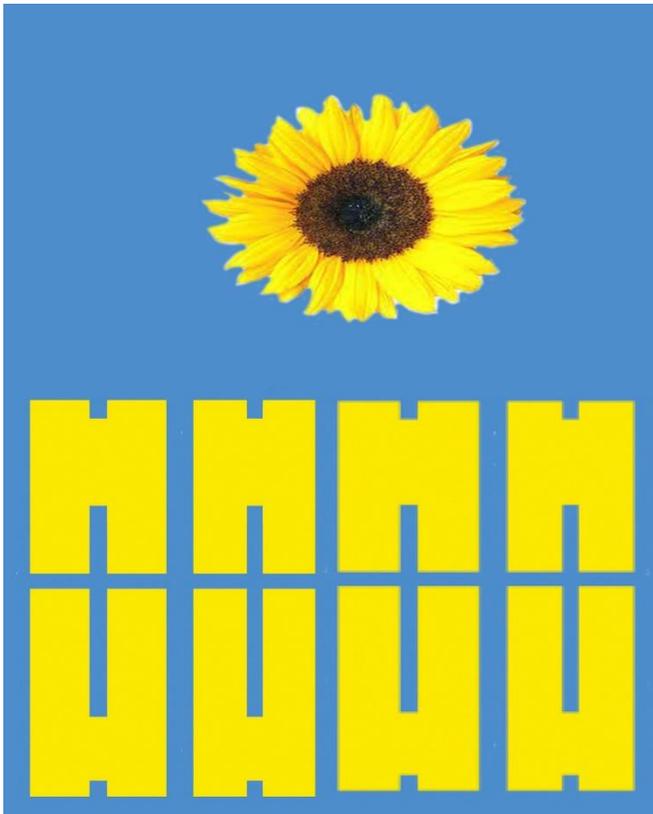


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Minister – Rev Dr Calvin Samuel

Rev. Calvin Samuel is on holiday



From the Worship Team

On **31st July** there will be no morning service but Emmanuel, St Peter and St Paul and the URC Community Church have all been invited to A Cup of Song at 4:00pm in our church. This will be an informal café style worship based on music and song. It will be followed by tea and cake with time to socialise. Come and join us!



The Church Council members are carrying out a community audit, the first part of the Mission Planning process, which you all took part in way back last November when the focus of Sunday services was The Methodist Way of Life. The information received from the audit will be used to make plans for the near future, in a similar way to when we worked on a five-year plan. It will also be passed on to the Circuit who will look at the plans for all the churches and support them where there are common themes.



All Age Worship on **7th August** is all about communion and we will be using a service that children can help to lead. It is based on one used at the Greenbelt Festival a few years ago. This is the festival in which Phil and Caroline Warrey were and still are very much involved. Our service will be led as usual by Rev Calvin Samuel.



There is no service in our own church on **28th August** but there is a section service at Rochford starting at 10:45am and led by Rev Steve Mayo. Although parking in the immediate vicinity is difficult, people can be dropped off at the door and access to the church is relatively level with no steps. There is plenty of car parking space in the main car park which is about a 5-to-10-minute walk away from the church.

On **4th September** All Age Worship will take the form of a Teddy Bear service, followed by a Teddy Bears' picnic in the woods or in the hall if the weather is not good. The first Sunday in September is when we focus on our work with families and young people. Brightstars and Messy Church have both been busy this year after the restrictions of the last two years. This Sunday will also be our Gift Day, postponed from June because of the 5 in 1 Celebration service and lunch. In the evening, there is a Circuit welcome service for a new minister at Thorpe Bay Methodists, starting at 6:00pm.



Harvest will be on **2nd October**. Hopefully, Covid permitting, this will be Parade service. As with all our All Age Worship service, Rev Calvin Samuel will be leading.

Muriel and the Worship team.

Audrey & Brian at Rupert Jarvis Court

We invite you to a special “Time Together” service at 4:00pm on 7th August at Rupert Jarvis Court on Bramerton Road.

This will in fact be our last “Time Together”. We have been privileged to facilitate these monthly services for over 7 years, but because of advancing years and ill health we have had to draw a line. We want to thank you for your help and participation which have been such a blessing to us.

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After the service we will have a light tea, sandwiches etc. and invite you to stay. If you could let us know if you plan to come that will be helpful. Blessings

Audrey& Brian

(Audrey and Brian are members of Emanuel Church and when we were holding “Worship on the Move” they supported us at the Rupert Jarvis Court services. If you would like to attend please contact Muriel on hockleysteward@hotmail.co.uk or phone her on 01702 204748)

Six promises you can make to help reduce carbon emissions



People in well-off countries can help avert climate breakdown by making 6 relatively straightforward lifestyle changes, according to recent research. “The Jump” is a campaign to persuade people to sign up to take the following six “shifts” for one, three or six months:

1. Eat a largely plant-based diet, with healthy portions and no waste
2. Buy no more than three new items of clothing per year
3. Keep electrical products for at least seven years
4. Take no more than one short haul flight every three years and one long haul flight every eight years.
5. Get rid of personal motor vehicles if you can – and if not keep hold of your existing vehicle for longer.
6. Make at least one life shift to nudge the system, like moving to a green energy, insulating your home or changing pension supplier

Not everyone would be able to commit to all the pledges,” making a start” could make an impact, according to The Jump. You can find out more on [The Jump](http://TheJump.org) website

Mike

Circuit Prayer Diary July-September

This is an extract from the Prayer Diary published in the summer edition of the Circuit Newsletter. On each Sunday and weekday you are asked to pray for.



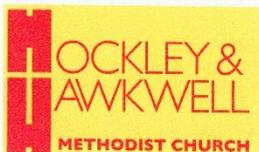
AUGUST

Mid-Week Prayer of Week 31 – **President of Methodist Conference**
Prayer for Sunday 7th – **Safeguarding Representatives**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 32 – **All We Can**
Prayer for Sunday 14th – **Church Volunteers**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 33 – **Methodist Women in Britain**
Prayer for Sunday 21st – **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 34 – **Memory Worship**
Prayer for Sunday 28th – **Church Sunday Schools and Youth Groups**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 35 – **Circuit Stewards**

SEPTEMBER

Prayer for Sunday 4th – **Rev Agnes Sam and family**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 36 – **Circuit Prayer Breakfast**
Prayer for Sunday 11th – **Fellowship Groups and Home Groups**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 37 – **Thundersley Methodist Church**
Prayer for Sunday 18th – **For the Harvest and Farmers**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 38 – **Mid-week Communion**
Prayer for Sunday 25th – **Guiding, Scouting, Boys & Girls Brigade and Uniformed Organisations**
Mid-Week Prayer of Week 39 – **Wellbeing and Wholeness Services**

You can see the latest edition of the Circuit Newsletter [here](#)



Invites you to

A CUP OF SONG

A celebration in music and song
Café style with tea/coffee and cake

SUNDAY 31st July
at 4:00pm



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Only 148 Days to Christmas ...

Or 112 to our Christmas Bazaar!!

Put the date in your diary - **Saturday 19th November** from 10:00am till 1:00pm. Please save the date

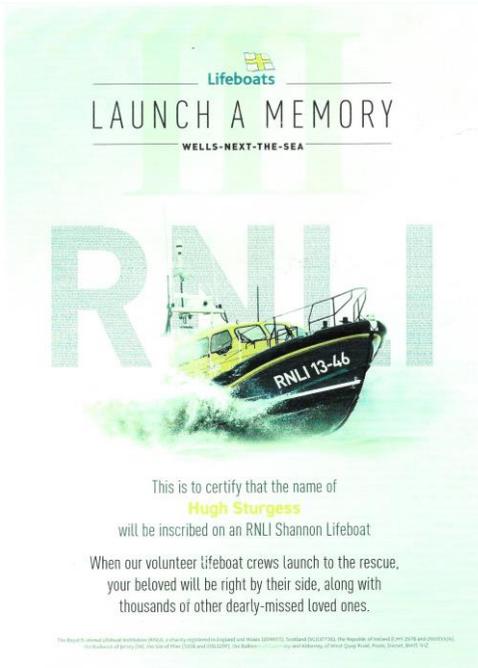
Lots of stalls – more details later.



Please start collecting (non-perishable) items for the Christmas Hamper along with Christmas crackers, good condition toys and items for the gift stall. Thank you.

June and Gill

R.N.L.I. Launch a Memory.



Last year I received from the R.N.L.I. an invitation to have Hugh`s name put on a new Lifeboat that was being built.

Hugh had always supported the R.N.L.I. and after his death I carried on doing so in his memory. The boat that was being built was to be the new lifeboat for Well-Next-The-Sea in Norfolk .

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What more could be so meaningful for him, his family being from Norfolk going right back to the fifteen hundreds and some of his cousins and their families still living in Norfolk.

I sent off a donation and during the year was kept informed by letters and e-mails of the progress of the boat as it was being built. It is a R.N.L.I Shannon Lifeboat. The boat is being built at Poole which is their main site where the boats are built and a training station for lifeboat crews.

I learnt that it was built in two halves then put together and then over the months all the ships fitting and equipment was put in. I then had an email asking me to check the spelling of his name before it was placed on the side of the boat. The boat is now nearly complete and I have had an invitation to go to Poole in August to view the boat and have a tour of the site. It is too far for me to travel so my daughter Jill who lives in Portsmouth is going on my behalf.

As the boat was being built a new Lifeboat station was also being built at Wells-Next-The-Sea and during its construction I was sent pictures.

I shall now wait for the boat to be stationed in Wells and then go along with Hugh`s cousins to view it

Carolyn Sturgess

Green Credentials

Checking out at the supermarket, the young cashier suggested to the much older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because Plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologised and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days." The young cashier responded, "That's our problem today – your generation did not

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care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right - our generation didn't have the 'green thing' in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery shops bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we re-used for numerous things, most memorable besides household bags for rubbish, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school), was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalise our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have a lift in every supermarket, shop and office building. We walked to the local shop and didn't climb into a 300 horsepower machine every time we had to go half a mile.

But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's Terry Towel nappies because we didn't have the throwaway kind.

We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 3 kilowatts – wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids had hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

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But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then, we had one radio or TV in the house - not a TV in every room and the TV had a small screen the size of a big handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Scotland in the kitchen.

We blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We pushed the mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity

But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their Mums into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's £80,000 'People Carrier' which cost the same as a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances and we didn't need a

computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pub!

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Here endeth the lesson.

From Di Jacobs

An Existential Crisis?



Afghanistan is heading for catastrophe this winter. More than 8 million people are on the brink of famine. In the **Yemen** over 24 million people depend on aid to survive. The country is once again on the brink of famine. After years of civil war in **Syria**, millions of people need humanitarian assistance. The people of **Ukraine** are facing unimaginable suffering. After two major cyclones, people in **Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi** and **Mozambique** now face severe drought and hunger. Millions of men, women and children are in need of urgent help in **Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya** and **South Sudan** because of climate extremes, Covid-19, and conflict. Conflict, hunger and an Ebola outbreak are affecting millions of people in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

Against this background, the UK Treasury has blocked "non-essential" new payments for overseas aid projects over the course of the summer recess, purportedly because high spending on Ukraine and Afghan resettlement means the budget will breach the new 0.5% gross national income spending limit.

Downing Street denied that any "life critical" aid would be cut back, saying the freeze would mostly affect longer-term building and infrastructure projects but in the middle of a global food security crisis is it acceptable that Britain's crucial support should be

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withdrawn and the lives of the world's most vulnerable people put at even greater risk?

There are articles about this in [The Guardian](#), [devex.com](#) and [Reuters](#); and there's plenty of evidence why the poorer peoples of the world need our help on the [All We Can](#), [Christian Aid](#) or [Oxfam](#) websites.

Mike

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Thank you to Billy for the image on the front cover – it's the basis of a new poster for the Notice Board at the front of Church. Billy has provided us with lots of colourful, eye-catching and challenging images for a number of years now and he's continuing to use his talents for us across the internet.

Don't forget that The Link is now on a two monthly cycle and it will usually be issued on the last weekend of the month. Please send any items for The Link to hmethslink@gmail.com by the Tuesday before publication.

The Notices will be produced fortnightly provided there is enough material. Please send anything you want included in the Notices to Nicola at hmmc1883@gmail.com.

Muriel & Mike
30th July 2022

