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The Lockdown Link

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Minister – Rev Dr Calvin Samuel

Re. Calvin Samuel

We asked Calvin to give us brief biography, as many of us haven't met him yet, so here it is



I grew up in the Caribbean island of Antigua. It's an island known for its delightful weather and 365 white sandy beaches. It's also produced one or two world class cricketers: Viv Richards, Richie Richardson, Curtley Ambrose to name a few. Plus, if you enjoyed listening to world class cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason at Prince Harry and Megan's wedding last year, you can thank Antigua for that as his Dad's Antiguan. It really is a magical place. If you've never been please go at once. Seriously, stop reading. Go now!

My family were 4th generation members of the Wesleyan Church, which split from the Episcopal Methodist Church in the United States over the issue of Methodist bishops who owned slaves. This was in 1843. As a consequence, despite the passage of time growing up I was always a wee bit suspicious of Methodists. Such is the power of institutional memory!

I came to faith as a teenager and was baptised at 16. I was fortunate enough to discover the Inter School Christian Fellowship which provided a nurturing place for young people to find and grow in faith. It also provided me with my first exposure to ecumenical partnership as I was discipled alongside young Christians from a wide range of denominations.

At 18 I went to work having failed most of my A Levels, and a year later took up a job in banking where I worked for the next 5 years. At 21 I felt called to ministry and spent the next 3 years building up savings as Wesleyan ministerial students are expected to be self-funding. I was recommended for training in Britain.

So, I arrived in sunny Manchester in September 1993 expecting to train for ministry for 4 years after which I would be on the first aeroplane back to the Caribbean. 27 years later, here I am in Southend & Leigh as your new minister. Clearly, things have not gone according to plan....

The first sign that things were not going according to plan, *at least not my plan*, was a deepening sense of call to theological education. This required postgraduate studies after my initial 4 years of ministerial training. For a man who'd failed his A Levels postgraduate study was neither a conceivable nor welcome prospect.

The second development was that I fell in love, with a girl called Ramona, at the end of my first year of training. Ramona is key to this journey because in our first year of marriage she was appointed to a Methodist Church as a layworker, which began our journey into Methodism over several years. We married at the end of my third year and 2 years later our first child, Tiana, arrived. I was a postgraduate student by this point. 2 years after that our second child, Fletcher arrived. They are now 22 and 20. I'm not allowed to say how old Ramona is....

I was a Wesleyan minister from 1997—2000 and in September 2000 was appointed to a Methodist probationer appointment in South West London. At the 2001 Conference I transferred into Methodist ministry, was received into full Connexion, and ordained. Later that same year I received Connexional support to begin PhD studies alongside full-time ministry. It was a fairly challenging time, juggling circuit responsibilities, 2 young children and part time PhD studies.

In 2005 I completed my probationer appointment and was stationed to a part time school chaplaincy at Farringtons, a Methodist Independent School in Chislehurst, alongside a part time teaching post at Spurgeon's College, a Baptist Theological College in South Norwood, near Croydon. Whilst in this appointment I completed PhD studies.

In 2010, I was stationed to Durham as Director of the Wesley Study Centre, the Methodist Theological College serving the North East of England. Durham was a great place for us as a family, and our children in particular enjoyed the difference in lifestyle from London. Whilst in Durham, Ramona candidated for diaconal ministry, completed ministerial training in York, and was stationed to her probationer appointment.

For the next 5 years, I served in appointments outside the control of the Connexion. From 2014 to 2016 I served as Academic Dean of St John's

College, Durham University and from 2017 to 2019 as Principal of London School of Theology.

I'm a petrolhead, so I love cars and most things car related and dream of a day when my budget will match my 'car-spirations.' I'm a huge fan of Formula 1 racing. I sincerely hope there will be cars in heaven....

I love singing and music, and still plan to learn a musical instrument when I grow up.

I'm very much looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks and months and am full of anticipation about what we will accomplish together under God.

All God's Blessings.

Calvin

Prayers for this week

For our World - California where wild fires continue to rage: for **Belarus** where there is unrest at election results and oppression: **India** where cases of Covic-19 are constantly rising; **The Yemen** suffering from war, famine and disease.

For Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, her daughter, husband and family as their hopes of a reprieve are dashed and new charges are brought.



For our government, both national and local, working to bring the virus under control, stop the economy from shrinking and avoid mass unemployment. Pray that collectively, we find again that resolve to work together for the common good.

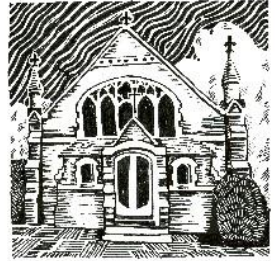
For Methodist Ministers who have moved to new churches and circuits, supporting congregations and communities in these unusual circumstances.

For those we know who need to feel the comfort and surety of God's love, the anxious, the lonely, the frail, those who are ill, receiving treatment or in hospital, as well as those who mourn

Newsletter No. 24 – still going!

Thanks again to everybody who's contributed.

Now we're back in Church we're going to have to reduce the frequency of Lockdown Link – unless somebody else wants to take it on? We'll be producing it fortnightly for the time being and gradually revert to bi-monthly editions. And we'll probably have to revert to the original title.



But please keep your contributions coming! Send items to us at hmethslink@gmail.com or phone 07798948236.

Muriel & Mike

Re-opening Church for worship

After holding our breath waiting for the government to announce the new restrictions on meetings, we heard the Prime Minister say on Wednesday that worship could take place in Covid-secure churches. This has now been confirmed by guidelines published on the government website.

We have worked hard to ensure that Church and the way we will worship is safe for all who attend, so we are going ahead with our service on Sunday.



All members and friends have been sent a copy of “Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church is Re-opening for Worship” – [please read it carefully before you decide whether or not to come](#) and let us know, if you haven't already done so, if you intend to come - hockleymeths@live.co.uk or 01702 204748.

Rev Calvin Samuel is leading this week's service, (which will include Communion) and the service next Sunday 20th September.

At the morning service on 20th September there will be an opportunity to say "Goodbye" to Michael Moon and Jane and to present them with a cheque in appreciation of their time with us. Michael and Jane are currently living at Shoeburyness while Michael seeks further employment in the ministry.

Because of the necessary precautions, Church and the service will look a lot different from the "old normal". Here are some of the points you need to remember:

- **everybody will have to wear a mask**
- **maintain social distancing – 1m +**
- **there will be no singing**
- **there will be Communion, but it will be brought to you.**
- **please stay seated throughout the service, from when you arrive till when you leave. Don't move the chairs.**

So there won't be a Sunday Zoom service this week but we'll continue for the time being at least with our Wednesday Morning Zoom Chats and, for as long as Ray's willing to think up the questions, with Ray's Friday Quizzoom.

Hockley Methodists' on Zoom

Wednesday Morning Social Chat at 10:30am

An opportunity to meet friends and find out how they are and find out what they've been doing. We had 14 at this Wednesday's Chat.

Ray's Friday Quizzoom at 7:00pm

Five rounds of five questions in each - with everything from TV soaps to quantum mathematics! There were 11 quizzoomers last Friday and **Billy was Quizzoomer of the week with 23/25.**



If you haven't got a Zoom account go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/signup> Any problems installing it phone Mike on 07798948236. Don't be put off by the technology, once it's going it's not complicated.



Before each Zoom you'll get an email with a meeting ID and password and full instructions on how to join in.

You can join either of these events on your landline (or mobile), you don't need a pc, laptop or tablet. Ask Mike and he'll give you the number to call (it's a UK number) and the meeting ID and password. You ring it at the start of the event; you get instructions as you go along till you reach a "waiting room" and Mike will let you into the event from there (this is a security measure to keep out unwanted "guests"). June Waterfield has regularly joined us on Sunday and Wednesday mornings without any difficulty. If you need persuading or any help in joining us (or even a practice session) phone Mike on 07798948236.

Online Worship

Some members and friends will be unable to get to Church but you will still be able to follow services at **Wesley's Chapel in London**. Several Services are "streamed" from there during the week and can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>.

In addition, the **Circuit Zoom service** is continuing till the end of September. It starts with social chat at **10:30am, then worship starts at 11:00am.**



The joining details are the same for each week: - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166449486?pwd=SlhvK2VlbkE0ZU9xeU8yMkl0aHU0QT09>

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Rev Calvin Samuel's and **Rev Michael Moon's** previous YouTube services will still be available at

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Rev+Calvin+Samuel and

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAsvGVGfFr6KIESXEKS36XA>.

And there are other services you can watch or listen to at home, for instance:

Methodist Central Hall <https://www.youtube.com/user/MCHWevents>



plus Songs of Praise every Sunday on BBC1 TV
Radio 4 Sunday Worship at 8:10am



Link to the Past

For this week's submission I am going to make a short journey back to just over a year ago. Today's submission comes from The Link of June/ July 2019.

Thursday Social Club

There is a saying "You can't have your cake and eat it" Well that is something that our group totally disagrees with. On Thursday 21st March we visited Olive and Chris for a tea and cakes afternoon. Olive is known internationally or perhaps nationally but definitely locally for making exceedingly good cakes. Who needs Mr. Kipling ? A delightful afternoon spent in their house and garden sampling a large variety of freshly made delicacies.

We decided to watch our waistlines for our meeting at Jean's on the 10th April as the subject matter was "Memories of Hockley." Many of our members have lived in Hockley for most of their lives and have seen many changes in what we still refer to as our village of Hockley. Pictures were shown of the many shops bordering our church and which have now disappeared from the scene.

The original Hockley School in Church Road was once the centre of the village but that was many years ago. As most of us know, Hockley School moved to the Main Road location that is now the home to SEETEC. In the 1980's there was a further move for Hockley School as a completely new school was built on the Betts Farm Estate.

With the introduction of rail travel Hockley Station provided a new centre for our village away from Church Road. A new high street was formed in Spa Road and we even had a premises that produced pure water at Hockley Spa.

So many wonderful memories that make us so lucky to be residents of Hockley.

A place that I have often walked past , but never visited, was the Central Museum in Victoria Avenue in Southend. This was redressed when we visited the Central Museum on Thursday 25th April . On entering the building we were welcomed by their staff who advised us that there was work going on in parts of the building so there were sections that were inaccessible. There were still lots to see which included lots of information on the many vessels that have been shipwrecked off the coast of Southend. Perhaps the one that most people are aware of is the Richard Montgomery which ran aground in sight of Thorpe Bay. This vessel was carrying munitions and explosives during the Second World War before making a prolonged visit to Southend. In the interest of safety the vessel has been left as it is rather than any salvage or destruction.

On leaving the Central Museum we walked the short distance to the art gallery based in the old library near the Civic Centre. Prominent on display was artwork from North Korean artists which brought to light the harsh repressive regime and problems its citizens face.

No catering facilities here so we adjourned to Southend Victoria station and its charming café. I might have mentioned it before but we do like our tea and cake so it seemed a bit amiss not to partake once again.

We like to keep our brain matter challenged and on Thursday 9th May this was certainly put to the test. Meeting at the home of Kay and Michael we waited with trepidation at what we were in for as Chris explained the rules.

“Say what you see” was similar to TV’s “Catchphrase” and Chris informed us that he obtained the puzzle cards from Tesco’s. There were 50 puzzle cards to solve within an hour. Looking around the room the worried looks were shared by us all. We were joined by our new minister Michael Moon who bravely joined us in our university challenge. Modesty forbids me in divulging the winner of this contest but I did score a creditable 36 out of 50.

Next meetings

Thursday 23rd May - Putting at Meadowcroft Nursery 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 6th June - Leigh Heritage Centre 3.00 p.m.

FRIDAY 21st June - Beeleigh Abbey Gardens

Thursday 4th July - Afternoon Tea 3.00 p.m.

More news from The Link next week. **If anyone has any old Link magazines I could borrow, would be most grateful as I am running out of magazines to use.**

Ray Williams

Meet the Minister

The next Circuit Meet the Minister' is with the Revd. Dr. Calvin Samuel at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 on Zoom.

Here are the joining details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86752805480?pwd=RnRwS2xqZ09rZG9uUWt0aGhHd01QZz09>

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hairy plin © publications' bid for Ray's Quizzoom Co. Ltd

Fresh drama from the from Boggart Hole Clough as hairy plin publications © stage an unlikely bid for Ray's Quizzoom Co Ltd, a recent newcomer the FTSE10000.

The company's shares tumbled drastically last week following the abandonment of its planned blockbuster "Noddy – the Opera" after copyright problems and are now worth only a few pence so it seems an unlikely step for the company. It's difficult to see a share-for-share bid succeeding and a cash for shares offer seems on the cards – hairy plin is cash rich following stonking revenues from Little Red Riding Hood Revisited. Opposition to the bid is expected from the Board of Ray's Quizzoom Co Ltd.



Chairperson of the Board, Raymond Fils de Guillaume, said he wasn't

over the moon about the bid and would fight it tooth and nail. In a later statement he expanded “This little-known firm from somewhere up north is out of its league, I’d be sick as a parrot if the bid succeeded. Over my dead body!”.

A spokesperson for hairy plin’s solicitors, Fleasem, Pockitt, Tall and Scramme said their clients were looking to expand into a growing market for on-line quizzing and hoped to build on Ray Quizzoom’s recent success. The company would probably be renamed Plin Quizzooms.

More details on Fleasem, Pockitt, Tall and Scramme’s website www.fpts-crux.org.uk.



The Real Advent Calendar 2020

It may seem a long time till Christmas but we’ve already had this advert from Meaningful Chocolate.

Because of the uncertainty over the future spread of Coronavirus they think it’s more important than ever to find ways to share the Christmas story and support Fairtrade.

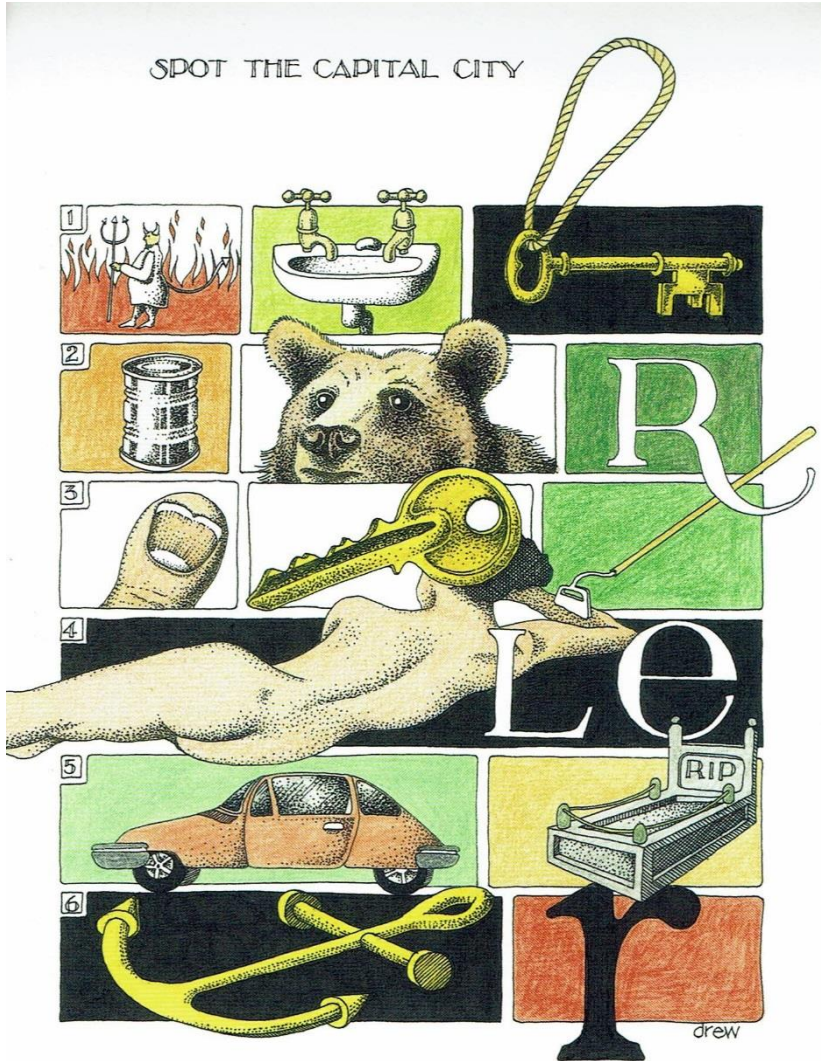
So, they’ve decided to produce a special edition 2020 Real Advent Calendar - complete with rainbow markings and a new Christmas story activity book. Because of the uncertainty this year they want us to buy now or to start planning to buy for Christmas early. They ask us to:

1. Be a Champion and collect orders from family and friends and order a case from us (Free posters & sign up lists available on our website)
2. Buy a case to share with friends, family or a school
3. Send single calendars in any numbers direct through the post along with other items from our 2020 range
4. Sponsor a calendar, case or pallet to be sent to a food bank.

There are more details on their website at <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>

Simon Drew's "Spot The .." Postcards

These Catchphrase-like games are available on postcards with a whole range of subjects. We'll print some in the next few issues and give you the answers in the subsequent edition.



Ray's Quizzoom

For those of you who missed Ray's last Quizzoom, here it is (no cheating – use of smart phones not allowed!) as well as the answers to Quizzoom 16

Ray's Quizzoom 17 – 4th September 2020

ROUND ONE - PUNCHLINES

In this round you will be told a joke, but one word will be missing. The missing word is the answer needed. To help you, the number of letters will be given of the missing word. Best of luck.

Q.1 I'm amazed at how many people go to Ascot when it's windy. Still, _____ (4) off to them.

Q.2 This bloke said to me, I live in the sky with a Swiss clock. I said, you are living in cloud _____ (6) land.

Q.3 I fell in love with a clumsy cleaner. She swept me off my _____ (4).

Q. 4 This rabbit walked up to me. He said, someone's just chopped off _____

one of my feet. I said that's _____ (5) isn't it.

Q.5 Whenever I'm in Italy I become a rickety old table. I guess I'm just a hopeless _____ (4) antique.



ROUND TWO - WHO SAID THAT?

Q. 6 In the film "Casablanca" which actor said "Here's lookin' at you kid."

Q.7 Who wrote these words, "A cat may look at a king, said Alice."

Q.8 In 1965 which UK Prime Minister said, "A week is a long time in politics."

Q.9 "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun" is attributed to which English actor and writer.

Q.10 Which American said these words in 1836, "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

ROUND THREE - BIRDS

- Q.11 Which bird is the bird of peace.
Q.12 In the famous Monty Python "dead parrot" sketch what unfortunate species of parrot were Michael Palin and John Cleese discussing.
Q.13 What bird is also a wizard in King Arthur's court. Q.14 What is a female swan called.
Q.15 Before becoming extinct the dodo lived on which island.

ROUND FOUR - RELIGIONS

- Q.16 In Christianity, known as The Trinity, what are the three aspects of one God.
Q.17 The Rastafarians religion originated in which Caribbean country in the 1930's.
Q.18 The Torah, is the holy book of this religion, and has the belief that Jews are God's chosen people. Which religion.
Q.19 Which religious figure has a name that means "Enlightened One."
Q.20 What is the main religion of India.

ROUND FIVE - MUSICAL PLACES

You will be given the name of the recording artist, the year of recording and part of the song title with one word missing. You will be given the number of letters to find this missing place.

- Q. 21 Dionne Warwick - 1968 - "Do you know the way to ____ " (3, 4)
Q. 22 Showaddywaddy - 1976 - "Under the ____ (4) of love."
Q. 23 New Vaudeville Band - 1967 " _____ (10) Cathedral."
Q. 24 Scott McKenzie - 1967 _____ (3, 9) (be sure to wear some flowers in your hair."
Q. 25 Guns N' Roses - 1992 - "Knockin on _____ (7) door."

ANSWERS to Ray's Quizzoom 16

ROUND ONE - WHO'S THAT LADY

1. LADY NANCY ASTOR
2. KIRITEKANAWA
3. BILLIE JEAN KING
4. LULU
5. WILMA

ROUND TWO - 20TH CENTURY HISTORY

6. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS
7. THE BEATLES
8. LOUISE BROWN
9. CHERNOBYL
10. ANNUS HORRIBLIS

ROUND THREE - ALL AT SEA

11. GONDOLA (A16 - A20)
12. CAPTAIN (HORATIO) PUGWASH
13. TIMOTHY WEST and PRUNELLA SCALES
14. PACIFIC OCEAN
15. HELEN OF TROY

ROUND FOUR - FILM WEEK

16. MERYL STREEP
17. INSPECTOR CLOUSEAU
18. ROGER MOORE
19. GENERAL (CHARLES) DE GAULLE
20. YUL BRYNNER

ROUND FIVE - THAT'S MY NAME

21. ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT
22. VIVIENNE WESTWOOD
23. EDMUNDO ROS
24. DAVID ATTENBOROUGH
25. SHIRLEY BASSEY

