

# LEICESTER TRINITY CIRCUIT

## The Messenger

Summer 2017

### Superintendent's letter

Dear Friends

So now I find myself writing my final contribution to the Messenger as Superintendent. This also is the last edition of the Messenger for the existing Leicester Trinity Circuit. From September there will be a new Circuit, though for various reasons it will still be called the Leicester Trinity Circuit. The new Circuit will embrace the six Churches which currently form the Leicester North Circuit. Doubtless we will be welcoming some new preachers and ministers to conduct worship in our Churches. We also say goodbye to Rev David Willis as he moves to a new appointment. His ministry has been appreciated round the Circuit and we wish David and Zoe well for the future.

A little while ago I received a copy of a small booklet with the title, 'Methodism in and around Leicester'. There is no indication of the name of the author but from the text I deduce that the booklet was published in 1956. It records, 'John Wesley paid his first visit to Leicester on Whit Sunday, 10th of June 1753, and recorded it in these words: 'After dinner a gentleman who came to Markfield from Leicester invited me thither. About eight I preached there in a place near the walls called the Butt Close. The people came running together from all parts, high and low, rich and poor, and their behaviour surprised me; they were so serious and attentive, not one offering any interruption.'" Wesley's journal records several visits to Leicester, Markfield, Loughborough and Hinkley. Indeed he visited Leicester in 1790, the year before his death. Ten years earlier on a visit to the city on July 5th 1780, he commented in his journal, 'I know not how it is that I constantly find such liberty of spirit in this place.'

As I prepare to leave I think my hope for the new Circuit will be that there will again be a real 'liberty of spirit'. I do believe that in order to go on being the



Church we need to simply find joy and freedom in our relationship with Jesus, a 'liberty of spirit'. If that means that we have to let go of some of the structures of the Church as we have known it, well so be it.

It has been a privilege to serve in this Circuit and indeed in all the Circuits to which I have been stationed. Thank you to my colleagues, the lay leaders in the Circuit and the members and friends for allowing me to walk with you for a little while on our pilgrimage together.

Yours in Christ

David G Vale

## **'Welcome Service'**

**Friday September 1st - 7.00pm - at Christchurch - Clarendon Park Road**

There will be a Welcome Service for our new Superintendent Minister - Rev Edson Dube and also for Rev Jenny Impey

During the service the Inauguration of the new Leicester Trinity Circuit will take place

The Preacher will be our new Chair of District: Rev Helen Cameron

Please put this date in your diary and do try to come.

# When; Where; What.

Sat	July 8	7.30 pm	Wig Magna	Musicamici
Sat	July 8	7.30 pm	Wesley Hall	Sankey evening
	July		Countesthorpe	Garden Party
Sun	August 13	6 pm	Mayflower	Godspell service
Sat	Sept 2		Wesley Hall	Jazz Band
Sat	Sept 9	9.30— noon	Wig Magna	Grand Wigston Show
Sat	Sept 23	7 pm	Christchurch	Birstall Little Big
Sat	Sept 30	7.30 pm	Bishop Str	Organ Recital
Sun	Oct 15	3 pm	Sth Wig	Memorabilia
Mon —Fri	Oct 16—20	10.30 am—3.30	Sth Wigston	Exhibition Memorabilia Exhibition
Sat	Oct 21	10 am— 12.30	Sth Wigston	Memorabilia Exhibition
Sat	April 7 2018		Christchurch	'Onesound' Evening Concert



# Circuit Magazine

'The Messenger' is our present Circuit Magazine which gives each church the opportunity to let the other churches know about the important things that are happening within that church and what future events they are planning.

As we are amalgamating with the Leicester North Circuit in September we have joined together to try and re-think the name and format of a new style magazine. The new circuit will still be called Leicester Trinity Circuit.

We have come up with the name **'The Beacon' – News and Views from Leicester Trinity Circuit.**

'The Beacon' meaning a light shining in the dark, showing God's presence in our communities.

The 'News and Views' giving each church and congregation the opportunity, as before, to let people know about important things that are happening: about people that have been recognised for service to their community, obituaries for people that have given service to the Church or Circuit, etc.

It also, hopefully, encourages us to give our views on different issues; democracy issues, connexional issues, even moral and political issues if appropriate.

**The Editorial Team will reserve the right to precis and edit.**

We would like pictures of events that have taken place, showing joy and love, happiness and togetherness.

To have your News and Views incorporated in the 1<sup>st</sup> issue, due out in October, please send your copy to [office@leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk](mailto:office@leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk)

Anne Dodge

# *Summer Contrasts*

## *Musicamici*

WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

DAVID CALOW  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

WITH

NICKY BINGHAM  
SOPRANO

MARGUERITE BEATSON  
PIANO

SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2017

WIGSTON MAGNA  
METHODIST CHURCH  
CROSS STREET WIGSTON  
LEICESTER  
7.30PM

TICKETS: £8 FROM

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AND ON THE DOOR

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
DURING THE INTERVAL



# Godspell Service



**Mayflower Methodist Church**

**Ethel Road, LE5 5ND**

**Sunday 13th August 2017**

**6 pm**

**In aid of sickle-cell anaemia**

# Regular Prayer meetings



Day	When	Time	Venue	Room
Tues	Monthly	1.30pm	Wesley Hall	Church Bible Study
Tues	3rd of month	7.15pm	Halstead	Bible discussions
Wed	Weekly		Blaby	House group Bible Study
Wed	1st of month	11am	Wig, Mag.	Church Service
Wed	2nd of month	10.30am	Mayflower	Devotional room Healing service
Thurs	Monthly	7.30pm	118 London Rd. Oadby	Julian prayers 2718948
Thurs	Weekly	10am	Christchurch	Church
Sat	Weekly	10.15am	Oadby	Meeting room



# Methodist Women in Britain

## OH NO

Not more requests for money:- for Africa, for the homeless, for children, Water Aid, Christian Aid, this appeal, that appeal, food for the Food Bank, toiletries for the Asylum Seekers Will it never end?

## **STOP – THINK**

Today I had hot water for a shower, I have 2 inside toilets, I had a good breakfast and will have more food during the day. I have a warm comfy bed. I have family not too far away, friends I can call on in times of need. I am truly blessed. I ought to put myself in someone else's shoes – except they do not have any shoes.

## **STOP THINK!**

Regards

Brenda

## **From the Editors**

Thank you for all your contributions, they are always very welcome.

We are hoping that the next Circuit Magazine will be ready for distribution in October. We can not give you a copy date at the moment, the Circuit administrator will let you know.

The picture on the cover is of Corbiere Lighthouse. Thank you Heather for sending to me.

If anyone has a picture they have taken that would be suitable for the autumn magazine I would love to receive it. Please only portrait as landscape ones become distorted! Thank you.

Please email them to Anne Dodge: [terando@live.com](mailto:terando@live.com)

# People Page

Some of you are aware that Chris Merrill was Chairman of Blaby District Council for the last year (May 2016 to May 2017). The following is a summary of what was involved.



To some 'Chairman' might suggest being in charge of meetings, and indeed chairing meetings of full council is part of the role. However, the main part is representing the Council at events both within the district and further afield across the county, about a hundred events over the year. Initially, it felt strange to go around wearing the chain of office, but it actually provided a conversation point at the more informal events. Frequent first question, 'Are you the mayor then?' – simple answer 'sort of', because the roles are effectively the same, and I think people have a better understanding of what a mayor does. Frequent second question, 'Is it (the chain) heavy?' – answer 'no', fortunately. The nice thing about the Blaby chain is that the links are engraved with the names of the parishes in the district, rather than the ephemeral Chairmen, and people were interested in finding their village.

The events included:

five Remembrance services, eleven carol services and seven charity curry nights;

visits to places I had never been before – Conkers, Belvoir Castle, the National Space Centre, the Diwali lights switch-on;

visits to local charities to see some of their work – Rainbows, Menphys, Vista's Kathleen Rutland home, Leicester Charity Link, and Company at Christmas.



My own charity for the year was the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, with the money going towards their work with children and young people, raising their awareness of wildlife.

I was privileged to attend lunch with (or in the same room as!) Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip when they visited on Maundy Thursday. I was also invited to a Royal Garden Party, which was the only occasion in the year when I wore a hat – except that as it was quite windy it probably spent more time in my hand than on my head!

There were sombre occasions too: the Cathedral service commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of the Somme; leading two periods of silence to remember Jo Cox MP and the victims of the Manchester bombing.

Yet perhaps the abiding memory will be of all the local people I met who volunteer in various ways within and for their communities, some of whom disconcertingly appeared again in a different context later in the year. It was not all older people either. Countesthorpe Beaver Scouts (a lovely if noisy bunch) received a national award for their links with the elderly in the village, a project that they had devised themselves. They were then going to use their prize money to improve the children's section of Countesthorpe Library. Older scouts from across the county, to whom I presented Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh awards, were involved in activities ranging from riding for the disabled to church bell-ringing. Sometimes it is very easy, amid the disturbing and shocking news that we hear, to forget all the many good things that go on all the time.

Blaby's Civic Service was held at Blaby Methodist last September, with Rev David Vale leading the worship. David also gave the address at the carol service in the council chamber in December. A number of people said to me later 'Aren't you lucky in your minister!'. We think so too, and our only regret is that David has only been 'ours' for the last three of his years here. We shall miss him, but hope that he will have a long and happy retirement.





# News from the Churches

## **COSBY**

We held a coffee morning /sale in May that was a great success.

As our minister Rev David Vale prepares to leave us, for his retirement, we, as a Congregation, will have Afternoon Tea with him at the Tithe Barn in Cosby and send him on his way with our Best Wishes.

Our Sunday School girls are preparing for their anniversary service on 25th June.

With the holiday season now in full swing, most of our church groups have finished for the holidays.

Hopefully there will be more news in the next edition.



## **BISHOP STREET**

Bishop Street Methodist Church, Town Hall Square, Leicester, LE1 6AF: Celebration Concert for the restoration of THE ORGAN. PAUL HALE, Organist Emeritus at Southwell Minster. Saturday 30th September 2017, 7.30pm. Tickets on the door: Adults £10.00, Concessions £8.00. Interval drink included

See poster on the back of the cover.



## CHRISTCHURCH

Action for Children (AfC) is our chosen charity for 2017 and we are encouraging members of the congregation to organise and support fundraising events. We have already held a successful Quiz evening: very much enjoyed by all who attended and raising much needed funds.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Sunday 16th July - Toni Hudson, the newly appointed Supporters' Support Officer from AfC, will be leading our morning service.

Saturday 23rd September @ 7pm An evening of Musical Entertainment with the Birstall Little Big Band and supper. (An AfC event)

Exciting news....

OneSound are returning to Christchurch!!

Saturday 7th April 2018 - evening concert

Sunday 8th April at 10am - Circuit service @ Christchurch

OneSound is one of the UK's leading Christian Youth ensembles. Born out of the MAYC Orchestra & Singers, OneSound provides opportunities for talented young Christians from across the UK to come together, perform and lead amazing worship.

We have been blessed with the presence of the Rev John Rackley ('retired' Baptist minister) helping us out leading services, as we excitedly await the arrival of our new minister Rev Edson Dube and his wife Sammie.



## COUNTESTHORPE



This is the last Messenger under the old format and we are now thinking ahead and looking forward to the "new look".

Volunteers have painted our downstairs schoolroom (it was looking very tired!!). It is now fresher and more welcoming.

Our annual Spring Fair in May was, as usual, a big success. Also in May we held our first Cafe' Church. It was quite successful but one or two members of the congregation felt that it wasn't for them.

Our next, and very recent, fellowship get-together was a Lasagna Lunch with the option of Cottage Pie for non pasta lovers. A vegetarian lasagna was also available.

The Tuesday Fellowship are looking forward to their annual Garden Party in July - best cups, saucers and plates at the ready for posh sandwiches and cakes and, of course, cups of tea.



Sadly we're saying goodbye to David this Autumn and we hope he's enjoyed his time with us. Most of us have met our new minister Jenny and we look forward to working with her.



## HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL

Members of the circuit who are not readers of the Methodist Recorder may be interested to see a picture of our Lenten Cross.

On Easter morning the dark wood of the cross was covered with white material and during the service members of the congregation tied on coloured ribbons expressing our joy at celebrating our risen Lord. The cross was then placed outside for several weeks where the movement of the ribbons represented new life and, looking forward, the movement of the Holy Spirit.

Our Church Anniversary was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> June and we were pleased to welcome the choir of Wigston Magna who contributed to the service. Beforehand we all sat down to an enjoyable tea. David Willis led the service and David Vale was the guest preacher.

By the time this is printed we will have shared saying good bye to David and Zoe at a joint service at Great Glen, followed by a lunch. We thank David for his ministry amongst us and the encouragement he has given to us.





## THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



### T@4 at The Church Of The Nativity

When Ivan Bennett originally joined Nativity as our After School Club Leader little did we think at the time that he would go on to be appointed as our Anglican Lay Associate Minister (voluntary) and be responsible for the introduction of the 14<sup>th</sup> Nativity Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, plus the 3C's (Coffee, Craft and Chat) on Saturday mornings. Following the success of these Groups it was decided that the time was right to bring these communities together for Christian worship and discipleship in the form of an all age worship which would be attractive to them.

Following an open meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 it was decided to introduce a monthly T@4 Service on a Sunday afternoon which would be a mixture of fun, craft, Bible stories, music and food, i.e. a form of 'Messy Church'. This initiative has been fully supported by all of the religious leaders at Nativity, i.e. Revd John McGinley has offered Ivan the assistance of three interns to help with the organization of the worship and Fran even dropped in to help out prior to her departure on a holiday to Italy!

To help set up this service a Tier 1 Growth Fund grant was applied for from the Diocese and arising from this we were successfully awarded £1,600 towards the provision of the materials/equipment required for this type of worship.

T@4 commences in the schoolrooms with craft activities, which is a wonderful opportunity for friendships to be formed/extended, we then go into the church for an informal style of worship led by Ivan with the assistance of the two interns and Holland one of the young people who attends. The afternoon ends with a

community meal back in the schoolrooms.

The church has been providing the food as their contribution towards T@4 and although no charge is made service plates for donations are being made available both in the church and the schoolrooms.

The T@4 Service commenced in September 2016 and the people who have attended this service have summed it up in just one word 'amazing!'

Further changes are due to take place on the worship side at Nativity in the next few months as we shall be saying farewell to Fran as our Methodist Minister at the end of August 2017 and welcoming Revd Edson Dube in her place at the beginning of September. Ivan has also decided to extend his Christian journey and will be commencing training for ordination at the beginning of September and our support and prayers go with him as he begins this exciting new stage in his religious career.





## SOUTH WIGSTON

### SOUTH WIGSTON CHURCH UNION



In 1965, the Rev Ted Houghton was the minister of the former Countesthorpe Road and Blaby Road Methodist Churches. At that time, discussions were taking place with the vicar, the Rev Neil Robinson, and the members of St Thomas' Church South Wigston, about the National Union of the Anglican and Methodist Churches. The Union did not go ahead, but the friendship of the two Methodist Churches flourished under the leadership of Ted Houghton, resulting in the two Churches coming together. Our Superintendent Minister at that time was the Rev Ron Corner, who played a very constructive part in the union.

It was decided to use the Blaby Road premises, but we really needed a new Church and a new name. The name was easy, we became the South Wigston Methodist Church, but how to become a new Church?

Alan Kind, an architect and a member of the congregation, came up with the revolutionary plan to put the Church upstairs and to use the downstairs for a lounge and ancillary rooms, whilst this proposal met with some opposition from the Home Missions Committee at District level, it was strongly supported by our Property Division at headquarters in Manchester.

Rev Ted Houghton left in July 1967 and the Rev John Barnsby joined us for one year, the first Service of the united congregation took place on **Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 1967**. It was some time before alterations to the building could begin. Then, worship was held in the Schoolroom with the work going on around us. We were fortunate with our human resources, so there was no difficulty in filling posts, in fact for a time we worked with two members for many of them – think of the luxury of having two treasurers.

The Rev Arthur Rowe became our minister in September 1968, Arthur was the right man at the right time and was the catalyst in moulding the two congregations into one. Once the alterations were completed the “New Church” opened with a Service of Dedication on **Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1971**.

The approved cost for the building work was £14,500, with an overall cost, including furnishing and the organ was £17,000.

Do you have memories of 1967, of South Wigston, or where ever you were at that time?

If you have we would love to hear from you.

## **SOUTH WIGSTON METHODIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

An Anniversary to celebrate this year.

Sunday 15th October 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the service held to celebrate the union of Countesthorpe Rd & Blaby Rd Churches to form South Wigston Methodist Church. We cannot believe where all of those years have gone but we intend to celebrate in style.

October 15th marks the beginning of a very busy week. We are having an exhibition of memorabilia

of the two Churches together with what we have been doing since, and this will be opened at 3.00pm on the 15th by the Mayor of Oadby & Wigston. At 3.30pm we will be serving teas to which everyone is invited followed at 5.00pm with a special service led by Fran and the preacher will be Rev Arthur Rowe.

Our exhibition will be open all week Monday to Friday 10.30am to 3.30pm and Saturday 10.00am to 12.30pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Do come and see us. We would love to see you.



## UPPINGHAM ROAD



Things that have happened since I last sent a report for the Circuit Messenger:-

Rev Saidu Kanu's wife, Adelaide, has started a fellowship group for Ladies that meets once a month in the evening on our church premises. She has also formed an identical group with the ladies at Wesley Hall. After discussion these groups now have the name 'Reflections' – spreading God's love through fun, faith and friendship.

We lost one of our very faithful members – Margery Harrold – at the end of January. Until recently, when her health deteriorated, she had taken a very active part in the life and work at Uppingham Road. She, and her twin sister, was the first baby to be christened shortly after the church opened in 1929.

We held our 88<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February and John Aldridge led this All Age service. We shared a hot meal together in the lounge after the morning service.

We joined with our friends in Churches together in Humberstone for a Lent course and met at a different church each week. We also came together at Uppingham Road on Good Friday evening and Pentecost evening for services.

### **Events in progress or planned:-**

We welcome the amalgamation of Leicester Trinity and Leicester North circuits and look forward to having new ministers, making new friends and meeting in other churches.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service this year will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September and our minister Saidu will lead that service. We will have a Bring and Share meal after the morning service.

We will begin Advent with a united morning service at Mayflower Church at

10.30am. Our Junior Church Christmas service will take place at 10.45am on 17<sup>th</sup> December and at 6.30pm on the same day we will hold our Carol Service. Our annual Christmas Eve 'Cafe Carols' event this year will take place at our morning all age service on 24<sup>th</sup> December instead of the usual early evening time. Our Christmas Day service will be held at 10am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**Our website is available for everyone to visit at [uppinghamroadmethodist.org.uk](http://uppinghamroadmethodist.org.uk)**



## **WESLEY HALL**

### **Looking Back**

In May we had our annual Church Outing and this year we went to Skegness and lots of fun was had by all. In June the Moravian Congregation invited us to attend their Garden Party at the Moravian Settlement at Ockbrook. The weather managed to stay dry and we were made very welcome and it was a pleasure to meet up with past Moravian Ministers.

### **Looking Forward**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a Sankey Evening from 7.30pm – refreshments will be available. There will be no charge but a collection.



On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we are having a joint Fundraising event with the Moravian Congregation when we have a Jazz Band – further details will be circulated.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September is our Harvest Supper when we will enjoy Fish & Chips, followed by a Beetle Drive which is always a fun night enjoyed by both young and old. On Sunday we have our Harvest Festival conducted by Saidu. We will again have a small display of produce provided by the Stewards which will be divided between the Pre-School in the Community Centre and the Community of Grace and we will also have a collection for Charity.

Our 123<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary will be held on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October when we will welcome back Rev. Dr. David Palmer as our guest preacher. On the Saturday we have our Church At Home when we will enjoy supper followed by entertainment.



## **WIGSTON MAGNA**

**Greetings to you all.**

Last time we spoke we were planning for the Wigston History and Heritage Day in April. Now it is a distant memory but not forgotten because it was such a great day. We had representatives from the Family History Society; Greater Wigston Society; Civic Society and about 8 others. It was a great opportunity for us to welcome people into the Church who knew we were there but had not been inside the building. Elizabeth Ward and Bill Boulter worked hard searching the archives of our own society to show development of the past including the coming together of the two Wigston Churches. There were pho-

tograph albums and written documents and they hosted a display that was more than worthy of the event.

Our very own Guide company had their own important celebrations of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They hosted a coffee morning and as well as celebrating with a fabulous birthday cake, they managed to raise about £400 from their various stalls, which I believe is to be shared between the guides and the Church.

We now have our very own, new dais. After much searching to find what was available and to agree amongst ourselves what would be the most suitable, the chosen one has arrived. Do we like it? Well, that won't be established till it is up and in sight of all. To date we are still using the old one. Why? because nobody really wants to send it to the dump. Is this sentimentality or just folk not wanting to make a decision. Aren't committees fun. In all seriousness some in the church have worked very hard and taken decisions to get us so far and we are all looking forward to the next few weeks when we shall have this 'easily manoeuvred' furniture in place.

Looking to the future we are going to have many more important changes, as two circuits come together, new ministers arrive and we have to say goodbye to the ministers who are leaving. Our own minister and superintendent David Vale has served us well and we will be sad to see him go. He is retiring and we wish him a very happy retirement. We are sure he will find such pleasure in having more time to reflect and enjoy what the world has to offer. We wish him well in all that he undertakes. God bless you.

We were sorry to hear that David Willis will also be leaving us. We hope he finds a ministry that he loves and we wish him and Zoe well as their family expands. God be with you.

PS We are holding The Grand Wigston Show that will be bigger and better than last year, especially if you put the date in your diary and come along. Programmes are available now that will explain the day and explain how to enter your prize carrot, tomatoes, etc.

# GRAND WIGSTON SHOW

WIGSTON MAGNA METHODIST CHURCH

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE MAYOR AT 2PM

AWARDS PRESENTED BY MONICA WINFIELD FROM  
BBC RADIO LEICESTER AT 4PM

## VARIOUS CATEGORIES:

VEGETABLES, FRUIT, FLOWER ARRANGING, CAKES,

BOTTLED PRESERVES, PHOTOGRAPHY,

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&

ENTERTAINMENT



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## Prayer for Summertime



Loving God, Creator of all times and places,  
we thank you for the gift of summertime,  
the days of light, warmth and leisure.



Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:  
the multi-coloured flowers,  
the deep blue of the sky,  
the tranquil surface of lakes,  
the laughter of children at play,  
people strolling in park,  
families gathered around picnic tables and  
the increased time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,  
open our hearts to receive all as gift.

Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.

Help us to realize and appreciate that you are labouring  
to keep all in existence.

And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer  
deepen our awareness of you love  
so that we may share this with others and enjoy  
a summertime of re-creation.

Amen



## Blessings before the Summer Holidays



Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God. Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths. Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you. Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you. Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent. Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them. Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

### Lord God,

We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen



### A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

## STOP PRESS – CIRCUIT WEBSITE

CLT have agreed to a re-design of the Circuit website which will be carried out by ThenMedia who are also supplying the new plan making software.

It is intended to have a “News” page which will be your opportunity to tell the Circuit about special events at your church. Please send details to [webmaster@leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk) . A few interesting, topical, news stories will make a good start for our site. Stories don’t have to be long, no more than 100 -120 words otherwise it will be necessary to edit them, but they each need an accompanying photo or photos. Websites are looked at, not just read. Colourful pictures always help.

There will also be a “Galleries” page If you’ve got a number of photos from your local church events and want these adding to your website but don’t want to contribute a story to accompany them. We can create as many galleries as we want. The pictures will be grouped together so will need a title and an explanatory sentence or two.

The web address will remain unaltered –  
[www.leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk](http://www.leicestertrinitycircuit.org.uk)

Martin Briers web master.



# Some of the churches in the North Circuit



**Birstall**



**Claremont Street**



**Edgehill Road**

**Harrison Road**



**Syston.**

**Rothley is the other church in the circuit**