

The Link

Between you and

Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church



Editor's Note

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this rather smaller issue of The Link which is due unfortunately to circumstances beyond my control.

The deadline for the February/March issue is **Monday 16th January.**

Please either post items to me, Ron Chidwick, or send by email

To: thelink@hocklyhawkwellmethodist.org.uk

Here is a QR Code link to our Church Web Site.



Message from the Manse

A few weeks ago, I was invited to speak to the Wesley Guild at Rayleigh, reflecting on the youth work that I have been and continue to do. It made me realise that I've been doing it for quite some time now, 30 years ago I became a BB Officer at one church, and I was also running a church youth group at our own church with Caroline.

While we were at conference in 2015, I walked towards Jessica, who was talking to Megan the then Youth President, and I heard her say, "My dad will help at 3Generate", and she turned to me and said "won't you dad?" so I did.

I think I have probably told you about the amazing experience I had working at 3Generate 2015, and seeing all our amazing young people in the Methodist Church, all 600 of them. This year there will be 800 young people, with 11 going from Hockley and one leader (Merle Kebbell), and Caroline Warrey and Pat Norman from Rayleigh. This year they have me running the stewarding team. So pray for us all over the weekend of 23rd-25th November, as we and 800 young people from the Methodist Church have a great time, thinking about the future of our church.

A few weekends ago we had Tim Annan, the Methodist Youth President visiting our circuit and staying with us in the manse. This is the second visit we have hosted for a Youth President. On Friday evening, he visited the new Fusion children's group at Benfleet. Saturday lunch was at Highlands who were celebrating their 90th Anniversary. He even got interviewed by Peter Holmes from BBC Radio Essex. Following a quick tour of the highlights of Southend he joined the young people at Hockley Methodists for an evening of music, puppets, conversation and Pizza. Conversations were mainly around the 3Generate Manifestos. Take a look at <http://tinyurl.com/j4whgzh>.

Sunday morning he joined me at Trinity where we were able to tell the congregation, the children and their children & youth workers about 3Generate and try to encourage them to send some children next year. I do hope Rayleigh can send some children next year. Sunday afternoon was the main event at the Megacentre in Rayleigh, and Tim led a session for our young people, between fun and laser games on challenging them planning their own activities. It was great to spend the weekend with Tim, and we are very fortunate to have him as our youth president.

One of the things I have been reflecting on recently is what my dream church would be like, and it's not all about the youth! My dream church would have all ages in it. From the babies in the crèche to the great, great, great grandmothers. I love our big events, parties and messy church, big services when we are all

together. I love it when the young people take responsibility for things, and I love it when our older people help them. I still have a fond memory from Rayleigh of our 97 year old Joan sitting on the same table as the toddlers and enjoying the colouring in. One church family all working together – my dream of a church.

Paul writes in Ephesians 5:1-2: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Let's keep working on becoming this big church family all working together. Our church families are many and varied, from mums and toddlers to pre-schools, a community church, scouts and guiding; we just need to find the best ways and the best times to connect and have fun and learn together, work together and worship together. To do this let us imitate God, let us love and let us forgive, let us sacrifice our lives for a better life, a life as a child of God, a life as one of his kingdom builders, a kingdom builder.

As one of these kingdom builders in the Methodist church let us try and follow John Wesley's advice:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

Regards

Phil Warrey (Rev)

Subject: Teams for the Night Shelter

Reply-To: <phil.warrey@methodist.org.uk>

Dear All,

We have been asked if we can provide teams to cook and a team to look after the residents on the following dates:

17th December, 21st January, 18th February, 18th March.

Please can you let Gail know on admin@rayleighmethodistchurch.org.uk if you may be available to be part of our teams on those nights. We will need to know as soon as possible, especially if we think we may not be able to fulfil our responsibility. I am also circulating this to Rochford folks

We need:-

Cook Team – around 4 people to prepare and service a meal to 20-25 people, prepare drinks, and wash up etc. Cost of the food materials will be re-imbursed from the Night Shelter account. Cook Team would be needed say 6pm to 10pm.

Hosting/Sleeping – 3 people to stay overnight, at least one male to ensure the safety of the guests. Hosting teams need to be present till 7:30am in the morning. (Camp beds are provided, and you should get some sleep during the night). There is training available.

The Night Shelter is being hosted again at United Methodist Church, Whittingham Avenue.

Again we are being asked to provide Towels on our evening, and this year also to bring the “spare clothes”.

I am planning on being there for each of these evenings as the “Chaplain”.

Regards

Phillip Warrey (Rev)

Family News

Welcome

To all regular attendees and all who may come to our church for whatever reason.

Illness

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell or having hospital treatment. Especially we think of, Michael and Sheila, Vivienne Mackenzie and Shirley Chidwick.

Thank you

Shirley and Vivienne thanks everyone who sent ‘Get well soon’ cards they are both doing well although Shirley is back in hospital where she is having good treatment.

Santa Claus

In 1878 the editor of a New York newspaper received a letter from a little girl aged eight asking if there really was a Santa Claus.

In his reply he wrote: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus; it would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias! A thousand years from now, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



Flower Rota

1 st Sunday	Kay Deedman	S.202802
2 nd Sunday	Carolyn Sturgess	S.203964
3 rd Sunday	Linda Clarke	S.204559
4 th Sunday	Linda Williams	S.204309
5 th Sunday	Anne Sains	S.202010



Churches Night Shelter

Last year you gave most generously for the Night Shelter.

The Churches Night Shelter will be opening again soon and one of the things we will be doing is to make toiletries and clothing available for our guests.

The United Methodist Church (Whittingham Avenue) will be supplying toiletries, underwear, socks and scarves.

However, there will be a need for items like **jeans, tops, sweatshirts and similar clothing** as well as **towels** (so that our guests can take a shower).

There will be a box in Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church's Porch and we will be very grateful for any of the above items that you can donate. **Combs, hair brushes and mini shampoos** would also be very welcome.

Tony Knuckey

2nd Hockley Brownies

2nd Hockley Brownies were registered 60 years ago in August, the Brownies celebrated with A Party in September. We had various old uniforms which some Brownies tried on, they all agreed they preferred the present uniform. They also looked at a selection of old Brownie books, magazines etc.

The brownies iced, decorated and put a candle on 60 fairy cakes, they then arranged them to form a large 60, we then lit all the candles, took some photos before they blew out the candles. They then enjoyed having party food, always a very popular activity, they took the Fairy cakes to eat at home.

Good news

I am very pleased to say that 2nd Hockley will continue to meet after Christmas, due to reorganisation in Hockley District, Sue and I will take a back seat, although I will continue to be the treasurer.

Vivienne (kingfisher)



Thursday Social Club

On Thursday 22nd September we made the short trip to the Rayleigh Town Museum which is located in the High Street next to the Pizza House and in the far corner. We were met at 7 o'clock by local historian Mike Davis who showed us the way to the access lift. There is a limit on the number of people using the access lift so we entered 2 by 2, in other words four at a time. The lift took us to rooms above the Pizza House and had much more space than we first realised.

It was a real Aladdin's cave as there was so much to see and well worth a visit. There were pictures of old Rayleigh and many old maps revealing a complete different Rayleigh to the one we know today. Mike Davis was a very good speaker and most knowledgeable on the local area. We watched a short film on life as it was many decades ago. Local school children visit the museum on a regular basis and seem quite excited in discovering old Rayleigh. After the film we wandered around the museum looking at old photos, postcards, cinema programmes and of particular interest was an old cine projector which would have been used for Saturday morning pictures. It reminded me of when I used to go with my brother and friends to the ABC Carlton in West Ham costing us a tanner each. That's sixpence in old money for all you youngsters. Mrs Davis provided tea and cakes for our party and we all promised to visit again.

Chartered Physic Orthopaedics, Steve and Faye Oakley welcomed our club members to their new clinic on Thursday 6th October at the corner of Rochford Square. Steve and Faye opened up their new clinic in midsummer but also work at the Wellesley Hospital and Southend Hospital. The talk was given by Steve, assisted by his wife Faye and titled "Vestibular Rehabilitation. This sounds complicated I hear you say. The reason I can hear you say that is because I do not have an acute problem in this area. Vestibular Rehabilitation is all about the ear and balance, and related ear ailments. If you have a hearing problem this is the clinic you need to visit as you might enter the clinic with labyrinthitis or an ear infection but leave as a new man or woman if that takes your fancy.

One exercise that Steve used was to make the patient roll their head moving the infection into other internal channels. Although hard to believe this system does work. The only drawback to this is that the patient leaves with their neck in a brace to prevent the infection re- entering the infected area. Other words used were "benign", "paroxysmal" , "positional" and "vertigo" but due to no dictionary to hand I cannot give you an explicit meaning to these words. Teas and coffees were served from their catering area as Steve and Faye invited questions from the floor. Steve answered the questions and explained how these could be treated. Hopefully these answers were heard by the questioner. We came away from the clinic much more informed on the subject "Vestibular Rehabilitation."

Our meeting on Thursday 20th October was to be our chance to meet the stars. Unfortunately for us there was no sign of film stars George Clooney or Meryl Streep, or even TV stars Miranda Hart or what's-his-name from EastEnders. My expectations had been completely wrong for this was to see the stars of the astral variety. We met up at the Rawalpindi nursery in Hawkwell which is the home to the Astronomy Resource Centre. Our speaker for the evening was Royston Dean who has been interested in astrology for many years. Giant telescopes had been set up so that we could peer up into the heavens for stars and planets in close proximity. It was a cloudy night and we waited for the clouds to clear. We waited and we waited, and waited some more. Alas it was all in vain as

after half an hour we decided to abandon our stargazing and retired to our homes hopefully to return on a clear night sometime in the future.

Stan and Joyce were our hosts for our meeting on Thursday 3rd November with the programme titled "When we were young." Fortunately many of us have good memories that go back a long way and in addition have old 'young' photos to match. Displayed around the room were photographs of club members as either babies or as children or young adults. It was our job to identify as many of these as we could, no easy matter. On average the identification success rate ranged from 30% to 60% with many surprise revelations. This taxing exercise was followed by an even more difficult round in which we were given names of animals and it was our job to come up with the name given to their baby animals. A baby kangaroo is called a Joey and a baby eel is called an Elver but what is a baby zebra or a baby rhinoceros? I'm sure you all know which means, 'I do not need to give the answers'. (With the UK news being dominated by a little election contest taking place in the USA).

You can guess what the next round was. Name the fifty states that make up the United States of America. We split up into teams to pool together our limited American expertise and initially tried to name them alphabetically. Our next tactic was geographically by moving south to north and then west to east before this was exhausted. Finally we just called out states at random and hoped they were correct. Luckily for me our team came up with forty six states but I won't say what the other teams got. A lot of work went into organising this evening and we thank Stan and Joyce for a most enlightening evening.

Next meetings

Thursday 17th November - Rev. Peter Moorhouse (Circuit Superintendent) at the church 8.15 p.m.

Thursday 1st December - Chris and Olive - Canada Evening - at the church 8.15 p.m.

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Celebration Evening - at the church 8.15 p.m. (time could change to 7.30 p.m. dependent on hall bookings)

Ray Williams

I would like to give my apologies that the murder mystery play has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but will be going ahead on Saturday 11th March 2017.

More details will be given out in the New Year.

Ray Williams

Pen & Camera Club of Methodism

I was sorry to miss our Harvest Festival weekend as this year it clashed with the Southern Reunion of the Camera Club. This year's meeting took place in Sidmouth, South Devon, at the Sidholme Hotel, one of the Christian Guild Hotels. The Club was started in 1904 with a membership of just 20 as 'a cultural activity of the Methodist Wesley Guild'. Members circulated a monthly folio of black and white prints, commenting on those already in the folder and giving each print a mark before adding one of their own photographs to the collection. A separate folio of colour slides was introduced in 1956 and later on there were further developments into colour prints, digital pictures and an art folio.

The Club currently has about 100 members and a number of different groups, although rather sadly the digital age has seen the end of slides - the group to which we first belonged, having been talked into joining by Rev Sam Connolly when he paid a return visit to Hockley. Indeed we used to look forward to the monthly arrival of a box of 20 or so slides and read the comments of the other members - even if we didn't always agree with them.

This year's reunion included competitions for the best print and the best digital image. The highlight of the weekend however was a brilliant Audio Visual demonstration of the effects which can be achieved with a computer, a camera and the right programme. How much has changed in the last 50 years.

Kay Deedman

Future dates for your Diary, Margaret Byford

4th December toy and gift 10:30 with hand in glove puppets.

18th December Carol by candlelight 3:00 pm followed by mince pies.

11th December Sacrament, no morning service

24th December Christingle 4:00pm

25th December Christmas day 10:00am

1st January Section service at Rayleigh, No service at Hockley

8th January Covenant service with sacrament 10:30am Rev Sandy

15th January Worship on the move at Rupert Jarvis Court.



Visit to the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation in Southend

Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace. I trust you are all well. I am organising a group visit to the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation in Southend for members of our Churches who may be interested in exploring about the Jewish-Christian relationship. This came about as a result of Bible studies at Benfleet in which I discovered that it would help them better understand the context in which the Scriptures were written, the Jewishness of Christ and early Christians; with the aim that a new light into the history of Jewish-Christian relationship could also enable them to better interpret the scriptures in a more contemporary context. I therefore thought it fit in consultation with the Bible study group decided to organise this visit.

I have made contact with the synagogue and it has been agreed that I can take up to 50 people for a guided tour that will probably last for up to an hour and half. The only catch is that it has to be either on a Monday or Tuesday from 1pm. If you like to let me know if any of your members would like to come along that would be great. I am yet to confirm the day and date with them subject to me knowing how many people I would be taking along.

I am also planning to organise another trip to an Islamic centre (Mosque), Sikh Gurdwara in Gravesend and possibly a Buddhist temple. Please let me know your thoughts

Regards and every blessing.

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There is no date for the visit yet, just a feeler for how many people may be interested. Please let Margaret Byford know if you are interested.

Church Council

At its November meeting members of the Church Council:

* We discussed Christmas arrangements, including the provision of a crib in Hockley library, and agreed that there would be no Sunday morning service on 18 December (when there will be an afternoon carol service at 3pm) or 1 January; also noted that the Thursday Social Club would be hosting an evening of carols for all and Christmas readings at 8pm on 15 December;

* We were warned that Margaret Byford (chief steward) would be moving away from Hockley in the New Year.

*We noted that no replacement had yet been found for Rev Phil Warrey who would be leaving in August 2017.

* We discussed the future of the Youth Club, now in need of two new leaders.

*We were assured that doubts about the future of the Brownie pack had been resolved.

*We were told that a new Notice Board outside the church had been ordered.

*We heard that Rev Ken Havey of St.Peter & St. Paul would be preaching on 19 March and a special service for church friends had been scheduled for 7 May 2017.

*We heard that the Murder Mystery play originally meant to be performed in November was now to take place on 11 March 2017.

*We agreed to hold the annual Church Meeting on 18 March 2017.

Michael Deedman



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Southend Group
SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
10:00am – 1:00pm

The Balmoral Community Centre
Salisbury Ave, Westcliff SS0 7AU
(Off-street car parking available)

Send a message on behalf of somebody
whose human rights are abused or denied.

**Cards and stamps provided along
with details of who to write to and where.**

....and there's tea/coffee and mince pies! If you can't
come we'd appreciate a donation to help cover postage costs
– last year we sent around 200 cards and letters and airmail is
now £1.05 minimum. Donations to Mike or Muriel please

Winter Fuel Payment

Good afternoon,

Some of you may remember me from previous e mails, however let me introduce myself if I have not been in contact, I'm Lisa Walton and I am the Community & Individual Fundraising Officer here at HARP, the homeless Charity in Southend. As you are aware monetary donations are what we really need here at HARP to keep our vital services going for the homeless of Southend, so I wanted to tell you about our Winter Fuel Christmas campaign:

Winter Fuel Payment: If you don't need it, donate it to keep a local homeless person safe this winter

Each winter the government provides over 12 million elderly people with a Winter Fuel Payment, to help keep their houses warm throughout the colder months. This year, we would like to invite those that don't need their payment to donate it to HARP to help keep a homeless person warm and safe this winter.

It costs around £100 for us to heat each room at the Bradbury Centre for six months, providing a safe and warm environment for those that have previously been on the streets. So, whether you donate all or just a small part of your Winter Fuel Payment it can make a huge difference to someone less fortunate.

<https://www.charitycheckout.co.uk/1098126/Page17>

Would it be possible to include this in your parishioners mailings and newsletters as well as notices that are given out this Christmas and help make a difference to the homeless in Southend? If you are forwarding this email then please publicise the link for donations to be made.

Kind Regards,



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUN	Morning Worship Children's activities every Sunday	10.30 am 10.20 am
MON	Brightstars Parent & Toddler Group <i>contact Linda 07964 864872</i> Ballroom Sequence Dancing: IN THE HALL <i>contact Fay 01268 780028</i> Triple H Junior Choir and Triple H Community Choir: <i>contact Ashley 07581390448 & a Junior Choir</i>	9.30 – 11.45 am 7.30 – 10.00 pm 4.30 – 6.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm
TUE	Dru Yoga Class: <i>contact Ruth on 07818599183</i> Messy Church (3 rd Tuesday each month) <i>Contact Anne S 202010</i>	10.00–11.30 am & 7.30 – 9.00 pm 4.00 – 5.30 pm
WED	50+ Keep Fit: <i>contact Julie 07912622483</i> 50+ Stretch & Tone: <i>contact Julie 07912622483</i> Bible Study followed by a Communion Service 2 nd Wed., <i>contact Anne S 202010</i> 2nd Hockley Brownie Pack: <i>contact Vivienne S 204550</i> Badminton Club: <i>contact Wendy S 200484</i> Gospel Rocks Choir (in Church) <i>Contact: Hannah Conacher gospelrocksc@gmail.com</i>	10.30–11.30 am 11.45–12.30 pm 3.00 – 4.00 pm 5.30 – 7.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm 8.00 – 10.00 pm
THU	PIYO Pilates & Yoga <i>contact Rachel Yates 07990513413</i> U3A Floral Art Group, 4 th Thursday in the month <i>contact Irene 202975.</i> 1st Hockley Beaver Colony: <i>contact Jane S 203739</i> 1st Hockley Cub Scout Pack <i>contact Dan, 07802 193936</i> or email Hockleycubs@yahoo.co.uk Thursday Social Club: <i>contact Joyce S 201635</i>	9.30 – 10.30 am 1.30 – 4.30 pm 5.15 – 6.15 pm 6.30 – 8.00 pm 7.30pm, alternate weeks 8.15pm if in the church
FRI	Pilates, <i>contact Tracy Bateman, contact 07916954966</i> Friday Club (years 3-7) <i>contact Wendy S 200484</i> Friday Club + (years 7 & upwards) <i>Contact Rev Phil Warrey 01268 770333</i>	9.30–10.30 am & 10.30–11.30 am 6.00 – 7.30 pm 6.45 – 8.15 pm

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