

Newsletter -

June 2026



*Let everything
that has breath
praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.*

-Psalm 150:6



SERVICES	7th	14th	21st	28th
EXALT 9.50 am	God is... Our Strength Chris Rolph <i>Also by Zoom</i>	Holy Communion 10.30am <i>Preacher:</i> Rev Margaret Asiedu <i>Bible Month 2</i>	God is... Our Strength Nick Adams <i>Also by Zoom</i>	God is... Our Strength Paul Fox <i>Also by Zoom</i>
Morning Worship 11.00 am	Rev Graham Miles <i>Bible month 1</i>		<i>Preacher:</i> Neil Baxter <i>Bible Month 3</i>	<i>Preacher:</i> Howard Smedley

Minister, Rev Margaret Asiedu 07831 119605 Email : magsasiedu@gmail.com
Off Duty Day - Monday

DEADLINE for the July/August Newsletter is Sunday, 21st June

All information to Catherine Rolph by e-mail: rolph@sky.com

For Circuit and District events please look at the Circuit website on
eastlincolnshiremethodistcircuit.org.uk/news

Dear friends

The month of June is one of those rare months in our family when there are no birthdays. It is therefore a month when I don't need to think about what gift I need to buy. Gifts are important not necessarily because of their cost but because of the care and thought that goes behind choosing them.

At the end of May we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and in his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul speaks of the gifts of the Spirit and reminds the followers that there are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit distributes them. (1 Corinthians 12:4)

As I was reflecting on this it reminded me of an advert for a mobile phone network where someone goes into a shop and asks for some white paint and the shop assistant lists various shades of white; anaemic moon, scrubbed cauliflower, poached smoke. As I listened, I couldn't help but laugh as I assumed it was simply exaggerated to make a point until that is, I went into a DIY store the other day. As I walked down the paint aisle, I saw that you can buy white paint in a host of different shades; snow bound, alabaster, Chantilly lace, pale oak, dove white to name a few. These are all shades of white each with its subtle nuance. If a paint company sees the importance of offering different shades of a colour that will enhance someone's home, how much more does the Spirit give a variety of gifts, to not necessarily enhance but certainly to build up the family of the church.



"Now there are various gifts but the same Spirit; various ministries but the same Lord; different types of service but the same God working through all of them. Just as the body is a unit having many members, with all the members, though many, being part of the one body, so it is with the body of Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12)

Paul goes on to talk about how important each part of the body is, with its individual gift that it offers. This was important for the church at Corinth to hear, and its important for us to hear and remember too. We are all important and we all have gifts that need to be used in building up the body of Christ. You are needed. Yes, you. You matter because you are special and God gives you a special gift a gift

he has carefully chosen for you. I wonder what your gift is? And how you can offer that in the life of the family of God? And even if two people appear to have the same gift, we just need to remember the paint analogy, all shades are important as everyone adds to the colour and vibrancy of God's family.

Every blessing

Rev Margaret

Prayers for June



June is Bible Month for Louth Methodist Church, and we are invited to dive into the book of Philippians. It's very short (only 4 chapters) so easy to read in one sitting, or you could spend time digging deeper: preachers will help us to do this during the 11am services. Philippians is a joyful book, in which its writer, Paul, celebrates God's goodness, even in the most difficult times—he writes this letter from imprisonment. Paul calls readers to follow the example of humility that Jesus set, growing as we press on in our faith through thick and thin, knowing we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Phil 4:13; Exalt's theme for June). Paul concludes with a final call to the church he established to rejoice, laying everything before God in prayer, and accepting the peace that he offers.

Father God, we thank you for the privilege of being able to read the bible freely and easily; we ask for forgiveness when we take this for granted. As we read through Philippians we follow Paul's example in the hope that we too might be filled with joy and peace, whatever our circumstances.

We ask that we would experience your gracious gift of joy: the contentment that comes of knowing your goodness is always at work.

We pray that you would give us humility, so that we might follow the model of self-giving love shown by your Son.

We know that faith is a lifelong journey: may we delight in discipleship, as we put aside the priorities of this world and commit to becoming more like you each day.

Finally, help us to rejoice in all things, at all times and in all places, as you bless us with your peace.

Amen

Faith & the Environment Lincolnshire
invite you to...



Key Speakers: Nick Acheson,
Kimberley Pickett

FACING THE STORM 3

**Resilient
Living in an
uncertain
future**



For details & tickets scan QR code or use:

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**Time – 10am to 4pm on Saturday 6th June 2026, at
St Barnabas' Church, Barnetby, Lincs N38 6JE**

How faith groups can help to build resilient communities

Nick Acheson is a naturalist and conservationist, and author of *The Meaning of Geese* and *This Wild Dream: Celebrating 100 years of Norfolk Wildlife Trust*

Kimberley Pickett is Community Resilience Officer for Lincolnshire Resilience Forum

**Keynotes
Workshops
Drama
Prayer
Reflection**

Please remember to bring a packed lunch and keep-cup/mug for drinks



Bible Month – St Paul's letter to the Philippians

June sees the return of Bible Month, an initiative of the Methodist Church and the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust. The latest circuit plan is making it possible for all the churches to participate in worship and preaching shaped by the four weeks of material from the letter to the Philippians.

This year, the period has been extended because of the low number of local preachers, and so will be looking at Philippians over several weeks. At Louth, the Sundays are:

- June 7th 11am Philippians 1. Nick Adams
- June 14th 10.30am Philippians 2. Rev Margaret (Holy Communion)
- June 21st 11am Philippians 3. Neil Baxter
- July 5th 11am Philippians 4. David Simpson

You may find it helpful to read the relevant chapter before the service, or if you have time, to read the whole letter. It is quite short, and will not take more than a few minutes. There is a study guide available which provides daily readings over a month, which may also help us gain more from our reading. Please ask the stewards if you would like a copy.

The church in Philippi was founded by Paul and his companion Silas, who travelled there after experiencing a vision directing them to change course from their intended journey. Their reception in the city was somewhat mixed, but the amazing power of God was clearly evident in many ways. You can follow the story in Acts 16 vv6-40.

It is clear from the tone of Paul's letter that he retained a huge affection for this company of believers, whom he regarded as his partners in the gospel. His letter is one of encouragement and grateful thanks to God for them, as well as some wise words of advice and guidance for living distinct Christian lives – words that we might ourselves heed.

Nick Adams



God is...

our STRENGTH

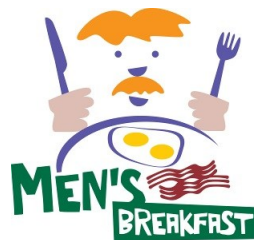
JUNE 12th
Messy Church

Fun Faith Food starts 4pm.
ALL the family welcome



Men's breakfast meet - Saturday 6th June

Our next Men's Breakfast will be on 6th June, 9am upstairs at Alfredo Lounge, formerly Eve and Ranshaw. All are welcome to come along and continue conversation. It may be helpful to know who hopes to come to this and/or a future breakfast. If you could let me have your phone number or email I will send a reminder a few days before, so hopefully avoiding the confusion we experienced in May! Nick Adams (nick26.adams@gmail.com)



REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES—JUNE

- Sundays:** Services—see front page
- Mondays:** Young at Heart from 1.30pm (formerly Darby & Joan)
- Tuesdays:** Women's Fellowship 2pm in Hall 2..
- Wednesdays:** Prayers 9am Pray for yourself, the church, our town and the world. (also at 11am most weeks)
- Open Lighthouse** 9.30am to 12.30pm. Light refreshments and a chance to chat.
- Ladies' Group** 3rd June at 7.30pm Treasure hunt from church. 2pm 17th June Fay Gorwood talks about her visit to Berjou.
- Thursdays:** TT4A Table tennis for all at 7pm
- Fridays:** 321 Extra 9.30am to 11am. Under 5s playgroup on the 5th, 19th & 26th June.
- 321 9.30 to 11am on Friday 12th June. Puppets, music, craft and soft play for under 5s .
- Lighthouse** 10am to 1pm. Food, friendship and lunch.
- Messy Church** 4 to 6pm. Friday 12th May—God is Our Strength. Fun Faith & Food for all the family.



Church Council: Thursday 18th June at 7pm.