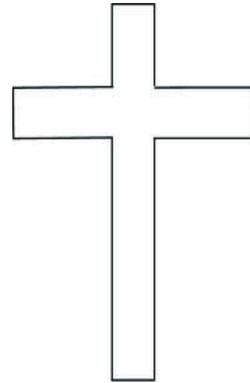




# KEMPSTON METHODISTS NEWSLETTER



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Love in a box

Dear Friends

When Amos asked me to write this letter the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes had just been collected and he suggested that I tell you about them.

For the last few years our local organiser has been Belinda but she retired last year and her place has been taken, with some trepidation, by two friends Lynn and Margot who live in Olney. During the last two or three years a warehouse was made available at Twinwoods for sorting and storing the shoeboxes, however that was quite a long way to go from Olney so Lynn was trying to find a warehouse nearer to home but with no luck. One morning they had a meeting and decided that they would have to use Twinwoods when an email came through offering a warehouse in Olney followed by another five minutes later saying that the warehouse at Twinwoods was no longer available after all. Lynn said that at that moment they knew that God was with them in their new venture.

In November, when the boxes were collected, 61 were sent from Kempston East and over 30 from Kempston West and this year





year these have gone to Serbia. In total 4800 shoeboxes have were sent from North Bedfordshire which is the area Lynn and Margot cover.

Every year information is sent about some of the recipients of the shoeboxes and also about the work that Samaritan's Purse are doing in countries around the world helping those who are not able to help themselves. As they say, the mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world and, together with the local Church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

So, thank you to all of you who filled shoeboxes, gave gifts and also money to send the boxes on their way. Over the years, between us, we must have made Christmas brighter and happier for hundreds of children.

May God bless you

Ann Stevenson

***The following names were in the prayer book recently at East:***

Margaret Kettle's brother Henry who is unwell. Baby Ryan who is having major heart surgery .

***Please continue to pray for these people and situations.***

Psalms 19: 7-9

'The law of the Lord is perfect; it gives new strength'

Lord of all truth and wisdom, we lift to you everyone working in schools, colleges and all education establishments. Please encourage Christian students, teachers and others who week to be light and salt through their words and actions. Amen.





## Recording of Services at East

For many years we have recorded Sunday services onto a cassette tape and copies have been delivered to those who are housebound or unwell. All credit to Vic Howard's foresight and care for others when he started this.

For some time the copier has been problematic so we have been looking at alternatives. We now plan to record Sunday services and the Circuit magazine onto a compact disc (CD) and copy onto CDs. We will contact our regular listeners to check what equipment they have or need, to play CDs. Once listened to, the CDs will need to be returned for re-use.

The new copying equipment and set up costs are being met by a very generous donation from Rosemary Rowe and family, in John's memory. John very much appreciated the tapes we recorded and we are very grateful for this gift, which will benefit many more people in the future. Installation is hoped to be within the next few weeks.

Keith Mayhew & Andy Judd

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## Church Cleaning at East

I am pleased to say that Jenny and Brian Cook have offered to take on the weekly cleaning of the Beginners and Fellowship Rooms and on behalf of the Church I would like to thank them very much for agreeing to do this work. I would also like to express our thanks to Win and Ted Roberts for the carrying out this duty until recently and trust that Ted's health will quickly improve.

## Piano

The Property Committee has decided to dispose of the Beginners Room piano. It has not been tuned for some time and will require attention but if anyone would be interested in having the piano, please speak to Michael Stevenson. There will be no charge but you will be expected to arrange for removal of the piano.

Michael Stevenson





We welcome you to our churches today.  
Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after  
the service.

The Prayer Team will be in the west porch  
after the morning service at East - please  
drop in if you would like someone to pray  
with you.

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Sunday 3 February

10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Mr Geoff Talbot

10.30 am Morning Worship at West: Mr Brian Cook

Tuesday 5 February

2.00 pm-3.30pm Prayer Fellowship at West

2.30 pm Tuesday Fellowship at Ladyslaude Court

7.30 pm Wesley Guild at East: - Diane Love

Wednesday 6 February

6.00, 6.30, 7.15, 7.45 pm Girls Brigade at West

7.30 pm ALPHA COURSE at East

8.00 pm Bible Study Group

Thursday 7 February

6.30 pm Anchor Boys and Junior BB at East

Friday 8 February

9.30 - 11.30 am Parents and Toddlers at East

7.00 pm Boys Brigade Company Section at East

7.30 pm Choir practice at East

Sunday 10 February

10.30 am Morning Worship at East: Mr Glynne Rowlands

10.30 am Morning Worship at West: Mr David Meade

6.00 pm AWAKE Service at East: Mr John Ayers

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The organ music following this morning's service at East is:  
Tuba Tune in D Major C S Lang

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Items for next week's Newsletter to Cilla Talbot  
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