



The **HIGHLANDER**

August 2019

**The monthly newsletter of Highlands Methodist
Church, Leigh on Sea**


Worship in August 2019

4 th	10:30	Café Church	Kathy McCullough
11 th	10:30	United Service Communion	Pastor Steve Mayo
18 th	11:00	United Service <u>at Rochford</u> Communion	Pastor Steve Mayo
25 th	11:00	United Service <u>at Belfairs</u> Communion	Pastor Steve Mayo

**'Crafty Church' meets at 10:30 am on Sundays
For young people - meeting Jesus through art and craft**

Come in and FaceTime with Jesus

Find more information at: www.highlandsmethodist.org.uk

 Highlands (Leigh) Methodist Church



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**Highlands Methodist Church
Hospitality in the Midst of our Community**

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From the Editor

As you read this, I am (hopefully) in Switzerland. As I write it, I'm just recovering from the amazing ICC Cricket World Cup on 14 July. Here's a Tweet from a member of the desperately unlucky New Zealand team that says much:



I think we can all sympathise with the pain of defeat, but at the same time we admire the man's ability to make a wry joke at his own expense. It's a timely reminder that when things in our life go wrong, and of course they surely will, the really important things are certain to end up right – as long as we keep to the path Jesus showed us.

Anyway, I hope that all of you enjoy this summer, just as I aim to do. Since I (and many of you) are away, this is a 'lite' *Highlander* just to keep you informed about services.

The main thing you'll notice – indeed it's 'front page news' – is that there are three United Services (US), of which two are away from Highlands, at Rochford and Belfairs . And I may as well give you a 'heads up' that the Sunday 1 September service is also a US, this time at Wesley.

Now, if you know you'll be here in Leigh on those three Sundays, I have three really good reasons why you should come and join in

those three services. Rather like one those cheesy award-giving events, I'll list them in ascending order:

3rd These services are a great opportunity to really fill the church up, to sing favourite hymns *fortissimo* and *con brio**, and to meet up with old friends from other local Methodist churches

2nd Steve Mayo, who is leading all the USs, is one of our most accessible and engaging preachers. If you don't understand the message when Steve is preaching, then you have probably gone to the wrong church.

1st Transport from your very doorstep to the church (and back!) can be provided as long as you contact one of these stewards, preferably at least 2-3 days before the service

Andrew/Lesley Hyde	01702 473111
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Now finally, an invitation. Ian and Olivia married on 22 June in faraway Hampshire. For those unable to be there, there will be a blessing at Olivia's family church (Leigh Road Baptist, Marguerite Drive, SS9 1NN) at 2:30 pm on Saturday 31 August. We'd love to see as many as can make it of our church friends and family there.

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*Very loud, very enthusiastic and with most of the right notes



Prayer

We pray for our friends who are ill, housebound or bereaved and for those in residential care: Pat Gare in Admirals Court, Marie Moore at Archers Court (Hitchin), Mary Barter in Langley Lodge, Jean Burgess in St Martins Care Home and Doll Edwards in The Cedars. Vanessa Mayes now recovering at home from an accident in Cyprus. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

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PINPOINT PROJECT

Calling All Sewers

An exciting Christmas venture, with a choice of three projects:



- a quilted Christmas Advent calendar

- a pair of quilted placemats



- a quilted Christmas stocking

Dates: September 11th & 25th

October 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Time: 10.15 am to setup until 12.30 pm



Non refundable cost for each project is
£18 to include materials & 6 weeks tuition.

Can You Help?

On 1 August we plan a seafront drive followed by a light lunch at The Croft for Hobbies Ladies, Knit & Natter and some older folk. We need some help - drivers particularly. Please contact Julie Peek 479804 or Jean Edmonds 525250

Hobbies meets on Thu 15 August at 10.00 am



Coffee Mornings in August

3 August	Music @ Highlands
10 August	Mission
17 August	Church funds
24 August	TBC
31 August	TBC



Flower Rota

	Donated by	In memory of	Arranged by
4 August	Jean & Frank	Brian	Jean
11 August		Church Flowers	Pauline
18 August		United Service @ ROCHFORD	
25 August		United Service @ BELFAIRS	

There are some vacant slots on the flower rota. Please contact Jean if you would like to take one up.

SERVING the COMMUNITY 7 Days a Week

Children and Young People

Highlands Toddlers	Monday 9:30-11:30 am	Margaret Wood	☎ 557512
Rainbows	Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm	Jacqui Hendle	☎ 557147
Brownies	Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm	Dilys Haddow	☎ 710207
Cub Scouts	Thursday 5:45-7:15 pm	Lesley Bacon	lesleykbacon@googlemail.com
Scouts	Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm	Sally Monk	☎ 558857
Rangers	Thursdays 7:30-9:00 pm	Jacqui Hendle	☎ 557147
Guides	Friday 7:00-9:00 pm	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 am.

Social and Recreational

Knit & Natter Group	Tue 10:00 am-12:00 noon	Sylvia ☎556433
Badminton Club	Mon 8:00 pm	Sarah ☎902235 or Sophia ☎07796 265676
Hobbies	1 st & 3 rd Thu 10.00 am – 12:00 noon	Jean ☎525250
Ladies' Badminton	Fri 10.00 am – 12:00 noon	Dilys ☎710207
Pin Point	2 nd /4 th Wednesday 10:00 am – 12:30 pm	Teresa 07704 016391 Glenis 07484 744540
Adult Art Classes	Thu 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Susan ☎551025 or 07875 079739
Children's Art Club	Thu 4:00 – 5:00 pm	

Items for the **September 2019 issue** should be emailed to andrewghyde@aol.com **before Sunday 25 August** No email? Don't despair; just telephone 473111 to arrange an alternative.