

The Highlander

August 2014

“Greater love has no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends”

John 15:13

First World War Centenary - Lights Out

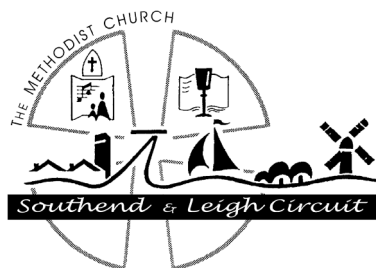


Sunday Worship in August 2014

3rd	10.30	United Service at Highlands - Rev Gordon Newton
10th	10.30	Morning Worship - Jane Fulford
	6.30	Healing Service at Belfairs
17th	11.00	United Service at Belfairs
24th	10.30	Morning Worship - Worship Leaders
31st	11.00	United Service at Wesley
	3.00	Circuit Welcome Service at Trinity

“S Club” meets at 10.30 am every Sunday
Sunday Club for Children - Crèche available

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Sharing Jesus' Love in the Community

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All items for the **September 2014** issue of the *Highlander* should be handed in writing to **Frank Edmonds** (or put in the "E" section of the pigeon box in Jubilee Room) latest 10.30 a.m. **Sunday 24th August**. Preferably, items may be emailed to frank66thecroft@sky.com The *Highlander* will be ready for distribution on **Sunday 31st August**.



From the President of the Methodist Conference

Back to the bible : Forward to the world

In his presidential address to the Methodist Conference, the Revd Kenneth Howcroft spoke of the “desperate need” for the Church to “speak biblically to serve the present age”. He encouraged Conference representatives to turn outwards to face the world with renewed self-confidence in their Methodist identity.

“We seem less and less able to speak the languages of the people and cultures round us. We seem less and less steeped in the language and stories of the Bible.”

“But God has not finished with us yet!” Ken added, urging people to celebrate all that Methodism is and could be.

From the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference

Four new building blocks of Methodism

The Vice-President of the Methodist Conference for 2014/2015 laid down four building blocks of faith for 21st-century Britain in her address to the Conference. Gill Dascombe suggested that Scripture, science, culture and community should be the blocks upon which Methodists build their faith.

“Methodism provides us with four building blocks of faith, derived from the writings of John Wesley,” Gill said. “These are Scripture, reason, tradition and experience. But Wesley too was a man of his time, and Britain is a very different place now from what it was in the 1700s.”

Gill went on to say that when Methodists affirm Scripture today, they make a claim, not of uniformity, but of the embracing of diversity. She explained that science was important because we no longer live in the age of reason but the age of science. “Religion and science have been in conflict for too long,” said Gill, a medical pharmacist. “It’s time to take the blinkers off.”

Her address also challenged Methodists to think about what is distinctive about Methodism in 2014: “How can we shape a spirituality that reflects our time, our place and our world view, within which we can address our fears, doubts and concerns, and, yes, our demons, real or perceived, and seek strength and hope and purpose for the future?”

{Highlands needs it's own “building blocks” Ed.}



Prayer

We pray for our friends who are ill, housebound or bereaved and for those in residential care:-

Joan Field in *Merrie Loots Farm* and Joan Wornell in *Fairview House*.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these friends and their families at this time.

Congratulations

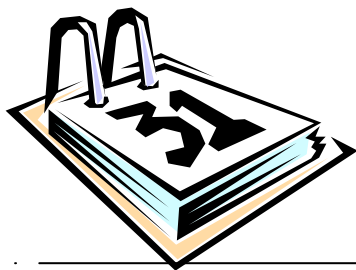
We send our congratulations to Joyce Selman who celebrated her 80th birthday on 18th July.

Midweek Communion

Please note that there will be no Midweek Communion during August but we will resume our usual pattern in September.

Flower Rota for August 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In memory of</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>
3rd	Jean Burgess	Mother	Jean Burgess
10th	Mary Barter	Kathleen	Mary Barter
17th		at Belfairs	
24th	Jean & Frank Edmonds	Brian	Jean Edmonds
31st		at Wesley	



Dates to Remember

Craft Group

We are a very friendly group and any lady interested in Craft work is always welcome. We meet on Tuesday mornings during term time and are always glad to see new members.

Church Family Lunch

Frank & Jean invite all their church family friends to join them for a buffet lunch on Sunday 10th August to celebrate their 70th birthdays. If you wish to come please sign on a list in the Jubilee Room. If some of you wish to bring a dish that would be great, others may wish to make a donation to Serving the Homeless. Most of all just come to "The Croft", 66 Woodside at 12.30. Lifts from the church can be arranged.

Highlands Hobbies

Our Hobbies mornings continue on Thursdays 7th and 23rd August. We would welcome keen needleworkers to help with our banner or to enjoy cross-stitching. Our card making is going well and they are now being sold for church funds.

Do come and join our friendly group. (Further details from Jean Edmonds or Credwyn Tolhurst)

Table Tennis

If you enjoy a game of table tennis come and have fun on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Mega Makers

A Holiday club at Highlands from 11th to 15th August from 10.00 to midday. Further details in Jubilee Room.

NEEDED - Used (clean!) Muller corner yoghurt pots. With thanks.

World War One Centenary

To join with many people in the UK our friends at Wesley have arranged a Candlelight Vigil - "Lights Out" to be held on Monday 4th August at sunset 9.00 pm.

One hundred years ago, Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, said "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime"

Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you would like a lift please speak with the Stewards.

Other Highlands Dates for Your Diary

Coffee Morning 10 am to 12 noon – Wednesday & Saturday
 Thursday 31st July - Picnic at Hadleigh Castle
 Tuesday 5th August - Tea at Rev. Julia's
 Wednesday 20th August - Tea at Highlands with entertainment

Circuit Events

The Circuit website :- " www.southendandleigh.org "
also contains details of Circuit events,
prayers, contacts and the Circuit Plan

Alternative Worship

Belfairs Methodist Church - "Thirsty For ??" - 2nd Thursday
 Next date — 14th August at 7.00 pm
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 Wesley Methodist Church - Creative Worship - 4th Tuesday
 Next date - 26th August 2014 at 8.00pm

Saturday Coffee Mornings

During August all Coffee Mornings will be organised by the Church

Forthcoming Meetings

Property and Finance - Thursday 11th September at 8.00 pm
Family Committee - Monday 15th September at 8.00 pm
Church Council - Monday 13th October at 8.00 pm

Serving the Homeless / H.A.R.P.

The next fundraising event for Serving the Homeless is an Indian Meal at *The Shagor Restaurant* in Hamlet Court Road on Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm. Tickets at £15 are available now.

During the school holidays we have organised a Hawk Eye Trail. An opportunity to learn more of the history of Leigh commencing at Our Lady of Lourdes and moving through the Broadway and Old Leigh. Entry forms at £3 are now available, Closing date 31st August. Prize giving on 7th September.

Thank you once again for all your supportive prayers and the gifts at the back of the church, which are always appreciated.

Updating Highlands Buildings

After the decision being taken not to redevelop the site it was felt that the church building as a whole will need to be updated over the next several years.

To that end the Property & Finance Committee will meet to look at this but are asking for anyone else that would like to be involved in planning and prioritising works for the whole of the existing Highlands building. A meeting will take place on **Monday 18th August** at 8 pm at Highlands.

All are invited who feel that they would want to be part of this ongoing process or just that are interested on what is going to happen next.

If you cannot attend the meeting but feel you would like to become involved please let me know either by email annelane8@btinternet.com or by telephone 01268 565644.

Thank you.

Anne

Property Co-ordinator

Mike Bishop

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