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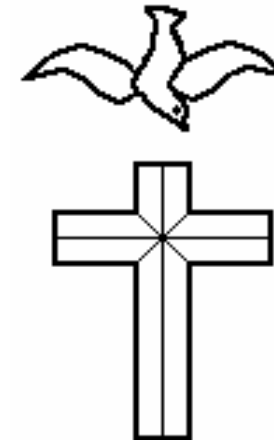
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# SHALOM

**The Magazine  
of Eastgate Union Church, Louth  
(Baptist and United Reformed)**

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

|                |              |  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>  | 10.00am      | Prayer Meeting in the Lounge   |
|                | 10.20am      | Praise led by the Music Group  |
|                | 10.30am      | Worship; + Little Lambs ( <i>crèche</i> ), Sheep, Seeds,<br>Fishers ( <i>3-12</i> ), Branches ( <i>teens</i> )<br>Communion 3rd Sunday |
| <b>Monday</b>  | 7.00pm       | Craft Circle, in the Moody Lounge  |
|                | 7.00pm       | The Alpha Course - at Café All Seasons   |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | 10.15am      | Tuesday Bible Study Group - Lounge   |
|                | 7.30pm       | Housegroup at Terrain Rise, Church Lane, Keddington  |
|                | 7.30pm       | Elders' Meeting ( <i>1st Tue</i> )   |
| <b>Wed.</b>    | 10 - 12 noon | Coffee Morning in the Moody Lounge<br>"Sunbeams" (Mums & Tots) in the Church Hall  |
|                | 7.30pm       | Prayer Meeting in the Church   |
|                | 7.30pm       | Church Meeting ( <i>4th Wed alternate months</i> )   |
|                | 7.30pm       | Housegroup at Mallards, Main Road, Great Carlton   |
| <b>Thu</b>     | 1.00-3.00pm  | EGU Baby & Toddler Group   |
|                | 7.30pm       | Housegroup - 50 Alexander Drive  |
|                | 7.30pm       | Housegroup - <i>venues as announced</i>  |
| <b>Fri</b>     | 4.30pm       | Rainbows   |
|                | 6.00pm       | Brownies   |
|                | 7.30pm       | Worship Group in the Church  |



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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

God calls us to be a Worshipping, Caring, Growing Family,  
committed to following and serving our Lord Jesus Christ.



## From our Minister



Dear Friends,

I was recently listening to a number of unemployed folk speaking on the radio about their struggles to find work and the impact on their relationships with family and friends. It was a very moving experience. However it struck me that, whilst it was right to feel compassion towards these people, it is not enough! The Church in this nation has a history of fulfilling its potential in some of the most challenging circumstances, and it would seem we are in a time when the Good News of Jesus will touch lives in a very powerful way.

It is important as followers of Jesus that we walk around life with our eyes and hearts open to all that is happening in the world around us. Like the Church in Acts 2, we need to make sure that no-one in the fellowship is left to struggle alone and we need to extend God's extravagant generosity to all who are our neighbours. We need to be praying for all our relationships, praying for protection from the impact of financial pressures and uncertainty for future security. We need to be praying for and practically supporting those who run their own businesses and carry the responsibility for employing others. We need to pray for those who support people going through worrying times, and we need to be praying for wisdom for our leaders as they respond to the great challenges that have caused recent events to unfold in the way that they have.

The Good News of Jesus has everything to do with how we respond to the events shaping the world today, it is the most relevant factor for shaping a response that will bring about true and lasting transformation. The cross isn't just for our individual benefit and security, it is the demonstration of God's love for His world. It is essential that we embrace all that is available to us through Jesus and to share it with those around us who are experiencing great fear and uncertainty. This is what the Church has always done best.

Exciting and terrifying times are ahead and we have the many promises of Jesus to guide us through them!

God Bless,  
*Chris*

The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this:  
to do what is just, to show constant love,  
and to live in humble fellowship with our God. *Micah 6:8 GNB*

## Calendar for November

|     |      |                |  |
|-----|------|----------------|--|
| Tue | 1st  | 7.30pm         | Elders' Meeting  |
| Fri | 4th  |                | Churches Together Market Stall in the Cornmarket   |
| Sun | 6th  | 10.30am        | Worship led by Caroline Isherwood,<br>Preacher Rev. Chris Ray  |
| Wed | 9th  | 7.30pm         | Start of Course on Introduction to Eastgate Audio<br>Visual - led by Peter Hill  |
| Sat | 12th | 10.00am        | EMBA Association Day in Leicester  |
| Sun | 13th | <b>11.15am</b> | <b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:</b><br>Worship led by Rev. Chris Ray<br><i>(Please note later time to avoid War Memorial Service)</i> |
| Thu | 17th | 2 - 4 pm       | Prayer Vigil in the Baptistry Chapel   |
| Sat | 19th | 10.00am        | Winter Fayre   |
| Sun | 20th | 10.30am        | Communion Service: Worship led by Seith Grierson,<br>Preacher Rev. Chris Ray   |
|     |      | 3.00pm         | Service to remember those who have died on our roads<br>- at Central Methodist Church, Lincoln                               |
| Wed | 23rd | 7.30pm         | Church Meeting   |
| Fri | 25th | 7.30pm         | Worship Leaders' Meeting   |
| Sun | 27th | 10.30am        | <b>ADVENT SUNDAY:</b><br>Youth Service led by Jo Morris and the Young People   |

All material for the **COMBINED DECEMBER & JANUARY MAGAZINE** needs to be with the Editor by **Sunday 20th November** at the very latest please.

So in the next few weeks don't forget to think ahead as to what you might want folk to know about in January as well as December!

### Minister's Diary

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 1st   | Elders' Meeting                                  |
| 4-5th | The Global Leadership Summit at<br>Scunthorpe    |
| 12th  | EMBA Day   |
| 22nd  | Lincs Baptist Ministers'<br>Gathering at Lincoln |
| 23rd  | Church Meeting                                   |
| 25th  | Worship Leaders' Meeting                         |
| 30th  | Meeting with Mentor in Lincoln                   |

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| *     | <b>Flower Rota for</b>           | *     |
| *     | <b>November</b>                  | *     |
| *     |                                  | *     |
| *     | 6th Mim Atkin &                  | *     |
| *     | Joyce Kidd                       | *     |
| *     |                                  | *     |
| *     | 13th <i>(Remembrance Sun)</i>    | *     |
| *     | 20th Connie Robinson             | *     |
| *     |                                  | *     |
| *     | 27th <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> | *     |
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**Winter Fayre**



**Saturday 19th November**  
**from 10am**

**Variety of stalls**  
**Morning Coffee/Tea**  
**Lunches served from 12 noon**


**The Withern singers**  
 Present  
**“JESUS FOLK”**  
**at Louth Methodist Church**  
**Wednesday 2nd November**  
**at 7.30pm**

Tickets at the door  
**NOT TO BE MISSED!**  
 Supporting The Samaritans

In connection with the **Winter Fayre** Social Committee will be glad to receive items for the cake/preserve stall and any unwanted gifts and toiletries. A box will be provided in the Church vestibule from the end of October for non-perishable items.

There is also a list in the Church Hall requesting volunteers for various tasks including making cakes and deserts. If you can help please sign up or speak to a member of the Social Committee.

Social Committee are not collecting books or Bric-a-Brac this year as these stalls are being run by others, i.e. Seona Biggs, a volunteer from the Hospice Shop, is bringing books; and Judith Herbert, with the help of Beryl Walters, is doing Bric-a-Brac. If you have any items suitable for either of these stalls you could give them to the people concerned either Friday or Saturday.

**A Community Remembering...** 

*A Service to remember those who have died on our roads and to give thanks for the work of the emergency services*

**3pm Sunday 20th November**  
**Central Methodist Church,**  
**High Street, Lincoln**

This Service has now become an annual event, and is part of Churches Together in All Lincolnshire’s commitment to support road safety in our county, and by our prayers to work to help lessen the toll of people killed or badly injured on Lincolnshire’s roads each year.

CTAL are pleased to confirm that the new Bishop of Lincoln wishes to continue in the tradition which was started by Bishop John Saxby of the “blessing of the gritters”, which is much appreciated by the men who go out in icy and snowy weather to keep our roads open and safe.

**News of the Family**

*Congratulations...*  
 ...to **Jo & Mary Moore** who celebrated their *65th Wedding Anniversary* on 12th October!

...and to **Chris Irwin**, son of **Carol & David Irwin**, who will be marrying **Gayle MacAlece** on Friday 11th November at Ewell Court House, Epsom in Surrey. We offer them our best wishes and prayers for their future together.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Rita & Bryan Mills** on the death of Rita’s brother-in-law from lung cancer.


It was wonderful to see **Walter and Hannah** and their three children recently.

**Pauline Schawalder** has now returned to Australia for our winter months. We look forward to seeing her again once the summer returns to our shores.

Please continue to pray for **Nereina & Jay** as they continue to prepare for their wedding next year. We give thanks to God that Jay has now been offered a job locally.

Please continue to remember *those unable to join us regularly* for worship: Iris Parrish, Hugh Pinkney and Paul White.

**Birthday Greetings for November**

|      |                |  |      |                |
|------|----------------|--|------|----------------|
| 1st  | Graham Dilks   |  | 19th | Hugh Pinkney   |
| 2nd  | Janet Riley    |  | 26th | Paul Wingfield |
| 6th  | Anne McCready  |  |      | Sharon White   |
| 10th | Dorothy Ingham |  | 29th | Jo Moore       |
| 13th | Joan Cook      |  |      | Marilyn Machin |

Bethany Ray  
 Diana Gash

**Special Offers**

**The Baptist Times** is currently running some special subscription offers:  
 Free: 6 months’ subscription worth £26.50  
 (when you pay by direct debit, print edition only)

or Free: 3 bible Study DVDs featuring Joni Eareckson Tada  
 or Save: 30% discount with online subscription (cost only £20 per year)

Further details on the Church Notice Board. Or see Carol Irwin

## The Alpha Course

Alpha has always been an exciting part of the life of our fellowship and our new Course is no exception.

This time round we are trying something a little different! We have decided to move off site and will be running the course at the "All Seasons" Café. So there are two outstanding reasons to come along, and to invite others to participate in the Alpha course: firstly to embark on a thrilling exploration of the Christian faith and, secondly, to enjoy some excellent coffee and cake!



A second change to our usual approach is that we will run it in two parts, taking a break over Christmas and resuming in the New Year. The course will start on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and will run until mid-December.

### Alpha Course Schedule:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 31st October  | Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant? |
| 7th November  | Who Is Jesus?                                |
| 14th November | Why Did Jesus Die?                           |
| 21st November | How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?               |
| 28th November | Why and How Should I Read My Bible?          |
| 5th December  | Why and How Do I Pray?                       |
| 12th December | How Does God Guide Us?                       |

The Course will resume on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## Even the BBC aren't perfect....

*Peter Hill*

Many will remember the Wimbledon finals earlier this year, with Sue Barker interviewing the winning finalist. Halfway through she had to call for a second radio microphone because the one she had was failing, and even then with two it was a bit intermittent. Later in the year, at the end of the "Last Night of the Proms", the conductor was making his traditional address to the audience (and the world!) when his radio microphone failed. We saw a lad in black creeping into view to hand him a new one. Even then it didn't work until someone remembered to change channels.

Why all this? Well even the BBC can get it wrong, as we all do now and again. This is an appeal for more people to join the team operating the EGU "technical stuff" from week to week. But since we are all subject to such problems, don't be afraid that anyone will shout at you if it goes astray - you are

## New Wine 2012

A number of us already attend Skegness Spring Harvest at Easter time. But there are other very good Christian Events taking place at other times in the summer months too.

Caroline Isherwood suggests "New Wine":

Booking is now open and discounts are available for early booking.

The dates are 28<sup>th</sup> July - 3rd August 2012.

The website is [www.new-wine.org](http://www.new-wine.org)

She says: Paul & I have booked already (cost £122 each with the discount). The cost is the same whether or not you stay on site.

I have put Eastgate as my "home Church" - I believe that if anyone else books and does that we would be allotted campsites near to each other - which amplifies the fellowship!

If anyone wants to book but needs help I am happy to oblige.

## Suicide Intervention Skills

On September 29/30 I completed the ASIST workshop in suicide first aid. This means that if anyone tries to commit suicide I have the skills to help them choose life. ASIST is an internationally recognised training course. Lincolnshire NHS sponsored it as they recognise the need in this area.

So please contact me, or go through the web site to reach a trained helper, if you should meet this need.

*Sue Litterick*

## EMBA Association Day - Saturday 12th November

@ Friar Lane & Braunstone BC, Leicester

10am - 3.30pm

### "In Christ Alone"

Although Dr. Steve Brady, Principle of Moorlands College, who was to have been the keynote Speaker, has had to withdraw, the Day will still go ahead as planned, and some really inspiring Speakers from the EMBA have been found to replace him.

So in the morning session, Rev. Anne Davies will speak on

**"Christ centred Church"**

and Rev. Richard Webb (who came to our Church to speak on Spiritual Warfare in the Spring), will speak in the afternoon session on

**"Christ honouring discipleship"**

The day will also include a Workshop led by Rev. Diane Tidball on

**"Christ inspired leadership"**

Those attending will need a packed lunch, but drinks will be provided.

This promises to be a very inspiring day - it would be good if some of our number can attend. Talk to Heather or Seith if you are interested.

## ***Just Stay***

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. “Your son is here,” she said to the old man.

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient’s eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man’s limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so he could sit beside the bed.

All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lit ward, holding the old man’s hand and offering his words of love and strength. Occasionally the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises in the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tent, the laughter of the night staff exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held on tightly to his son all through the night.

Towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

“Who was that man?” he asked.

The nurse was startled. “He was your father,” she answered.

“No he wasn’t,” the Marine replied. “I never saw him before in my life.”

“Then why didn’t you say something when I took you to him?”

“I knew right away that there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son and his son just wasn’t here. When I realised that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed. I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was killed in Iraq and I was sent to inform him. What was this gentleman’s name?”

The nurse, with tears in her eyes answered, “Mr. William Grey...”

**We never know where or when God will need us.**

**The next time someone needs you... just be there. Stay.**

following in BBC tradition. If you can work your hi-fi at home, or write a letter and send a photograph to a friend from your computer, you could do it too.

The plan is to have one general introductory session, covering what "stuff" we have and broadly what it does. This is aimed at everyone interested, and particularly those involved in preparing worship or other meetings. Subsequent sessions will cover each part in more detail, and will be aimed at those wishing to have a go at operating. Again don't worry - you would not be thrown into it without some practice with a more experienced person.

It would be an advantage (but not essential) if those joining had a laptop computer they could bring along, running Windows XP, Vista or 7. The present plan is to do it on Wednesday evenings, starting 9th November at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in, please send an e-mail to **audiovisual@eastgateunion.com** or put your name on the list on the hall notice board, where you can also see an outline of the sessions in a bit more detail.

## **Recordings of Sunday Services**

*Peter Hill*

For several years now we have been providing recordings of Services on request. The initial understanding was that these were for members and friends who were perhaps sick or away and unable to attend on a particular Sunday. There was also a hope that the valuable teaching going on at EGU would get a wider circulation.

More recently some of the recordings have been used to support house-group meetings, focussing specifically on the sermon.

While the team of operators is very happy to support all of these objectives, the editing process for a full Service is quite lengthy, as we try to edit out things like external traffic noise and internal bumps and bangs, as well as extended periods of silence where they are not relevant to, say, a prayer. Sometimes we even have to squeeze the whole thing to fit on a standard CD of 80 minutes.

It would be very helpful for planning future activities along these lines to know clearly in advance what content is needed in a requested recording, and whether it is for a single usage (and will then get thrown away) or whether there is an intention to use it for wider circulation. At one time the Church web-site carried a number of sermons from Chris, but this was not continued. This could be a more efficient way of getting the message across, allowing anyone to hear the content whether alone or in a group, but whether it would be more effective seems uncertain.

Please comment via any of the Elders if you have any feelings on this.

## Our New Organ

Although everything is now in place for our new organ, the organ which you will have seen and heard Peter Maddison play over the last month is in fact just a *temporary* instrument, kindly loaned to us by the organ company as the one we ordered is now weeks behind schedule! We hope and pray that our own organ will arrive very soon.

Many thanks to **Thanks**  
all who attended

### *the Slave Auction*

on 22nd October, especially to those who helped in the kitchen, and all those who "bought a slave for a day". Well over £300 was raised towards Gambia Trip 2012.

## Welcome & Farewell

We offer a warm welcome to new clergy in Louth:  
**Father Younger** is the new Roman Catholic Priest;  
and **Barbara & Bernard Snook** are the new Salvation Army Captains.  
Please remember them in your prayers as they settle into new situations.

Meanwhile, **Rev. Stephen Holdaway** held his last Service in St. James' as Rector of the Team Parish of Louth at the beginning of October. He has now retired and moved to live in Horncastle. Please remember the Anglicans in your prayers as they are currently very short of clergy in the Louth area.

## A Passion Play for Louth - *Easter 2012*

It is good to report that this is now provisionally going ahead. A good amount of interest has been expressed and a number of folk have volunteered to take on various technical roles.



Currently, however, most of those involved are from Louth Methodist Church - Peter is keen to see people coming forward from other Churches too.

Unfortunately the Riverhead Theatre is fully booked for the Easter period, but schools are being explored as possible venues.

The present plan is to hold auditions in January, with rehearsals commencing by the end of that month.

The aim is not a "pageant" type production with a big cast, but rather a small experienced cast to present the Gospel.

If you would like to know more, or would like to help in any way, please contact Peter Maddison

about the Samaritan woman and how Jesus had spent quality time with her despite her shameful past, thus enabling her to experience His offer of new life and living water. I explained that, although they were in prison for wrongs committed, Jesus had sent me to tell them that they were important to Him too. I had to pray for each woman personally at the end and the Lord gave me encouraging words and prayers for each one. It was just so amazing to see the Lord at work in their lives.

I had the privilege of speaking in various other Churches and housegroups as well as personal counselling. I had a very busy three weeks, but a time of feeling very fulfilled as I observed the Lord bringing changing people's lives.

## News from Jonathan & Robynn

Dear Eastgate family,

Thank you for your loving care and prayers for our family. As you know we were blessed recently to return home to the USA to have our second child, Jonathan Jr., born on June 15, 2011. He is such a joy to us, now smiling, rolling over and starting to sleep better at night. Jadyann (nearly 4 years old now) has thoroughly enjoyed her new role as big sister. She often asks, "Why are there two Jonathan's in the family?" To which we respond, "Because we love what that name means - gift of God!"

During our time home, Robynn has had some health issues after the birth and is now dealing with a condition called TMJ, due to stress and other causes which gives her severe pain daily. She is working with a doctor and dentist to sort this out, and hopes to have her health back soon so we can return to Asia. Please keep her and our whole family in your prayers.

We are in the first stage of culture and language learning in Asia and have spent nearly a year already overseas. When we return we will be going back to our studies and do hope to pick up where we left off. In our time there we have made many friends and have seen the Father's hand in bringing us the right people to help us understand how to relate to people in our country. It is our hope and joy to continue to learn language and culture so when the time is right we will be able to share the good news. Several of our friends have already shown interest and we are encouraged with their desire to know more. Please pray for the people of our country to embrace the truth to the glory of God.

We would love to hear from you and know how to pray for you too! Our email is [jonathanandrobynn@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanandrobynn@gmail.com)

## Sharing the Good News in Ecuador

**Phyllis Bartup's brother, Rev. Clive Jones** (Pastor of Staplehurst Free Church, Kent), **writes:**

Thank you all so much for your preparedness to pray for me while I was away. It is good to be labourers together in God's Kingdom.

In 2006 I was invited to Ecuador to speak to the Latin Link team missionary conference held over a period of five days at a Christian conference centre on the coast at a town called Atacamas. A missionary lady from our church in Staplehurst had been working in Santo Domingo, a three hour drive down the Andes Mountains from Quito the capital which is 3500 metres above sea level.

I combined that conference with a three week visit to the area where a missionary lady from my Church was working, with other the missionaries were working and, in particular, the opportunity to observe the ministry my own Church member was having amongst deaf people for whom no real provision is made in that country. She worked at a school for profoundly deaf children established by a Christian church in Santo Domingo but also founded a clinic for deaf people who could not afford to purchase hearing aids for themselves because they were very poor and such instruments were outside of their price range.

Analogue hearing aids from the UK are being donated to assist in this work and I took out a large number on my recent trip to hand over once again to the people now operating that deaf clinic.

On my first visit to Ecuador an Ecuadorian pastor, Xavier, had been present with his wife and family and he had been particularly moved when I ministered to the group on the subject of the "Father Heart of God". As a result, having received a real sense of healing from the Lord concerning the painful past he had experienced as a result of abusive treatment at the hands of his own father, he asked me to return this year to speak to his own Church on the same subject.

He arranged two weekend conferences, one for men and the other for women at which he asked me to bring the same teaching; and over those two weekends I preached seven times with interpretation each weekend! It was wonderful to see the healing the Lord brought to many troubled lives where people had suffered difficulties in their family upbringing which had profoundly affected their understanding of the Father heart of God and how close He wanted to be with them in personal relationship.

I also was invited to preach to a group of fifty inmates of Quito's ladies prison where most are incarcerated because of drug related crimes, although I did meet two ladies imprisoned for murdering their abusive husbands. I spoke



## Shoe Box Appeal

The local Churches in Louth and District are once again helping with this Appeal which is arranged by the Rotary Clubs and "The Leader" local newspaper. Local schools will also be involved.



The object is to fill special boxes to provide gifts for children and families in Eastern Europe who live in very poor circumstances. Very moving reports have been received from places where so many are living in unbelievable poverty of what it has meant to thousands of children and adults to receive a box last year. One of these boxes is usually the only gift the person received in a year and it brings so much joy.

All you have to do is to obtain one of the boxes, on which is printed all the details of the recommended contents; you fill it for either a child or an adult, fasten it up, and attach a £1 coin to the outside of the box to pay towards the huge transport costs. Then deliver it back to our Church by **Sunday 13th November**, or to the Louth Leader office in Little Eastgate by **Monday 14th November**. Please help, as it is a small thing we can all do for someone else.

*John Barker*

**The Rotary Shoebox Scheme** started in 1994 when boxes of gifts were sent at Christmas to children in the city of Lasi, Romania.

Since then, the scheme has grown throughout Britain and Ireland and tens of thousands of boxes have since been sent to children and families in many countries in Eastern Europe.

The main distribution times are still at Christmas and Easter, but deliveries are made throughout the year as required.

Countries that have benefited have included: Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania, Kosovo and Croatia.

The local Rotary Club arranges for the return of the filled boxes to a Warehouse. The Rotary Shoebox Scheme Trustees then arrange delivery either overland or by sea container to the children and families. Rotarians and/or their representatives in the country or receipt then supervise the distribution.

For up-to-date information and pictures, visit their website:

**[www.shoebox.rotary1280.org](http://www.shoebox.rotary1280.org)**

John Barker apologises that this scheme has been rather late getting under way this year, so we only have a couple of weeks to fill the boxes. EGU has a supply of **40 boxes** - hopefully we shall manage to fill all of them. So please help yourself to a box from the back of the Church, fill it, and return it to Church, or straight to the Leader Office.

## WHO'S WHO AT EGU

### *Age*

44

### *Your immediate family*

Husband Jean Claude, sons Timothy & Elliot

### *Your background?*

Brought up in South Shropshire, lived in London for 18 years, and Portugal for 7 years

### *What brought you to Louth?*

Our children's education; and to be close to our UK family

### *How long have you lived in Louth?*

Almost 2 years

### *Your job*

I have a very colourful C.V.!

### *Spare time interests*

Family, food, travel and reading

### *Favourite books*

Anything to do with pathology, thrillers!

### *Favourite films*

"The Green Mile", "Shawshank Redemption", "Footloose"

### *Favourite TV Programmes*

News 24, The X Factor, Master Chef

### *When did you first come to faith in Christ?*

Age 19, through my flatmate in London

### *Favourite Bible Passages*

Psalms 121, The Book of Nehemiah (I can't wait to chat to him in heaven!)

### *Favourite hymns*

My Redeemer lives, How great Thou art

### *When did you first start to attend EGU?*

In January 2010

### *How long have you been a member?*



**Elaine Chafour**

Accepted at the July 2011 Church Meeting and soon to be welcomed in during a Communion Service

### *Why did you first start coming to EGU?*

The teaching and diversity of people - so many children!

### *Where can we meet you in our fellowship?*

Sunday Morning Worship, Mums & Toddlers, Tuesday Housegroup

### *What jobs do you do in our Church?*

Leader Mums and Toddlers on a Thursday afternoon

## Churches Together in Louth & District



For many months now Churches Together have been seeking a new **Secretary**. We are so grateful to **Lesley Dover**, from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, who has just agreed to take on this role.

Many thanks to all of you (all four of you, that is!) who took the trouble to fill in a **questionnaire** giving your views on Ecumenical Lent Study Groups and what we should do on Good Friday. I collated the information and took it with me to the Churches Together Meeting at the beginning of October. However, as it turned out, EGU were the only Church so far to have expressed any opinion at all!

*Heather Grierson*

## Food for thought

So far today, I'm doing all right.  
I haven't gossiped, lost my temper,  
been greedy, grumpy or selfish.  
I haven't whined, complained or  
eaten any chocolate.  
But I will get out of bed soon  
and I think I will really need  
Your help then.

*Contributed by Irene & John Swaby*

## Joe's Joke of the Month



The choir was practising the anthem. The Choirmaster said to the trebles,  
"Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The gates of hell,'  
you all come in."