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Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 am
The Service includes **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of
the month

Dear Friends,

August seems to be an auspicious month for the Norwich Area United Reformed Churches; particularly the 1st weekend of the month. 12 months ago we celebrated Matt's ordination and induction, and then four years ago you called me to come and join the fledgling team here.

This year we have just called unanimously Revd Geoff Hewitt to come and join the Team and we hope that Geoff and Linda will move to Norwich sometime this autumn. The logistics of coming from Eire may take a little longer to sort out than a move within the mainland UK. A new team member and minister is an exciting prospect for of us all.

It has been quite a wait for a new member of the Team and at last we are nearly up to full strength. The spontaneous applause when the church meeting on 11th August was told that Geoff had accepted the call showed your pleasure at the news, and Liz, Matt and I are also very happy about the news.

This means that after 5 years we are nearly up to full strength as a Team of ordained/ commissioned leaders, that is very exciting and only God knows what that will mean for our mission and life across the 7 congregations. Yet this doesn't mean that all the issues we are facing will be resolved with Geoff's arrival. We will still have to look at our mission and life and how we work and relate together as 7 congregations

Of course welcoming someone new always involves challenges as we get to know them and they us. As we prepare to welcome Geoff and Linda there will be frustrations when things are going too slowly, there will be misunderstandings as we learn about each other's ways of working. There will be laughter, fun and social activities to enjoy, as well as sharing in worship and fellowship.

We look forward to the coming months with anticipation and realistic expectations and in the meantime we pray for Linda and Geoff as they prepare to leave their current home and for ourselves as we prepare to welcome them.

Alison

Celia Banton

Celia visited our church with her husband Frank a few times from the year 2000 when they were staying with us. They always found our church fellowship friendly and welcoming.

After Frank had died at the end of 2004 Celia eventually decided to move into the area and be near us . She already felt at home at Fairland and soon after she moved in 2007 she became a member.

She had been diagnosed with cancer at the same time as moving here so much of the four years she was with us were spent in receiving treatment for this. The church was so supportive to her and to us during this time and I know she was very grateful for all that support she was given. Whenever she could, she was happy to help with all our activities, especially with the meals and catering. We will miss her help on these occasions. She found it so hard to carry on without Frank but the church at Fairland gave her a focus for her life and she was beginning to find some measure of happiness when she found out that the cancer had taken a strong hold again and her condition was terminal. She died on July 5th.

We are sad to lose someone who became very much a part of our church's life for such a short time and we trust that she is now at peace and reunited with her beloved Frank.

Jennifer

July Community Lunch

We were grateful to Sheila for cooking a delicious meal in July. A profit of £217 was made (tickets, after expenses - £120.30; Bring and Buy - £53.70; Raffle - £43).

September and October Communion Collections

The charity chosen to receive these collections is 'Medecins Sans Frontieres' and the following information was taken from their website www.msf.org.uk



Médecins Sans Frontières MSF (Doctors Without Borders) is an independent humanitarian medical aid organisation that delivers emergency aid in more than 60 countries to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural or man-made disasters or exclusion from healthcare. We are committed to providing medical aid where it is most needed, regardless of race, religion, politics or gender and also to raising awareness of the plight of the people we help.

In emergencies and their aftermath, MSF rehabilitates and runs hospitals and clinics, performs surgery, battles epidemics, carries out vaccination campaigns, operates feeding centres for malnourished children and offers mental healthcare.

When needed, MSF also constructs wells, dispenses clean drinking water and provides shelter materials, such as blankets and plastic sheeting.

Through longer term programmes, MSF treats patients with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sleeping sickness and HIV/AIDS and provides medical and psychological care to marginalised groups, such as street children.

Founded by doctors and journalists in 1971, MSF is now a worldwide movement with offices in 19 countries and an international coordination office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Flower Rota
September / October

4 September	Jill Buckenham
11 September	Kathleen Crossman
18 September	Ann Sprules
25 September	Vacant
2 October	Horace Wilkinson

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Gifts of flowers from the Communion Table have been given to:

Tessa Brown; Margaret Coldham; Ken and Sheila Eaglen and Dorothy Evans.

Netta has received a 'thank you' card from Dorothy Evans, with the following message:

17 Fairland Court

Thank you very much indeed for the flowers and kind thoughts. I am very much better but having had pleurisy found the hill rather too much at present.

This Sunday I will be at my daughter's to celebrate my 90th birthday but hope to be back at church quite soon.

With best wishes

Dorothy

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(belated) **Happy Birthday** wishes to Dorothy from all of us at Fairland URC and also to Kenny who is celebrating a special birthday on 27th August.

Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning



**Tuesday 6th September
10am to 12 noon**

at Marion Roberts Court, Mill Road, Hethersett

All are welcome to come along and support our local Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning in Hethersett.

Coffees, teas and cakes will be on sale, together with a Bring and Buy stall, Tombola and Raffle - and there will be a chance to catch up with Shirley and John, who are hoping to be there for the morning.

See you there!

Shirley and John Adams would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes they have received on their move to Holt.

They are settling in well and say that they are almost ready to receive visitors - once all the holiday-makers have left Holt and it is quiet again!

Help needed please!

There are two events taking place in September for which we need help:

The first is the **Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride on 10th September**. We need to keep our church open during the day and have someone available to offer refreshments and sign sponsor forms. Please sign the rota if you can help - even if it is just for one hour.

The second event is the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Thursday **29th September**. Please see Ann Scott if you are able to help with serving coffee or looking after the bring and buy stall.

Thank you!

Cruise No. 2

It was the day of the Royal Wedding, but for Jane and me it was the start of another holiday together. The Cruise was so enjoyable last year we thought we'd go again. We had to be away from the house by 1am, but at least this time I didn't oversleep! But, knowing me, there was bound to be a hiccup. We were flying from Gatwick - a long journey at that time of the day. A call at the toilet while at the Airport was nearly disastrous - I'd left Jane with the luggage, but when I got back to her I suddenly discovered I'd left my handbag (all documents, money, etc. in it) in the loo! Jane made a quick dash and, thank goodness, someone was just about to hand it in to the attendant! How could I have been so careless??! However, we got on our way - a good flight - to Italy where a coach took us the 50 mile journey to the Port. There we joined our Cruise ship 'Mariner of the Seas' - Royal Caribbean International, an American owned ship with 3,650 people on board.

The next day we called at Naples, but we stayed on board as it was raining hard. There's always plenty to do while aboard, even a rock climbing wall, miniature golf and other sports, a well-equipped library, a huge gym, swimming pool, and lots of bars and lounges. We saw some really good shows in the theatre each night, ranging from singers, pianists and aerial acts.

Our next call was at Piraeus, a Greek Island, and we took a shuttle bus to some shops etc. At least it was fine there, very hot but also very windy. Israel was our next port of call - firstly at Haifa (North), where we took a local bus to a huge shopping centre - right up Mount Carmel.

The next day we were at Ashdod, in the South, and Jane hired a car and drove us right down to the Dead Sea (2½ hour drive) and we enjoyed a nice rest in the sunshine on the beach. Jane floated in the sea, but I didn't fancy it! On our way down to the Dead Sea (which is the lowest point on earth), we passed several little donkeys along the road-side - they seemed to be almost the same colour as the ground, so you could only just make them out. We also saw signs "Sink Holes" which we assumed were pot holes in the road, but no, it meant either side of the road were low rivers of floating salt—not a nice place to land in! We went via Be'er Shava to the Dead Sea and passed Mount Sodom. We saw a Magnesium Works which processes salt from the Dead Sea.

Another Greek Island was our next destination - Rhodes. We walked for

about 2 hours and into the Old Town - really old buildings and very interesting with quaint little shops. We really liked Rhodes. The sea was so clear and really blue.

Turkey (Kusadasi) was next on the list but we didn't stay very long there as it was so hilly and a bit difficult to walk.

Chania, Crete, was our next stopping place. We went into the City by bus, but not to stay too long as we had to set sail again by 2.30pm. We saw quite a lot of snow on the mountains.

Our last day on the Cruise was spent at sea. At the evening meal it was quite sad saying goodbye to all the lovely people we'd met—we were on a table of 12 - 3 couples from America, 2 people from Jersey and 2 from Norway. Part of a holiday is getting to meet new people and to make friends and to have a good laugh. In some of the correspondence we were given, we learned that one couple on board was having their 51st cruise! And with the same company! It also pointed out that most people on a 7-day cruise could expect to gain 7 lbs in weight. I was quite pleased to find that I'd put on just 4 lbs, and we were away for 11 days!

Our ship came to the rescue of some people in trouble on a yacht one night - lucky we happened to be nearby. During our travels on shore I was really surprised to see so many beautiful Rose Gardens, also lovely road-side trees in such lovely colours of pink, red and deep purple.

It was so good to be on holiday and to enjoy all the different scenes and experiences, but still very nice to come home. A lot of happy memories.

Madeleine

Psalm Pilgrimage

Sunday 2nd October

This social event is being arranged by Trinity URC and our own church, as it is our turn to organise something to which people of all the 7 churches are invited. Details are still being finalised but the afternoon will begin at Trinity URC from 12 noon onwards and finish at Fairland URC. Many interesting activities are planned, based on the Psalms, and it promises to be a good afternoon! **Everyone** is welcome to come along. Please look out for further information in our weekly notices.

The Bible in Voice and Verse

A special concert of words and music

2011 is the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. In addition to shaping the way we speak and providing a handbook for Christian worship it has also inspired vast amounts of music, in hymns, anthems, spirituals and oratorios.

Skilled concert trio “**In Voice and Verse**” tell the story of Genesis to Revelation using the words of the King James Bible interspersed with the famous pieces of music which those words inspired. The music will include excerpts from Haydn's ‘Creation’, Handel's ‘Messiah’, Mendelssohn’s ‘Oh for the Wings of a Dove’ and several modern compositions.

Actor Lance Pierson is an experienced Bible performer, singer Belinda Yates is a member of the Monteverdi Choir and Heather Chamberlain is an accomplished pianist and teacher. The trio have performed at venues across the country including the National Gallery, the Buxton Festival and Durham Cathedral.

Saturday 10th September, 7.30pm
Wymondham Abbey

Tickets £7, under-16s £3

available from The Book Fountain and Wymondham Abbey shop.
More info Barbara Randall 01953 601939.

Items for inclusion in **October** newsletter (to be available on 25 September) should be given to Ann Scott **by 18 September please.**

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Preaching Plan September/October

4 September	Revd Alison Davis
11 September	Mr Mike Griffin (Leprosy Mission)
18 September	Mr Clifford Davidson
25 September	Mr Steve Dawson
2 October	Miss Vicki Brown

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

September

1 September (2-4pm)	'Musicalitea' (Fairland Hall)
2 September (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
5 September (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
6 September (10-12)	Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning (Marion Roberts Court, Hethersett)
7 September (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
9 September (10-12)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
10 September	Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride
12 September (7-8.30pm)	'Sacred Space' (Church Centre)
16 September (12.30pm)	Community Lunch (Fairland Hall)
19 September (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
21 September (7pm)	Church Meeting (Church Lounge)
23 September (10-12)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
24 September (10-2)	TWAM Coffee Morning (Jessopp Rd URC)
26 September (2.30pm)	Singing Group (Church Centre)
29 September (10-12)	Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

2 October	Psalm Pilgrimage (see p9)
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