as in Choo Choo!! We went to the Civil War battlefield at Lookout Mountain, while we were there. It was an amazing vantage point and we learned of the battle which took place here.

We also visited the Aquarium of Tennessee where we saw beautiful orchids, lilies, rays and numerous fish!



There are hundreds of State Parks in America which are, in our experience, beautifully maintained and usually totally unspoilt and never overpopulated with tourists! We went to see



Burgess Falls and the Cummins Falls, both inside Tennessee State Park and were not disappointed! It was quite a trek down to the vantage points but the end results were breath-taking views of the magnificent waterfalls.



Mr C's sister lives quite close to Music City – Nashville - and naturally this is always on the 'to do' list. Nashville doesn't really come alive until the sun goes down and every night there is live music in the bars and clubs on Broadway. Many famous artists and groups have made their debuts on the stages of Nashville and in every bar there are young hopefuls trying to impress with their music... some better than others! Broadway is a great place to wander in the evening and people are encouraged to go and sit and listen to the music in the many bars along the strip.

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Happy New Year to all LodeStar readers! No, the Methodist minister hasn't taken leave of his senses after just one year in Soham; September marks the start of the Methodist Church year. It is the month when activities that paused for the summer begin again, when all our business meetings recommence following the holiday period and when Methodist Ministers move to new churches to begin new appointments on September 1st. Here in the Ely and Newmarket circuit we are delighted to welcome Rev Seo SangWoo to the Newmarket section where, apart from our Newmarket congregation, he will also be responsible for Red Lodge, Saxon Street and Wickhambrook.

During the past year I have enjoyed being part of the churches together group and getting to know the leaders of the three other churches in the town. It is a constant reminder to me that whilst we are four separate congregations we have a lot more that unites us than divides us and the more we talk and meet together the closer we will become. There is a lot we do in our separate communities but there are also projects, such as the Foodbank, which are better and more effectively done together. It is encouraging that we recognise this and do the things we do best as a group rather than struggling to do than on our own.

A feature of Methodist churches is our emphasis on the pastoral care of our members and adherents. It is part of our calling as Methodists to, as one of our services puts it, "Watch over one another in love". We seek to care for one another, and to ensure that each of our members and worshippers are cared for by our community. This is usually done through visiting or just being in touch and knowing who is in particular need at any time. As part of this aspect of our life together we recently held a pastoral tea where all of our congregation were invited to come along for an afternoon of fellowship, and where we were able to build new relationships and reinforce existing ones. We had a lovely afternoon together and deepened our feeling of togetherness.

It reminded me of the importance of showing we care, not just being a caring person, but showing that care in action. If we are to share God's love with others it has to be through deeds, words and good intentions are not enough. As someone once said "People cannot know that God loves them if they do not know that I love them".

*Colin Watkins*

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Nashville is also home to the 'Batman building' – the offices of telephone company AT&T. You can see why from the photo on the right!

From Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mr C and I moved on to Memphis. This was my second visit and



Mr C's third but there were still things we wanted to do! I really wanted to visit the Museum of Civil Rights and was not

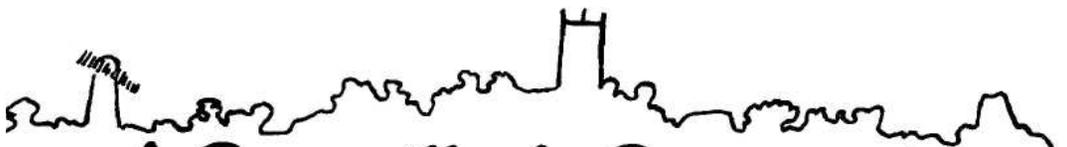
disappointed. The museum has been established in the building opposite the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was murdered. It is



possible to stand on the balcony where he stood and look across to the window from where he was shot. The experience is moving – you are transported back to the sixties with soft gospel music playing and the cars which were parked underneath the balcony are still there in place... nothing has been altered. *Pam Cole*

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# A Councillor's Comments

At our June council meeting we had three people making use of public comment time. Geoffrey Woollard had three items; Downfields play area, road signs and the loss of the Soham Bulletin; Liz Johnson on Heritage & Tourism Mid Winter Fayre; Beth Green on Soham Action 4 Youth.

Chairman's Announcements: He said he had welcomed the French Guests, was present and spoke at the Rail Disaster meeting at the Brook and also told us there was now some movement regarding the Eastern Gateway.

Street Pride Volunteers: Presentation by Community Safety Officer (ECDC) and a representative from Fenland DC: This was all about groups of volunteers coming together to tackle and sort out problem areas in the community under some guidance and support from the district council. The representative from Fenland, who had been a leader in this work in her area, described the various tasks that had been done and how they had been arrived at. Once completed they then looked for the next problem to be cleared up. Some money was available to do this work we need willing volunteers to join together to make their community a better place to live in.

Community Project for Young People of Soham: This was a presentation by Beth Green of Soham Action 4 Youth. This was on similar lines as the previous presentation but this was not a call to action but a request for suggestions for various useful projects for the young people to do. She said not just litter picking but a real task to be done. One suggestion offered was to clear and clean up part of the Lode at the Brook Dam area. Again some money is available for this work; all that is needed is a list of projects for these young people to do.

Applications for Financial Support: Cogwheel Trust who does a valuable job of counselling people in various needs. They do receive money from their clients but do not wish to exclude those who cannot afford so are looking for support to meet their shortfall.

Heritage & Tourism were applying for money to pay for three free rides for children on the amusements at their Mid Winter Fayre to be held on Saturday 7th December. The council were pleased to support these applications

At our July meeting Mr. Ken Cranfield in Public Comment Time said a few kind words about the report of our meeting that is recorded in Lodestar, and wondered if it was possible if the Lodestar report could be put on the website alongside the council report. In consideration I do not think this is practicable as I do not always have the time to make a report in the time scale necessary, and also the council report is a full account of all the proceedings of the meeting while the lodestar account only highlights interesting items of the meeting and may look odd side by side.

Relate Cambridge: This was a presentation by a lady director from Cambridge Relate. This was a counselling service that is offered to those couples whose relationships have broken down with a view to getting them restored especially in the interests of any children involved. They even offer counselling for children from the age of five. For those couples that engage it is for six sessions in a six-week period, and as Relate is a charity they do not turn down those who are not able to pay the full cost. They have identified £15 as an optimal client contribution with Relate providing the remainder of £40 per session through a support Bursary. This Bursary would only be used to provide counselling services to those who do not have the means to contribute to the full cost of £55 per session. Relates' Bursary is gathered from new funding organisations, individuals, local businesses and other groups. Relate did not on this occasion appeal to the council for financial support but used this opportunity to present the valuable work they do, which is 5,000 sessions a year and they estimate that relationship breakdown costs the UK £46 Billion a year.

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16: They recommended to our council two proposed projects. A) Pedestrian Crossing with lights at the New Shade Primary School, the Shade, Soham, and b) Pedestrian Crossing at the Weatheralls Primary School, Pratt Street, Soham. After some discussion it was decided on the crossing at the Weatheralls School. It was also thought that the Shade Crossing was badly needed too and this could be brought in 2016/17. *[continued overleaf on page 5*



☆ **You are warmly invited** to a Dementia Friends Information Session at Wicken Methodist Church on Thursday, 18 September, at 7.30pm, led by Mrs Sue Evans, MBE. One of the ways you can become a friend is to join an information session in your area. This event is free of charge.

☆ **Items for the October edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Friday, 19th September. E-mails should be sent to [peterdscott@btopenworld.com](mailto:peterdscott@btopenworld.com) or printed copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

29th June	Zackary Thomas Cryans-Schaefer Sophia Rose Gordon
July 6th	Emma Jane Romirez Fisher Jake John Bowers
3rd Aug	Katie Ann Barnes
17th Aug	Hayden Mazey Tiager Baldwin
24th Aug	Jamie Janice Gemma Baldwin Grace Carter Phoebe Carter

### Funerals

20th June	Anne Dempsey
25th	Pasha Clark
30th	Eva Mann
16th July	Brenda Cox
21st	Ethan Lee (nvf)
22nd	Paula Ablett
29th	Glenys Howe
30th	Gwendoline Bridgeman
12th August	Carl Wheeling

### Weddings

21st June	Benjamin Neal and Kayleigh Martin
26th July	Grant Jenkins and Deborah Squirrel
9th Aug	Simon Lambert and Joanne Worsley
10th	Daryl Holland And Joanna Hamit
23rd	Robert Ford and Cara Payne Carleton Palmer and Leanne Johnson
24th	Samuel Barltrop and Samantha Ross

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**Parish Conference:** This is in place of the disbanded Neighbourhood Panel where councils can send representatives to and receive presentations and updates from partner agencies in the first half of the meeting and in the second half local councils could bring their own concerns on certain issues. Soham suggested for their part Street Cleaning and who is responsible for the Green Areas within the community?

**Pedestrian Crossing Sand Street:** This was already agreed some time ago and the council were asked to now to decide on one of two options proposed for its position, option one was recommended because option two would be a problem with driveways. So option one with a staggered crossing was chosen.

*Councillor Ginn*

# Just a few words

Tim Alban Jones

Dear Friends,

During August we said 'goodbye' to our curate, Sue Simpson, and her family. We wish them well in their new home in Somersham and particularly we think of Sue's ministry in that benefice which officially begins on 10th September. A number of us from Soham will be going to see her formally licenced in her new post.

Her departure leaves something of a gap. For the first time in my ministry here I am without a clerical colleague. I am, of course, extremely fortunate to have excellent lay colleagues, notably our two Licenced Lay Ministers (also known as Readers). However, with only one priest in the benefice we are having to make two modest changes to the monthly service pattern. In the present pattern of services there are two 'crunch points' when I would need to be in two places at once (an art I have still not perfected!). The solution is that on the first Sunday of each month we will have a non-Eucharistic service. The new service, called a Service of the Word, will consist of hymns, readings, prayers and a sermon. The other change will involve our 8.00 am service once a month (on the third Sunday of each month). We will have six months with the service in Soham (the cold months) and six months at Wicken (the warmer ones). This change will not actually take effect in Soham until next year, so there is no need to take particular notice of it yet.

You will see from the calendar of events that we have a busy time coming up. Please may I ask that you make a note of these events and put the dates in your diaries or calendars. In particular, you may wish to note that Harvest festival falls on October 12th. Last year at Harvest time I issued everyone in church with a challenge: they were each given £10 and asked to see how they could make it grow. We shall be collecting the monies in at our harvest festival this year. To my certain knowledge, we have at least doubled our investment, but we will not know the final total at our harvest celebrations. Please make a note of the date.

With every good wish, *Tim Alban Jones*

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## Dates for the Calendar

13th September	10.30 am	Art and Craft Festival in church
20th	7.30 pm	Pudding Evening at 39 High Street, Wicken. Come and see how many puddings you can eat... Tickets available from Tim
Friday 26th	7.30 pm	Concert of music for Organ and Trumpet in church
October 4th	7.30 pm	A demonstration and workshop in Sushi making. Tickets (priced £10) are limited for this and will be available on a first-come-first served basis from Tim)
October 11th	7.00 pm	Ceilidh at St Andrew's School to celebrate the Harvest Home
12th	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Harvest Festival
19th	12.30 pm	Harvest Lunch at Wicken
15th November		Apple Fair at Wicken
22nd	7.30 pm	Anniversary Organ Recital by Andrew Lumsden