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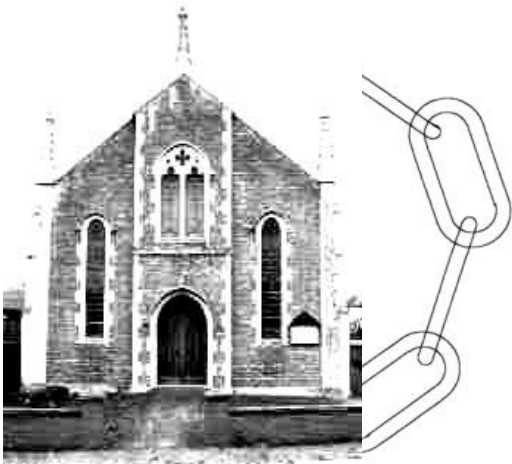
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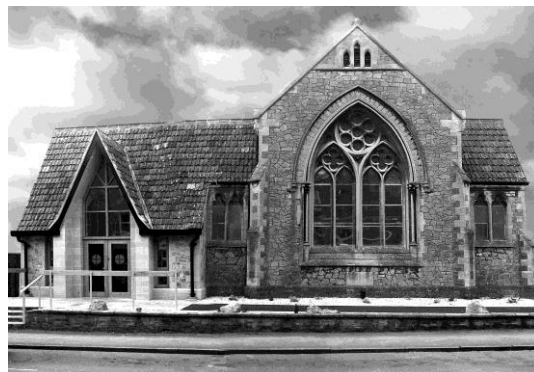
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**WEST HUNTSPILL**



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**BURNHAM**

# Minister Letter

Dear Friends

I have just returned from India where I visited the Church of North India in Durgapur, West Bengal as a guest of Bishop Probal Kanto-Dutta whom some of you may have met when he visited us in September.

Last year he told us of the new work the church was undertaking with children who are trafficked, both within India and across the border into Bangladesh. Several churches were moved to raise money to contribute towards the cost of this project and I am delighted to say that I was able to pass on £737 to the Bishop during my visit.

I was also able to go and see the recently constructed extension to the Anti-Human Trafficking Centre, which has increased the ability of the project to house those children that are unable to be reunited with their parents from 10 to 30. This can be because the children have been used in the sex trade and therefore are a disgrace to the family, or even because they were sold in the first place (if they went back they might be sold again)! These circumstances might be abhorrent to us but we cannot pretend they don't exist!

A huge 'Thank you' to all who have supported this project.

*Steve*



## Calendar

### **FEBRUARY**

Tue 28th 2.30pm E/B Link Villages Fellowship – Jolaurabi School Kenya - Mrs Sue Stevens

### **MARCH**

Thur 2nd 2.30pm B/H Thursday Fellowship - Mrs. Dorothy May - Kenya.

Fri 3rd 2.30pm The Women's World Day of Prayer 2017 at Burnham Baptist Church

Sat 4th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Wednesday Group

Tues	7th	2.30pm		Start of Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tues	7th	7.30pm		Start of Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Wed	8th	12.00	B/H	Communion Service
Wed	8th	12.30	B/H	Church Lunch
Fri	10th	7.00pm	BR	Indian meal to celebrate Steve's return from Durgapur.
Sat	11th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sat	11th	7.00 for 7.30	B/H	The Trinity Entertainers Concert at Burnham Methodist
Sun	12th	10.30am		Joint Link Services at Brent Knoll
Tue	14th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Iona - Rev. Margaret Trapp & Mrs. Maureen Cavill.
Tue	14th	2.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	14th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Thur	16th	2.30pm	B/H	Thursday Fellowship - Rev. Steve Bennett - India.
Sat	18th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.
Sun	19th	<b>LAST DAY FOR THE APRIL LINK</b>		
Mon	20th	2.30 - 4.00	B/H	Afternoon Tea ,Cake & Chat – All Welcome
Tue	21st	2.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	21st	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Sat	25th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Sun	26th	Mothering Sunday		
Tue	28th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Westfield Cafe - Jackie & Julie - Collection
Tue	28th	2.30pm	B/H	Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	28th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
<b>APRIL</b>				
Sat	1st	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Stewards & Thursday Fellowship

Tue	4th	2.30pm	B/H	Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	4th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Thur	6th	2.30pm	B/H	Thursday Fellowship - Mrs Jackie Morris - Rambling in the Caribbean.
Sat	8th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	Shoppers Coffee at Burnham
Tue	11th	2.30pm	E/B	Link Villages Fellowship - Holy Week Rev. Jim McKnight.
Tue	11th	2.30pm	B/H	Lent Course at Burnham Methodist Church
Tue	11th	7.30pm		Lent Course at Burnham Baptist Church
Wed	12th	12.00	B/H	Communion Service
Wed	12th	12.30		Church Lunch -
Thur	13th	7.00pm	B/H	Maundy Thursday Service at Burnham
Fri	14th	10.30am	B/H	Good Friday Service at Burnham
Sat	15th	10.00 - 12.00	B/H	St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning at Burnham.
Sun	16th	10.30am	B/H	Easter Sunday Morning Service

**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill**

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

It seems such a long time since December 10th when we held our Christmas Fair. It was a great success and we raised £1129.10 towards our Roof Fund.

Many thanks to everyone for their support.

Dorothy May.

Convener

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# LINK TO HOPE

Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal.

The charity has asked me to pass on my thanks to everyone, from the different local Methodists Churches, who donated filled shoeboxes and items to go in shoeboxes last November. The charity delivered 43,928 shoeboxes filled with items needed by the elderly or families in need in Eastern Europe.

If you would like to help again this year I will again be organising this later in the year.

If you want more information you can look on their website, [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) or ask me, Marian Foster, 01278 785360.



## The Women's World Day of Prayer 2017

The Women's World Day of Prayer 2017 is to be held at Burnham Baptist Church on Friday March 3rd at 2.30 p.m.

Theme:- " Am I being unfair to you?"

All, both men & women, are welcome to share in this service which was prepared by the women of the Philippines.



## CHRISTIAN AID

The aim of Christian Aid is to help people around the world get out of poverty.

This is done by supporting local projects across 39 countries as well as helping when there are emergencies such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

Some of the funding for this aid is raised during Christian Aid week:-a week in May in which volunteers arrange events. This is done by local areas throughout Great Britain. The local area of Burnham and Highbridge need some more volunteers to ensure that this year's Christian Aid Week May 14th to May 20th runs efficiently.

For more details please phone Katherine Main 01278 788 776

# THE TRINITY ENTERTAINERS

## A MUSICAL EVENING OF

**FUN and VARIETY**  
at Burnham on Sea  
Methodist Church  
on Saturday March 11th  
at 7.30pm.  
Doors open at 7.00pm.

Tickets £7.50 including

Coffee, Tea and  
Refreshments

Tickets from Dorothy

Biscuits  
May

Tel. 01278 784204

Raffle

# EAST BRENT

Time flies, or people say. I am quite sure it does in my house. It doesn't seem but a few days ago I was giving out the February "Link" and now I find I am having to write the item for March.

The news of the organ – we are still waiting for the part to arrive from Italy. We are fortunate however to have a keyboard which does help. I sat wondering the other day – if we sang unaccompanied, and if the hymns chosen had several well known tunes whether we would all sing the same one.

The only other event of note during these last two weeks was the Link service at East Brent. We were pleased to welcome Deacon Gary Hoare to take our service. It's great to have someone from the Weston end of the Circuit for special occasions.

We remember those of our congregation that find it difficult at times to get to worship and we hope that Eileen Craig had a very enjoyable 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Our Church meeting will take place on Sunday afternoon so too late to give a resume of future happenings – more next month.

Evelyn Tucker.



## BURNHAM

[www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk)

### STEWARDS COLUMN.

It's March! A month of re-awakening and new birth, and what a treat it is to hear bird song once again after the quietness of the winter months. The sight of all the colourful spring flowers now growing everywhere really brightens up our days, and as we pass the fields of sheep we take pleasure in the sight of baby lambs at play. March also brings other changes for it is the month that spring officially begins, and at the end of the month the clocks go forward an hour to British Summer Time giving us longer days.

There are lots of things to be thankful for in March and we mustn't forget to remember with gratitude our mothers and their unending care and love for us. This we do on Mothering Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup> March this year – when our Service is led by Stanley and Joyce Pipet. On a personal note I am thankful for the fact that my broken arm is healing well, and I am getting back to some sort of normality. It is amazing what you learn to do with one arm – it just takes 3 times as long to do it!!

At this time of year Christian thoughts are centred on Lent and Easter. Lent is a period of reflection and preparation before Easter, and the Lent Course this year starts on 7<sup>th</sup> March – there are afternoon sessions here and evening sessions in the Baptist Church (please see posters for further details).

Here in Burnham we are still fundraising for our new roof, and two big events we have coming up are 'The Trinity Entertainers' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March (further details in the Link) and our Spring Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We would love to see you for the above events, or for any of our Services or weekly Saturday Coffee Mornings.

Best wishes,  
Joan Wilkins.



## **BREAN**

**[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)**

First, a massive thank you to all who shared good wishes to us on our Golden Wedding Day, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. It was a glorious celebration. In the morning we held Open House to about 40 friends and family. Most of the groups with which we have been associated were represented. In the evening it was a dinner party with our family. Not to be content with that, we celebrated elder son Jonathan's birthday on Friday and the Brean congregation kindly put up with my preaching on Sunday when I brought to mind some of the things that happened 'on



the day' and tried to reflect on how our journey of fifty years had been influenced by the wisdom of the minister's address.

Mid-February and the first of our summer visitors have arrived, one of our regulars. It was good to see you and we look forward to many more.

Also in February we continued with our ecumenical study group, this time surveying Matthew's version of the Sermon on the Mount. And well received it was too with everyone prepared to take a full part. Different views being shared add to the richness of our understanding of scripture. In March the Lent course holds sway, so let's hope that is just as productive.

Also in March, this time at 7pm on Friday evening 10<sup>th</sup>, we shall be hosting an Indian evening with our minister, Steve, giving us an account of his recent travels to the country. We shall be pleased to see as many as possible at the event, but please let Judy or one of the stewards know in advance so that catering can be best arranged

*Harvey Allen*



## **WEST HUNTSPILL**

Our regular Coffee and Chat Morning

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

10am – 12md

Table Top Sales and lots of free Coffee

Cakes and Chatter

Donations for Children's Safe House

In Malda North India



# **BRENT KNOLL**

**[www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com](http://www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)**

**Minister Revd. Steve Bennett**

2017 seems to be flying by so it doesn't seem too early to let you have a date for your calendars in May. We are going to be holding a "Praise for Pets" service here at Brent Knoll on Saturday 20th May at 10.30am in the church. We're hoping our Circuit friends can join us as everyone is invited - especially your well loved pets. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, budgies, gerbils - none are too small (or too large although any horse lovers who happen to be riding past may be invited to receive a blessing outside of the church!).

I will give you more details next month - but we hope all you animal lovers out there will keep the date free. After the service we will be laying on coffee and treats (as opposed to coffee and cakes because we will do our best to make sure all our furry and feathered friends are catered for).

As the days get longer and the evenings get brighter, from all of us here at Brent Knoll, we wish you a happy and peaceful start to the beginning of the Spring and Lenten season.

God bless

Rosemary Krull

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