

# LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

## FEBRUARY / MARCH 2013

All items for the next Newsletter covering April & May should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by March 15th please, [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

### Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

*"Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we consider him stricken by God, smitten by him and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed."*  
Isaiah 53 4 - 5

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*Morning Service with communion*

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*Palm Sunday - Morning Service*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am**  
*Easter Sunday - Morning Service*

### Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

### Church Fellowship Group:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**

**Thursday Evenings: 7pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10am**

**Venue:** 3, Chapel Close, Little Thetford

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**

**Dates:** Refer to Chapel bulletin

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**

### World Women's Day of Prayer 2013:

This year, this annual event will be held at St George's Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm.

### A Big Thank You!

The congregation at the Chapel would like to thank all those who generously donated gifts to the *Emmaus* community during the Christmas service in December. We pray that those who live and work at the community will be richly blessed in the year ahead.

**Chapel contact:** Tudor Parsons (01353) 648082

## Sundays and Festivals at St George's Church

### February

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Praise,	<u>9.30am</u>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Word and Worship with All Age Band (new members welcome)	<u>10.30am</u>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	<u>9.30am</u>
24 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Praise	<u>9.30am</u>

### March

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Praise	<u>9.30am</u>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Day School Service, with Little Thetford School	<u>5pm</u>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	<u>9.30am</u>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Morning Praise	<u>9.30am</u>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday - Ely Walk of Witness (details nearer the time)	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Day:* Sunrise Service on Holt Fen	<u>7.30am</u>
	Holy Communion in the church	<u>9.30am</u>

**Team Vicar: Rev Margaret Harper, 01353 645128**

### For Children

- 1<sup>st</sup> Little Thetford Brigade, for boys and girls of school age. Fun, activities, games, food, music, Bible stories, friends. Thursdays Term time 6.00 - 7.30pm. Details from Jane Dunseath 649232
- Sunday Club for children available most Sundays, details from Jane.
- Creche space at the back of church, so parents/carers can occupy and supervise their own children, while still being part of the worship.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR...**Both the Pre-school and Out of School

Clubs have welcomed lots of new faces at the start of this year, with further new starters joining us throughout the term. Everyone had a lovely time at the end of last year with the children's Christmas performance, trip to Wicken Fen to see Santa and the end of term party being very successful.

A big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated their unwanted toys to our Setting, the children are delighted to have new items to enjoy during their session. Further toys would still be gratefully received, especially any k-nex, Play Mobil and junior size children's bikes

We are now very busy planning for 2013 and our **February Holiday Club – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8am – 6pm.** If you would like further details on this Holiday Club, activities on offer or wish to send your child, please contact us – 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)

We have many fundraising events planned for the coming months and will be holding a **Valentine Cake Sale on Friday 8th February at 9.15am**, so please come along to buy some lovely cakes.

On **Tuesday 19th February** between **1pm - 3pm** please go along to **Tree Tops** Children's Soft Play, because they have agreed for every child that attends, they will donate 50% of their admission costs taken between 1pm and 3pm, to Little Thetford Acorns.

Look out for future events, **cooking evening, cupcake course and children's disco...**

### **MJS Gardening Services.**

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## LITTLE THETFORD WI

The WI meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The February meeting is learning how to knit beaded jewellery with Beryl Brooks.

All ladies from the village welcome. For more details please contact Christine Bullen on 649.268.

### VILLAGE HALL

Albeit somewhat belatedly, the chairman, treasurer and committee of Trustees of the village hall wish all the hall's past, present and future users a happy New Year. We hope too that it will be a prosperous one for you. The hall however is, not to put too fine a point on it, not prospering terribly well at the moment and prospects for the year do not look particularly promising. There is some money in the bank but only as a result of few, if any, improvements having been made over the last couple of years and is in any case only what the Trustees deem prudent to keep in reserve to fund any emergencies and essential and urgent remedial repairs and improvements. Income is only just keeping up with running costs. In short, the hall is barely managing to pay its way and keep afloat financially. The Trustees are of the opinion that charges are currently commensurate with current market forces and the condition of the hall and it is not intended to increase them at this time. Consequently a number of fund raising events are being considered for the coming year to generate more income to be used to upgrade the hall's facilities which will hopefully increase interest in hiring the hall and justify a modest increase in charges. Most dates are not yet finalised, but one that is is **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. March**, when the hall will host an **Easter Treasure Hunt**. It's hoped that this will be a family fun event with challenges for all ages. Watch this space for more details. Late April/early May will see a dance/music/BBQ event of some sort - a barn dance or live group depending on availability - and a car boot/yard/garage sale is planned for some time in June – so think about sorting out your sheds, garages, lofts and spare rooms very soon. More details of all these hoped for events in due course. The support of everyone is really needed for these and other hall sponsored activities to enable the Trustees to continue to run the hall for the benefit of the village as a whole. **Please support YOUR village hall – or there is a real danger of losing it** (and maybe sooner than later!!) Lastly some cheering news. The hot air hand driers in the loos will be replaced very soon with modern, energy efficient, health and environment safer units.

### **Coach day excursions and short breaks**

direct from Little Thetford.

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### Friends of Lt. Thetford School.

Friends of Little Thetford School (FOLTS) had a very busy run up to Christmas. We held a successful Christmas Fair in December and we would like to thank those who came along. We also held a Christmas Shopping Day which saw the children purchasing presents for their friends and family. FOLTS recently funded new audio-visual equipment for the School Hall which is already being put to use. The children will soon have the opportunity to come along to the very popular Film Night and Disco. FOLTS has seen a good amount of new members joining the team in the Autumn and are hoping to raise the much needed funds with new ideas. Keep an eye out for events which involve the community.

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Early in January sadly saw the Senior Citizens Club meet for the last time in the Village Hall. For about 34 years the club met on a fortnightly basis and during that time has given an afternoon's entertainment to many older residents of the village. A good number of people have put hours of work into the organization and running of the Club over time and thanks are due to them all. Unfortunately in recent years the numbers attending have dwindled and were down to single figures when the decision was made to close the Club. As I was part of the team that was there when the Club began I decided to pop into their last meeting to say thank you to those who had kept it going in recent years. I was reminded again how valuable this sort of meeting can be, especially in villages like ours. I do hope that in the not too distant future there will be a way to launch something similar for this village community.

*Jennifer Staines.*

## **Parish Council.**

At their last meeting of 2012 Councillors agreed to order an additional bench for the Play area. The weekly inspections of this area continue and the contractor has been reminded about building up the slide mound. It was agreed that this year's bid in the minor road improvements scheme would be to lengthen the space in the central reservation area for cars travelling from Stretham and waiting to turn into the village. Also to investigate the possibility of moving back the kerb on the left of the junction to allow a free flow of cars from the village onto the A10 to travel towards Stretham.

When the weather is suitable work will begin to smarten up the telephone kiosk.

At the January meeting details of the conditions attached to the Planning Appeal Approval for land adjacent to Quarterway House were noted and the approval of the plans for Berrycroft in Red Fen Road.

A review of the fees for the cemetery was undertaken and slight increases agreed.

A small donation will be made to the Baptist Chapel towards the cost of their replacement windows.

Councillors were made aware of East Cambs. Graffiti Removing Service, ECDC Car Parking Consultation to which it was agreed the Clerk should communicate an objection to the scheme and Ely and District Dial-a-Rides Annual General Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on February 11th at 7:30pm

## **Litter Pick.**

A date has been fixed for what has now become an Annual Litter pick in the village - the more volunteers we have the more thoroughly we can do the job - so please do consider joining the Parish Council members at 9am on the morning of Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall Car Park. If you have a fluorescent jacket do please bring it along - pickers and bags are provided.

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