

The Highlander

October 2017

**The harvest is plentiful,
but the reapers are few.**



Matthew 9 : 37

Sunday Worship in October 2017

1st	10.30	Cafe Church - Kathy McCullough
8th	10.30	Parade Service - Rev Nana Thomford Harvest Festival
15th	10.30	Morning Worship - Eileen Simmons
22nd	10.30	Church Anniversary - Rev Teresa Rutterford Service of Holy Communion
29th	10.30	Section Service at Highlands - Rev Hannah Bucke

“ Crafty Church ” meets at 10.30 am on Sundays
For young people - meeting Jesus through art and craft

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Come in and FaceTime with Jesus



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A message from your Minister

Reformation

500



The 31st October 2017, will mark 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his "95 *These*," to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg Germany, so triggering the process, that would lead to *The Reformation*. Not that he set out to do this in the beginning. He was a Catholic priest

and Augustinian monk, who wanted to reform the Catholic Church from the inside, by addressing its teachings on indulgences, and preoccupation with material wealth.

Luther saw that the abuse of the sale of indulgences - promoted as fast track tickets to heaven - as unwarranted by scripture, and more to do with funding the building of St Peter's in Rome than salvation. He felt that it encouraged people to carry on leading a sinful life and turned them away from Christ and God's forgiveness.

Luther declared that when it came to *justification* - the action of making righteous in the sight of God - there could be no mediation, no brokering by the church, as salvation was a matter between the individual and God. Human kind was justified by faith in Christ and not by works. He passionately believed that by the action of God alone, in the death and resurrection of Christ, people were called from sin to a new life in Christ.

In questioning the supremacy of The Pope and the infallibility of the Church Councils, Luther was excommunicated from the church in 1520 and outlawed from the country by Emperor Charles in 1521. He was already in dispute with his Augustinian Order and he took refuge in Wartburg Castle under the protection of Fredrick of Saxony. Here he devoted his time to translating the Bible into German, for people to see the truth of his argument for themselves. **P.T.O.**

A Message from your Minister - continued

Assisted greatly by the invention of the printing press and his prolific ability to write and question, his revolutionary zeal spread. The Catholic Church launched a counter reformation, but by the end of the 16th century almost all of Northern Europe was Protestant, even if they were splintered into different factions.

As well as bloodshed, the Reformation was used to justify the terrible destruction of religious heritage and art. In England, more than 800 monasteries, abbeys, nunneries and friaries were seized, with works of art destroyed or appropriated. A lot of beauty and heritage was lost, which grieves me terribly, but it also gave rise to new forms of literature and music, which peaked in the work of JS Bach. His melodies and musical style borrowed heavily from the Catholic tradition, but the focus of his chorales and Passions were always on the freely given gift of Christ's sacrifice for us, by which salvation is achieved.

It is from the words Bach's St Matthew's Passion that I conclude :

*O sacred head sore wounded,
with grief and pain weighed down,
how scornfully surrounded with thorns,
thine only crown.
How pale though art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn.
O Lord of life and glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
I read the wondrous story,
I joy to call thee mine.
Thy grief and thy compassion
were all for sinners gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.*

Paul Gerhardt (1607 -1676)
Harmonised by JS Bach (1685 -1750)
Singing the Faith 280

Blessings Julia



Prayer

We pray for our friends who are ill, housebound or bereaved and for those in residential care: Pat Gare *in Admirals Court*, and Marie Moore at *Archers Court* in Hitchin. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this time.



Christmas arrangements for Highlands

Sunday 10th December - Parade and Toy Service

Sunday 17th December Carol Service at 5.00 pm - Rev Hannah Bucke

Sunday 24th December - United Service at Highlands
at 10.30am with Rev Julia Monaghan

Christingle service at 5.30 pm - Rev Julia Monaghan

United Service at Wesley at 11.15pm - Rev Julia Monaghan

Christmas Day Service at 10.30 am - Rev Julia Monaghan

Sunday 31st December - United Service at Belfairs

Sunday 4th January at 10.30 am - Covenant Service - Rev Julia



Rev Julia Monaghan - Sabbatical

Please note that Rev Julia will be on her Sabbatical from 1st October until 11th November 2017. She will be back in action on Remembrance Sunday. We wish her a fulfilling, relaxing time with an opportunity to recharge her batteries.

In her absence Pastor Steve Mayo will be providing pastoral cover and his contact details are "pastorstevemayo@gmail.com" or telephone 01702 549977



Dates to Remember

Knit and Natter Social Group

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on Tuesday morning from 10am to noon during term time. Some of us knit, some crochet and some of us just natter.

We enjoy each other's company and a cup of coffee/tea and biscuit. You will be made very welcome if you would like to join us.



Highlands Hobbies

We meet from 10.00 am on 5th October in No. 1 Room for various crafts including card making and flower arranging. We will continue with the Christmas Crafts inspired by Marjorie and Pat, who will show us how. We follow with lunch for those who wish to stay. If you would just like to relax with us the latest craze is adult colouring, or just call in for coffee. We also meet on 19th October from 10.00 to 12.00.

All are welcome

Jean 525250 - Ros 478631

MOTHs



We resume our meetings at 2.00pm on Tuesday 10th October. All are welcome to listen to our guest speaker.

ABRSM Exams

Theses commence again between 6th November and 8th December. Please check the notice board in the Jubilee Room to see when you can offer yourself as a Steward



Pin Point - the new Venture

Teresa and Glenis would welcome all ladies interested in needlecraft to join them on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10.00 to 12.00 in No. 1 Room. They would be happy for you to bring your own work or share their talents such as "quilting". At present they are working on a "Community Window" for the Coffee Lounge to depict all the activities associated with our church and would welcome help, especially from members of the organisations that meet at Highlands. Coffee and cake will be available through the morning from the HUB team. October dates are 11th and 25th.



Highlands HUB

We are waiting to serve you a special coffee or a refreshing cold drink at our Wednesday Hub morning from 10.00 to 12.30. This is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

Take a break from your busy life, look in for a chat or information about Highlands through the week.

Coffee Christmas Crafts Morning

On 9th December we will be holding a Coffee and Christmas Crafts morning from 10,00 am to noon for all the family. All are welcome.

Other Highlands dates

Sunday 8th October - Harvest Festival
Saturday 21st October - Church Anniversary Concert
Sunday 22nd October - Church Anniversary
Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fair

Circuit Events

Further details in the Jubilee Room
or the Circuit website at
www.southendandleigh.org

Alternative Worship

Belfairs Methodist Church - "Thirsty For ???" - 2nd Thursday
Next date — 12th October at 7.00 pm

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Wesley Methodist Church - Informal Worship - 4th Tuesday
Next date - 24th October at 8.00 pm

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The Fishermen's Chapel - Gospel Choir Service - 2nd Sunday
Next date - 8th October at 7.30 pm

Future Committee Meetings:

Family - 13th November at 8.00 pm
Property & Finance - 8th January 2018 at 8.00 pm
Church Council - 15th January 2018 at 8.00 pm
Pastoral - t.b.a. at 10.00 am

Monthly Movies @ Highlands

A HIGHLANDS WEDNESDAY HUB EVENT

Wednesday 25th October "**A United Kingdom**" at 1.30pm

A United Kingdom tells the inspiring real-life romance of Seretse Khama, King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker he married in 1948 in the face of fierce opposition from their families and the British and South African governments.

This true love story contributed in changing and shaping world history.

A FREE event (come from 12 noon with your picnic lunch and enjoy some soup. Tea and coffee also available)

Regards

Julie Peek

Mission Enabler for Older People

Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches



Holidaying at Home 2017 "Bring me sunshine"



For those of you that attended you will know we had a wonderful day of nostalgic reflection through the mediums of dance, puppetry, the written word and seaside fayre (fish & Chips & Rossi ice cream). There is a folder at the back of the church with photos of the day. I would invite you to see what people thought of the day and if you didn't make it this year please make it a diary date for 2018.



Julie Peek

BUSY HANDS

Recently I have made the interesting discovery that for many people, whatever our age: we enjoy to "twiddle" or "fidget" - stay with me on this and I will endeavour to explain.

Since attending "dementia friend" awareness I now understand that some people living with dementia find comfort in something called a "Twiddle Muff" this is a knitted tube with buttons, bows, ribbons and "twiddly things" attached inside and out. We have had a number of Twiddle Muffs donated to us to be available after the new Memory Worship service at Wesley.

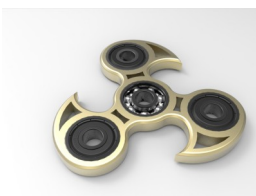
Completely separately while reading September Alzheimer's Society magazine, I also noted the following letter from Chloe in Somerset - "Mums Alzheimer's diagnosis was 5 years ago now, so my children have had many years of the 'pep talk' before visits: 'Please don't interrupt and make sure you look at Granny when you are speaking - don't mumble, otherwise she can't hear. If she's not chatting or doing something, she'll wander off and become disinterested. It's really important to me that she enjoys our visits'.

On a recent visit to Mums, one child slumped onto the sofa in silence, the other began fiddling with his fidget spinner from his pocket. I tried to carry on the conversation, but was battling with my real thoughts 'why can't they just be polite and sociable for one hour. Is it really too much to ask?'

Then something unexpected happened; Mum leaned into see what my son was fiddling with and they then engaged in the most wonderfully lengthy conversation. She became mesmerised by the different coloured spinners, taking it in turns, taking them apart, spinning them in different directions, stacking them up while nattering away to one another for ages. I was totally shocked that this kids toy craze had suddenly become something so very fascinating to my Mum"

So, Twiddle muffs or Fidget spinners many of us like to keep our hands busy and it can even be an opportunity, like Chloe found for common ground across the generations.

If you are a knitter (another form of fidgeting or twiddling) and would like to knit and donate a Twiddle muff to Wesley Memory Worship, please find the following pattern as a guide.



P T O

TWIDDLE MUFF

Materials needed for Twiddle Muff : A selection of leftover and odd balls of wool. Needles: 8mm circular or 6.5mm straight needles

Cuff: Cast on 45 stitches using 2 strands of double knitting wool or 1 strand of chunky wool (one plain colour works best). Work in stocking stitch (knit a row, purl a row) for 11 inches.

Muff Body: Continue with stocking stitch, but use up oddments of various textures of wool such as chunky, mohair, ribbon etc. until the work measures 23 inches (two strands of double knit for two rows each gives a lovely assortment of colours). Cast off.

Finishing: If working with straight needles, lightly iron the long strip, then neatly join the sides together using edge to edge stitch (with the knit side facing out). Turn inside out and push the one colour cuff up inside the muff body. Sew the two ends together, again using a neat edge to edge stitch.

Decoration: Now you can decorate the muff, inside and out, with ribbons, beads, flowers, zips, loops, pompoms, buttons, etc. You could even knit a separate pocket for a favourite photo. Be creative, but make sure each item is securely attached!

Thank you and happy fidgeting, twiddling or knitting

Julie Peek

Mission Enabler for Older People

Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches



NEW FOR 2017

 **MEMORY WORSHIP**

.....
Worship for those with
and without Dementia
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2PM - 4PM
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the team at Wesley who has won the Love Britain and Ireland Award for “Work with Older People”

Coffee Mornings in October



Saturday 7th	Music @ Highlands
Saturday 14th	Action for Children
Saturday 21st	Church Anniversary
Saturday 28th	Church



Flower Rota for October 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In memory of</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>
1st	Church Flowers		Margaret
8th	Sylvia Cornwell	Ellie	Sylvia
15th	Maureen Kelly	Parents	Jean
22nd	Church Anniversary		Hobbies
29th	Church Flowers		Pauline

We now have some vacant dates
if you would like to donate flowers in memory of someone.

There are three religious truths:

- a. Jews do not recognise Jesus as the Messiah.
- b. Protestants do not recognise the Pope as the leader of
the Christian faith.
- c. Baptists and Methodists do not recognise each other
in the off-license.



Serving the Homeless / HARP

The Indian Meal at the Shagor Restaurant raised £596.70 and the Summer Draw raised £786 both excellent results and it was good to see Highlands members winning some of the prizes.

Serving the Homeless has also received another unexpected donation when a cheque for £400 was presented to us from Boyce Hill Golf Club.

We are, as always, very grateful for all this additional support.

Tickets for **The Evening of Jazz/Easy Listening Music** on Saturday 7th October at 7.30 pm at our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre are now available at £10.00 to include a Fish and Chip Supper

An evening of **Songs from the Musicals is planned for** Saturday 18th November with a buffet at Our Lady of Lourdes.

A **Christmas Wreath Making** event will take place at Highlands on Tuesday 12th December. Tickets will be £15.

Thank you for your continued prayers and items at the back of the church. There is still a need for smaller sizes of clothing, including underwear, together with trainers, jeans, and toiletries.

Pastors

What do they call pastors in Germany?
German Shepherds.

Sticks

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it's called golf.

HIGHLANDS METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Presents

Michael Glaysher



with a tribute performance
to Elvis "The King" Presley

Michael Glaysher winner of Best Elvis, Porthcawl 2015.
Winner of Best 50's Elvis 2016.
Michael has performed in Tupelo; Elvis' Birth town, Graceland
and New Daisy & Cannon Theatre's in Memphis Tennessee.
Michael played 50's Elvis in tour in Holland 2017.

Saturday 21st October at 7.30 pm

at

Highlands Methodist Church
Sutherland Boulevard Leigh on Sea SS9 3PT
Tickets £12.50 (£6.00 under 16)
to include interval refreshments

Tickets available from Frank Edmonds
: Tel 01702 525250 : Mob. 07880 746657
or Highlands Methodist Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival this year, on **Sunday 7th October**, will follow the theme of "Chicken and Egg" chosen by the Methodist division "All We Can". This will be broadened to include the farmyard generally. The uniformed organisations will be decorating the window sills. Our gifts will be donated to HARP (Homeless Action Resource Project" our local homeless charity. A list of suggested gifts will be on the notice board. The Sunday Morning Service will be followed by a Soup Lunch, to which all are invited and proceeds will be donated to "All We Can"



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

On **Saturday 21st October** at 7.30 pm there will be a concert in the Church when Michael Glaysher will present a tribute show to Elvis "The King" Presley. Music will include Rock and Roll, Country, Gospel and Ballads.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 and include interval refreshments. There will also be the opportunity to purchase a Rossi ice cream from our new freezer and participate in a raffle with a copy of a brand new book "The Gospel Side of Elvis" to be presented by Michael.

On **Sunday 22nd October** our morning worship will be led by Rev Teresa Rutterford. We will be joined by a section of the Fishermen's Chapel Gospel Choir for our Communion Service and there will be CAKE !!



HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY DAY— CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 14th December from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Mencap Showstoppers and Highlands Hobbies have come together with Rev Julia to plan an amazing day of celebration. All who meet on our premises are invited, together with our friends and neighbours. The day will commence with tea, coffee and cakes and a chance to join in a Christmas craft. Throughout the day Showstoppers will entertain us in their impromptu style, singing Christmas songs. There will be a buffet lunch followed by a short Carol Service and Nativity.

A day of fun and celebration for all.

HIGHLANDS
METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November

10.00 am to 1.30 pm

Gifts

Crafts

Coffee

Cakes

Stalls

Cards

Raffle



Hot Dogs & Bacon Butties

Available All Day

Competitions Father Christmas

Admission Free

Everyone Welcome

www.highlandsmethodist.org.uk

Serving the Community 7 Days a Week



Children and Young People

Toddlers Group, Monday	9.30-11.30a.m.	Margaret Wood	557512
		e-mail contact :-	
		highlandstoddlers@hotmail.co.uk	
Rainbows Wednesday	4.00-5.00 p.m.	Jacqui Hendle	557147
Brownies Wednesday:	5.30-7.00 p.m.	Dilys Haddow	710207
Cub Scouts Thursday:	5.45-7.15 p.m.	Lesley Hyde	473111
Scouts Thursday:	7.30 p.m.	Sally Monk	558857
Rangers Alternate Thursdays	7.30 p.m.	Jacqui Hendle	557147
Guides Friday:	7.00 p.m.	Jacqui Hendle	557147

Fellowship Groups

Housegroup meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Services to the Community

Regular Sunday Worship

Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at 9.00 a.m.

Midweek Communion :-

2nd Wednesday Belfairs Methodist Church at 9.00 am

3rd Wednesday Wesley Methodist Church at 9.00 am

Highlands Hub : Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm on 2nd and 4th week

Coffee mornings: Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church

Coffee is also available to visitors to the Craft Group on Tuesdays and Hobbies on Thursdays

Traidcraft : Catalogue available for orders. Please contact Pamela and Patrick Smith - 557702.

**Goodness is the only
investment that never fails**

Henry David Thoreau

Social and Recreational

Knit and Natter Group Tuesday 10.00 a.m.-12 noon Sylvia 01702 556433

Badminton Club Monday 8.00 p.m. Sarah 01702 476009
or Sophia 07796 265676

Hobbies 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00p.m. Jean 01702 525250

Ladies Badminton Friday 10.00 a.m. Dilys 01702 710207

MOTHs (*Meet on Tuesdays at Highlands*) 2nd Tuesday 2.00 p.m.

Adult Art Classes Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. Susan 07875 079739

Children's Art Club Thursday 4 - 5 p.m. or 01702 551025