

# *Anstey Methodist Church*



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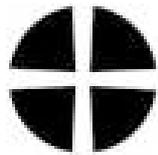


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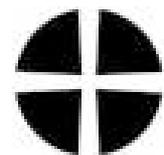


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### Minister's Message

Without a Vision there's no survival.

Dear Friends.

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you all.

Every surviving and successful church knows its purpose and destination, let us say Vision. Talking about vision is not to demean our ongoing efforts, rather, it's a call to a deeper and more serious consideration of why we are here and should continue as a church.

The success and survival of any institution - marriage, business,

religious church is largely determined by its vision.

An up-to -date English thesaurus gives alternative meanings of vision; 'farsightedness', 'perception', 'ideal', 'revelation', 'dream', 'purpose' among others. Vision has to do with how we perceive ourselves, why we are here, what we are here to do. Put in another way, a Vision is an answer to problems in a community both now and in the future. That which is done corporately to meet a needs in a community.

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It feels uncomfortable to talk about decline, but it is an undeniable challenge before us today. Most of us would rather not talk about it, but will it spare us in the next ten, twenty years? A surviving and successful church has one thing primarily, a clearly understood and owned vision.

Where does a church vision come from? The word of God says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" Proverbs 29:18 ( KJV). It is not God's will that anyone of His churches goes extinct. Vision or revelation is given as the panacea to decline. A vision that stands the test of time comes from God. "Whatever vision is born of God

overcomes the world" 1 John 5:4a. Every challenge against a church is a wake up call to its God ordained vision. Each Local church is like a jigsaw piece in a big picture, God's big plan or purpose. It is fulfilling to depart after fulfilling God's purpose in a generation. "David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep (died) and was buried with his Fathers." Acts 13:36.

The vision is there, let's embrace it, let's own it. Fear not, we are redeemed.

Every blessing in Christ  
**Rev Robert J Kasema**

<b>Spring Fair Results April 22nd 2017</b>	
Coffee	38.50
Bric-a-Brac	10.50
Fancy Goods	31.00
Cakes & Preserves (6 months)	400.00
Books (6 months)	150.00
Raffle	62.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>692.00</b>

## Social Hour Alternate Wednesdays At 2.30pm



**22nd February** Our Opening Devotions were led by Edith, who then introduced Alison, representing Intercare Africa.

This is a locally based charity working from Syston and seeking to alleviate some of the problems of desperately poor communities in half a dozen sub-Saharan Africa Countries.

There is no health care, as we know it, and what few medicines and supplies the government provides are hugely expensive and often not appropriate to the patients' needs. Fortunately the large pharmaceutical companies exhibit their social conscience by providing many of the modern medicines needed. Clinics and hospitals can be many hours, or even days, walk from the villages and not only do they have to pay but take their own bedding and provide their food !

Intercare Africa supported by gifts and donations delivers supplies twice yearly to the 130 clinics in the countries concerned (which have a catchment population of 11M people). The Charity runs on a shoe-string with only 4 people on the payroll but many active volunteers and a wide spread of supporters.

Alison was delighted to accept a variety of soaps, toothbrushes, flannels, etc. as well as a bumper collection of £09.00. A rewarding afternoon. *Peter*

**8th March** Christine was in the chair and led us through two opening hymns and a prayer before welcoming our speaker Mrs. Molly Hanger. a long time friend from the United Reformed Church., it being appropriate to have a lady speaker on Women's' Day.

Speaking of March and springtime generally she reminded us of some of the old sayings :- Red sky at night, shepherd's delight, Red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning. Ash before Oak - in for a soak, Oak before ash - in for a splash.

Many apple trees bloom in March, but beware. As many mists in March as

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there are frosts in May. And there is a saying for 19th March - On St. Joseph's day throw the warming pan away.

Molly reminded us that until the year 1752 March was the first month of the year and then mentioned some significant dates : 1st - St. David's day. 19th St. Patrick's day 20th - World Sparrows Day ! 25th - Waffle day (in Sweden)

After regaling us with the tale of her childhood job of making pancakes, when, in tossing one for the first time, it landed upon her mother's unmentionables !

We concluded by reminiscing on some of our childhood games - flying kites, Whips and Tops , marbles, snobs and skimming fag cards !

Thanks for the trip back in time, Molly !! *Peter*

**22nd March** This was a somewhat different occasion for us because Carol Thomson led our opening devotions before welcoming over 40 children comprising Latimer Primary School Choir with their conductor and a number of parents/grandparents in support.

They proceeded to delight us by singing "A Cantonese Welcome", "Shades of Blue" and "Hope is our Song" They all sang with great enthusiasm, complete togetherness. And never a "dud" note - a tribute to the choir mistress ?

Our speaker, Rev. Novette Headley, in recognition that this was our annual daffodil service then chatted to the children on that very subject and elicited an amazing number of questions from the youngsters - proof that they'd been listening! Alas our guests then had to scurry back to school, ready for "going home time"

We then had the pleasure of celebrating with our two stalwarts, June & Norman, for their 65th Wedding Anniversary, with tea and cakes, before Novette presented a beautiful bouquet to conclude a splendid afternoon. *Peter*

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**12th April** Peter opened our meeting with his choice of devotions then introduced our speaker Mr Sam Passi - call me Sam - from the Co-op.

Sam's topic was entitled Tax, Care, and Toy Boys. He spoke of the importance of putting our finances in good order for later in life. We can do this by setting up a WILL so that our personal wishes can be carried out when the time comes. Writing one's own Will is not generally considered good practice and a good solicitor will advise on this mostly at a reasonable cost. Sam also stressed the advisability of protecting the Will by taking out a Power of Attorney document and said solicitor will advise further.

Tax, together with Care fees, was also discussed but a little too complicated to put down in a few novice notes here. Not sure what the Toy Boys item was all about I seem to have missed it - must have been making the tea!! **Edith**.

**26th April** We were particularly indebted to our speaker, Mrs. Liz Conley, for filling the breach at the last minute for Christine-Ann (who had been hospitalized).

After Edith led the opening devotions, Liz a Christian for many years described her journey thus far. From early adoption, growing up as a doctor's daughter, with an elder adopted brother, she attended primary school in Croft then to a private school in Stamford.

Her early Christian life was Anglican, singing the psalms, chanting the creed and a Sunday school teacher from the age of 12. She later moved to the Whetstone Baptist Church for six years before University. Subsequently, back in Leicester at Holy Trinity Church she was in the music group and married the organist, soon becoming a church warden and raising two children. After the breakdown of her marriage she returned to Whetstone Baptists.

Liz read her favourite bible passage - Psalm 139 - and spoke of the fruits of the spirit and the gifts of the spirit, believing that God's purpose in her was to

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become more like Christ. She has also recently become a local preacher.

Thanks to Liz for a refreshing afternoon. We hope to include Christine-Ann in next season's programme. *Peter*

**10th May** Mary opened the meeting with our usual devotions which included a Helen Steiner Rice poem cum prayer.

She then welcomed our good fiend Mick Furborough who had brought along an early film of 'SINGING IN THE RAIN' starring Gene Kelly, Judy Garland, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds - all of them in their early days of singing and the film world.

Mick went to a lot of trouble explaining how they became involved in the film industry and it's a shame there was not more in the audience to appreciate the film and his hard work.

We closed as usual with the Grace followed by tea and biscuits. *Edith*

## **Communion Table Flowers**

We are most grateful to all members and friends who supply our Communion Table flowers each week. Edith Hall does a splendid job of arranging the flower rota, for which we are very grateful, but there are several weeks this year still to be arranged (3 this quarter). If you are able to help please contact either **Edith** (2363517) or **Winnie** (2363974).

Each week after Sunday services the flowers are taken to friends around the village who are housebound, sick or bereaved, and this is much appreciated and we also thank members who give up their time to deliver them.

Among other letters and cards received, **Helen & Colin Readwin** write "Thank you for the beautiful flowers brought from church following the peaceful passing of my much loved mother. They stayed in my front window for over a week as a wonderful reminder of her".

# Martin Luther

500th anniversary of the Reformation triggered by Martin Luther (Continued)

Now what was at stake was not just how to understand grace, but also the issue of how we know anything at all about God, for Protestants this was an argument about the corrupt power of the Church, for Catholics, it was a rebellion against the church's proper authority. Luther asserted the right of all Christians to read the scriptures for themselves.

Luther translated into German, John Wycliffe and William Tyndale translated into English, it was through the efforts of these men, and indeed William Caxton for printing the works, that we have this Bible today, we are free to read and understand the words of God, the words that lead us to know Jesus. John Wesley was influenced by the Lutherans but he disputed some of their doctrines. Some of the Moravian leaders in London taught that seekers should be 'still' setting aside all Christian practices until assured of salvation. In other words they must stay on the side lines until they have complete faith. John Wesley believed in a continuous journey of discovery, those seeking salvation and awaiting assurance of God's love should continue to pray, read the Bible, attend worship and receive communion. Making the most of these God-given means of grace.

The split was first with Rome and then John Wesley believed the Anglican Church was not meeting the needs of the ordinary man, so another split. There is now dialogue between Lutherans, Roman Catholics and Methodists, to find common ground, and a move towards Christian Unity.

**Prayer.** Loving heavenly Father, thank you those in history who worked to make the Bible available to all, we thank you that we can know You, we can learn and understand more about Jesus and how to live Kingdom Lives. Paul said 'I come to proclaim the Gospel' Lord the gospel needs to be told to all people, the actions and words of Jesus are important to everyday life. It is not the Church that is important, Jesus is the centre of all we do and say. Lord we praise you for Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith, the rock on which we build our lives and the means of our Salvation.

***Thanks to Carol for preparing this article.***

## **All We Can**

(from AWC magazine)

“Thanks to our supporters, many women and men have worked their way out of poverty, transforming a life of struggle into one of hope...

Poverty, injustice and discrimination blight the lives of people around the world. When we stand alone, these problems can seem impossible to overcome. But when we work together, inspiring individuals, families and entire communities, we can transform lives – and create real, lasting change.”

March envelope collection :- £160.72 (for famine relief appeal)

Next collection June 4th. Thank you to all donors. *Richard & Veronica*

## **Back To Church Sunday September 17th**

We are taking part this year in the national ‘Back to Church Sunday’ on the morning of Sunday 17th of September.

This is the opportunity to invite family or friends, who have stopped attending worship, to come along to church with you.

Closer to that Sunday, Church worshippers will be receiving ‘WELCOME’ cards to give to people that they could invite. *Church Council*

## **Ways And Means**

Our meeting on 15th August will be an open meeting and it would be encouraging to see more of our members attending. Please come along with ideas for fellowship as well as fund raising.

## **Harvest Lunch**

This will take place after the morning service on 24th September. Further details will be printed in the weekly notices nearer the time. Please ensure you book your place by buying a ticket when these are made available.

## For Your Diary

8th June	2.00pm	General church meeting. All are invited.
11th July	7.00pm	Charity coffee evening.
15th August	2.30pm	Ways & Means meeting.
14th September	2.00pm	Church Council meeting.
24th September		Harvest lunch - details later in the notices.
11th November	9.30am	Autumn Fair.
12th November		Remembrance Sunday

## Prayers For The Village



4th June	Fairhaven Rd. Longhade Rd.
11th June	Sutherland Way. Wooldale Cl.
18th June	Broadway. Furlong.
25th June	Cropston Rd. Elms Cl.
2nd July	Albion St. Atkin Ct.
9th July	Melody Ave. Coronet Cl.
16th July	Gladstone St.
23rd July	Charles Dr. King William's Way.
30th July	Princes Cl.
6th August	Andrew Rd.
13th August	Rosebery Rd. Dimmingsdale Cl.
20th August	Kitchener Rd. Charnwood Rd. Palmerston Cl.
27th August	Edward St.

## Sunday Services

<b>4th June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
Preachers <b>Pentecost</b>	United service at the URC	Rev. R Kasema
Stewards		Carol
Door stewards		
Flowers	To be arranged	
Music		Richard
<b>11th June</b>		
Preachers	Rev. R Kasema (HC)	Mr. M Furborough
Stewards	Gordon	Richard
Door stewards	Christine	
Flowers	Mr. J Lomax * Mrs. M Hyde *	
Music	Vince	Gordon
<b>18th June</b>		
Preachers	Mrs. M Freeman	Rev. D Lawton
Stewards	Doreen	Richard
Door stewards	Steve	
Flowers	Mr. & Mrs. B Kibble	
Music	Vince	Richard

## Sunday Services

<b>25th June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
Preachers	Mrs. C Long	United service at Glenfield
Stewards	Christine	
Door stewards	Barry	
Flowers	Mr. & Mr. B Carver *	
Music	Ralph	
<b>2nd July</b>		
Preachers	Mr. S Crossley	Rev. N Headley
Stewards	Richard	Gordon
Door stewards	Doreen	
Flowers	Mr. & Mrs. G Tatler	
Music	Vince	Carol
<b>9th July</b>		
Preachers	Mr. H Pollard	Rev. R Kasema (HC)
Stewards	Doreen	Carol
Door stewards	Edith	
Flowers	Mrs. J Willett *	
Music	Vince	Gordon

## Sunday Services

<b>16th July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
Preachers	Ms. S Andrews	District farewell service at Daventry
Stewards	Christine	
Door stewards	Steve	
Flowers	Mrs. K Cameron-Smith *	
Music	Vince	
<b>23rd July</b>		
Preachers	Mr. G Tatler	Local arrangement
Stewards	Doreen	Gordon
Door stewards	Christine	
Flowers	Mrs. I Rice *	
Music	Ralph	Ralph
<b>30th July</b>		
Preachers	Rev. R Kasema (HC)	United service at Glenfield
Stewards	Carol	
Door stewards	Barry	
Flowers	To be arranged	
Music	Vince	

## Sunday Services

<b>6th August</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
Preachers	Mrs. E Cobley	Rev. D Lawton
Stewards	Christine	Peter
Door stewards	Doreen	
Flowers	Mr. & Mrs. V Norton *	
Music	Vince	Gordon
<b>13th August</b>		
Preachers	Rev. R Kasema (HC)	Mrs. M Freeman
Stewards	Gordon	Richard
Door stewards	Edith	
Flowers	To be arranged	
Music	Vince	Carol
<b>20th August</b>		
Preachers	Mrs. C Thomson	Rev. R Kasema
Stewards	Doreen	Carol
Door stewards	Christine	
Flowers	Mrs. C Thomson *	
Music	Vince	Gordon

## Sunday Services

<b>27th August</b>		
Preachers	Mrs. L York	United service at Glenfield
Stewards	Carol	
Door stewards	Steve	
Flowers	Mrs. J Young *	
Music	Ralph	

## Our Services This Quarter

Communion services		
	11th June am	Brian
	9th July pm	Peter
	30th July am	Claire
	13th August am	Claire

4th July will be Pentecost, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The morning service will be united at the URC. 16th July our there will be a District farewell service for our District Chair, Rev. Peter Hancock, This will be held at Daventry Methodist Church. Golding Close, Daventry NN11 4FB commencing at 6.00pm. Once again we have 2 local arrangement service this quarter. Details of preachers for these services will be available in the notices. Again due to lack of preachers we are planned at Glenfield three times.

Special note. At 12.30pm on St. Andrew's tennis court there will be a circuit picnic and fun day, the afternoon closing with a short service. Details later. Everyone is warmly invited to this event.

## Weekly Activities In Our Church

<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Banner group Tel 2363974</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Anstey wives (alternate weeks) Tel 2362201</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Jigsaw group (alternate months) Tel Kerry Sharpe 07979607099</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Social Hour (alternate weeks Sept/ May) Edith Tel 2363517 or Peter 2879816</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30-11.30am</b>	<b>Coffee morning</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am 6.15pm</b>	<b>Morning Worship Evening Worship</b>

### **ENTRIES FOR CHURCH NOTICES**

**Please submit by Tuesday evening  
Doreen Smith 2103029**

### **GENERAL CHURCH ENQUIRIES**

**Also Messenger articles and events  
Gordon Tatler (Senior Steward) 2364842**

**STOP PRESS** The next issue of The Messenger will be for the quarter September to November. Items for this issue will be required **NO LATER THAN Sunday 20th August** **PREFERABLY EARLIER.**

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