

The Highlander

November 2017



Lest we forget !

Sunday Worship in November 2017

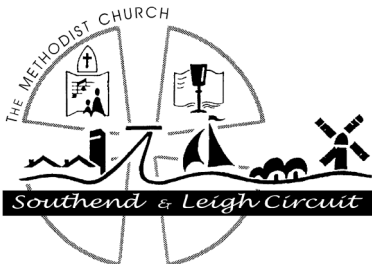
5th	10.30	Cafe Church - Kathy McCullough
12th	10.30	Parade Service - Colin Turner Remembrance Sunday
19th	10.30	Holy Communion - Rev Julia Monaghan
26th	10.30	Morning Worship - Worship Leaders

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

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A message from Pastor Steve

Autumn Leaves



I think one of my favourite times of year is the Autumn, when the leaves turn and start to fall. Autumn's an oxymoron really, as it's the 'end' of a 'never-ending' circle of life, as we await the Spring and the new life it brings.

For us too, life can sometimes seem to go in stages or seasons. We can go through times of joy and times of sadness, times of great excitement and times of apathy, times when life seems to be rolling down hill and we don't have any cares, to uphill sections when life is tough and we sometimes struggle to see the summit. And all this change in life can, and does, give us a sense of unease and instability. The Prophet Jeremiah, lived one of the most dramatic lives in the Bible. But he never learned to like his role. Through all the excitement he remained reluctant, insecure, and often unhappy. His life sounds very much like ours at times; excitement, reluctance, insecurity, unhappiness etc.

But throughout Jeremiah's life *and* ours, there *is* something that we can rely on that is *always* the same and *always* there, that is our Father God. So, no matter our circumstances, no matter our problems *or* joys, we have a consistency in Him; we have something to bed ourselves on.

P.T.O.

A Message from Pastor Steve - continued

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 says; ⁷ *'Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.* ⁸ *They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.'* [NIV-UK]

In this reading we're not promised to be protected when the 'heat' comes, but we are promised that we have nothing to fear when it does, and that we can still 'bear fruit' even when times are difficult. This was Jeremiah's experience.

So, whatever you're feeling or experiencing today, remember to sink *your* roots into the Rock of Ages and you too, will always bear fruit, in season, and out.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve Mayo, October 2017

Rev Julia Monaghan - Sabbatical

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

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

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glows,
Loved and were loved, and we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

*Lieutenant Colonel John McRae, MD
Canadian Army (1872 - 1918)*



We cannot read this often enough. With grateful thanks. (Editor)



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

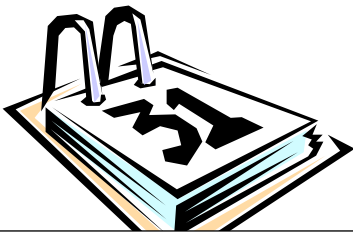


Southend MENCAP Showstoppers

The leaders of Showstoppers would very much like some help at their regular Thursdays at Highlands. They would love to find someone to share time with their lovely, happy students who sing their hearts out most of the day and learn life skills, whilst having fun.

Just being present for as much of the day as possible and making tea/coffee would be great.

If you feel that this might be for you (no qualifications required) please talk with Jean Edmonds



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 2nd November in No. 1 Room. It will be all hands at work for our Christmas Fair — making cards and Christmas decorations. All help will be welcome. 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 16th November from 10.00 to 12.00.

All are welcome

Jean 525250 - Ros 478631

MOTHs



We continue our meetings at 2.00pm on Tuesday 14th November when Rev Tony Windsor will be our speaker. All are welcome.

ABRSM Exams

These commence again between 27th 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 -

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. Maybe even alterations or mending waiting to be done, company may just make that happen. The amazing community window is almost complete, we hope to unveil this on our Christmas Community Day. Meantime take a look at the very posh piano stool in the coffee lounge and guess who did the work! Coffee and cake will be available through the morning from the HUB team. November dates are 8th and 22nd.



Wednesday Coffee Morning at the HUB

When we changed the coffee mornings to twice a month a few people missed it, so Les has kindly offered to be there every Wednesday for you from 10.00 to 12.00. Why not look in and keep him company. 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

Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fair

Circuit Events

Further details in the Jubilee Room
or the Circuit website at
[www,southendandleigh.org](http://www.southendandleigh.org)

Alternative Worship

Belfairs Methodist Church - "Thirsty For ???" - 2nd Thursday
Next date — 9th November at 7.00 pm

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Wesley Methodist Church - Informal Worship - 4th Tuesday
Next date - 28th November at 8.00 pm

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The Fishermen's Chapel - Gospel Choir Service - 2nd Sunday
Next date - 12th November 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 - 13th February 2018 at 10.00 am

Monthly Movies @ Highlands

A HIGHLANDS WEDNESDAY HUB EVENT

Wednesday 15th November **"TESTAMENT of YOUTH"** at 1.30pm

So close to Remembrance Sunday I have decided to show "Testament of Youth" the film depicting poet, Vera Britten's 1933 World War I memoir.

Vera and the other major characters are real life figures who faced the horrors of the First World War and "Testament of Youth" is a necessary reminder of the impact and horror of war.

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



NEW FOR 2017



MEMORY WORSHIP

.....
Worship for those with
and without Dementia
.....

2PM - 4PM

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

BUSY HANDS - part 2

I would like to extend a really big thank you to everyone who has already responded to last month's feature on the need to keep hands busy.

- Thank you for the wool you have donated.
- Thank you for the Twiddle Muffs you have knitted.
- Thank you for the donations for refreshments at Memory Worship every month.

And just in case you would like to knit a Twiddle Muff I have included the pattern again.

HOW TO MAKE A TWIDDLE MUFF

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

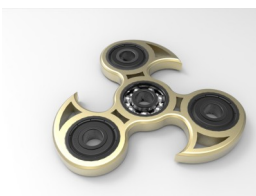
Cuff: Cast on 45 stitches using 2 strands of double knitting wool or 1 strand of chunky wool (one plain colour works best). Work in stocking stitch (knit a row, purl a row) for 11 inches.

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.

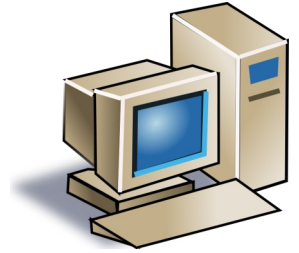
Finishing: If working with straight needles, lightly iron the long strip, then neatly join the sides together using edge to edge stitch (with the knit side facing out). Turn inside out and push the one colour cuff up inside the muff body. Sew the two ends together, again using a neat edge to edge stitch.

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!

Julie Peek
Mission Enabler for Older People
Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches



LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER



Memory was something that you lost with age.

Application was for employment

A Cursor used a profanity

Programme was a TV show

Keyboard was a piano

Web was a spiders home

Virus was the flu

Hard Drive was a long trip on the road

Mouse Pad was where a mouse lived.

And if you had a **floppy**.....

you just hoped that nobody found out!

Anon

10TH LEIGH BROWNIES



At the end of September the Brownies joined the Guides for a Sleepover at Guideacres. The Guides and Rangers were there on the Friday night and the Brownies arrived on the Saturday morning. We also had the Rainbows join us just for the afternoon and early evening. The theme of the weekend was to do with a challenge called "Kool to be Kind". All the girls did various crafts and activities to earn their challenge badge. It was lovely to see all the unit enjoying themselves and mixing so well. The Rainbows were able to join us for a BBQ and a lovely campfire sing song - led by the Guides and Rangers and of course finishing with toasted marshmallows. Once the Rainbows had gone home the girls settled down to watch a film before bedtime. Most of the Brownies slept in the dormitory but the older girls joined the Guides in the main building. The girls all had breakfast together before the Brownies left at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The Guides and Rangers then did a sterling job of clearing up the campfire area, BBQ, checking the field and clearing up all the craft stuff. They went home after lunch. The leaders then had a sigh of relief and went home for a rest!!! The Brownies would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to Jacqui Hendle and her team for giving everyone a great weekend. It is not a easy task find things to do that covers all the ages. On the Saturday afternoon we had a total of 96 girls and adults on site.

The Brownies have welcomed 3 new girls into the unit and also had a transfer from an Acton unit, so our numbers are well up. The girls have had quite a full programme so far. They have had a pet evening, made posters for Harvest and are having a Halloween craft evening after half term.

(Lovely to hear what our uniformed organisations are up to. Editor}

Coffee Mornings in November



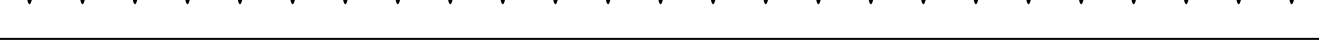
Saturday 4th Music @ Highlands
 Saturday 11th 10th Leigh Senior Section
 Saturday 18th Missions
 Saturday 25th Christmas Fair



Flower Rota for November 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In memory of</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>
5th		Cafe Church	Margaret
12th	Mary Mapp	Parents	Jean
19th	Mary Barter	Parents	Jean
26th	Andrea Ames	Parents	Pauline

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



Highlands Harvest Festival

The church was beautifully decorated, including several wonderful contributions from the uniformed organisations. Thank you to them.
 Your gifts to HARP were very well received.
 A splendid Soup Lunch was enjoyed by all and raised £57.90 for **All We Can**. Thank you.



Serving the Homeless / HARP

The Evening of Jazz was a great evening and well supported with the DBJQ and Claire entertaining us with singing and easy listening jazz. £545 was raised for Serving the Homeless. Thank you for your support.

An evening of **Songs from the Musicals** presented by Elizabeth Upsher and the Southend YMCA is scheduled for Saturday 18th November with an Italian Buffet Supper at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Tickets at £12.00 are now available

A **Christmas Wreath Making** event will take place at Highlands on Tuesday 12th December from 10.00 am to midday.

Tickets at £15 must be booked in advance.

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.

HARP celebrated its 15th Anniversary with the opening of a new charity shop at Eastwood Old Road in Leigh. This should make it easier for us to drop off donations instead of the difficult parking in Hamlet Court Road.

Church Anniversary Weekend

What a weekend we had !

Saturday morning coffee morning was well attended and then we had the wonderful Michael Glaysher with his tribute show to Elvis Presley in the evening. What a talent he is ! A very entertaining evening, supported by many from outside the church community and with people dancing in the aisles. A total of £708 was raised from ticket sales and the raffle.

Sunday Service led by Rev Teresa was also well attended and it was a pleasure to have contributions from the Fishermen's Chapel Gospel Choir to celebrate 91 years of Christian presence on the Highlands estate. Long may it continue.

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.



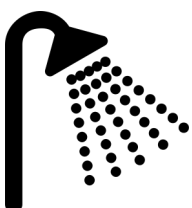
Winter Night Shelters

The programme commences once again on Wednesday 29th November at Bellevue Baptist Church. As previously the Southend and Leigh Circuit of Methodist Churches is taking their slot on Saturday evenings at Whittingham Avenue Methodist Church, commencing on 2nd December and then every 4 weeks. If you feel able to offer your services to cook, serve or just talk with guests please contact Janet Watson or Andrew Hyde.

We will be in need of clothing for the guests as well as shampoo and other toiletries to be used after using the shower facilities that you provided a couple of years ago, before dining and then sleeping on the camp beds that you provided last year.

This is such a well worth venture as we provide accommodation at a difficult time, over and above what is available at HARP.

This year the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve stints both fall to Avenue Baptist Church. If anyone would especially like to help out on those days please talk with Andrew Hyde.



HIGHLANDS
METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November

10.00 am to 1.30 pm

Gifts

Crafts

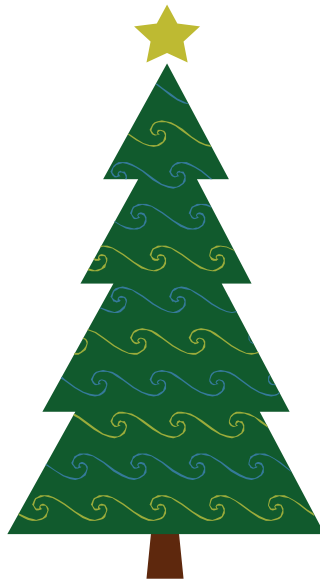
Coffee

Cakes

Stalls

Cards

Raffle



Hot Dogs & Bacon Butties

Available All Day

Competitions Father Christmas

Admission Free

Everyone Welcome

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Serving the Community 7 Days a Week



Children and Young People

Toddlers Group, Monday	9.30-11.30a.m.	Margaret Wood	557512
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.

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

Henry David Thoreau

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

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.

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

Pin Point 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 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