

The Link

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Editor's Note

I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to this summer edition of The Link.

The deadline for the August/September magazine is **Monday 20th July**. Please either post items to me, Ron Chidwick, or send by email to:

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Message from the Manse

Dear Friends,

As I write this article we are still in the season of Easter, and it is good to reflect on the meaning of the season.

I had a good Easter, and I hope you all were able to have a good Easter too.

Using the Lenten Cross liturgies at Rayleigh and Hockley helped us to prepare for Easter and consider all that Jesus suffered and endured on our behalf. Our Maundy Thursday service this year was very moving, and quite challenging, who are we like, how have we fallen short of the glory of God?

We had a good service at Rayleigh Baptist Church, and we left there clutching our nails, having reflected on the crucifixion and having worshipped in a reflective way. In the afternoon I took 2 services reflecting on the Passion narratives, one at Canvey using the Mark readings, and the other at Hockley using the Matthew readings.

Holy Saturday gave us an opportunity to reflect on the emptiness that the disciples must have felt after Jesus had left them.

Easter Sunday was excellent, with a joyous Early Easter Morning Communion at Hockley, fully cooked Easter Celebration breakfast at Rayleigh, and a Celebration of Easter at Rochford, when we could taste and see that the Lord is good, and we made Easter Garden Stone rolled back scenes, with Jammie Dodgers, Rich Tea biscuits, green icing glue, chocolate stones and sprinkles for flowers.

It is good to celebrate Easter, to celebrate new life, and a fresh start for us all. After all, we are a forgiven, redeemed people, children of God, with a promise of love, forgiveness and a place forever in our Heavenly Father's love. Officially we are allowed to celebrate Easter for 6 weeks. So keep on celebrating God's love.

As we move forward, I feel that we are being challenged to look carefully at our spirituality, our discipleship and our mission. In the reading we had today at Rayleigh's Communion (John 6.30-35), we were reminded that Jesus is concerned about feeding our spirituality and our wellbeing as much as he is over feeding ourselves physically. Let's try and move forward, putting our trust in God, putting aside some of our worries about buildings, fields, money, membership, and look at our own discipleship, and feeding ourselves, filling ourselves up spiritually, so that we are like the people in the adverts that have had their 3 shredded wheat! If we are filled up spiritually, if we are right in our discipleship, if we are ministering to others, then we have the spiritual armour to be able to better deal with buildings, membership, finances, and any other worries.

As Methodists, we are good at food, and feeding people, and we are good at celebrations. So let us keep on celebrating, and let us keep feeding ourselves, fattening ourselves not just on chocolate, egg and bacon flan, custard creams and pot luck, but also in feeding each other up spiritually, scripturally, prayerfully, worshipfully and in good fellowship with others. [I am sure the “Grammer” Police will have a field day in that paragraph, but you know what I mean!]

Every Blessing.

Phil Warrey (Rev)

Family News

Welcome

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers into our fellowship; if anyone would like a home visit then do ask a church steward who will arrange it for you.

Baptism

It was good to welcome Tyler James Hoy into the Church Family on Sunday 3rd May and to share with all his Family and Friends in this time of blessing.

Illness

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell. Especially we think of Ken & Jean Saunders and family, Sheila & Michael Hayman and Maureen Blake.

Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Linda and Ray Williams who celebrated 40 years of marriage On 31st May.

Congratulations

To James Easter on becoming a Night Street Pastor in Southend.

Thanks

Maureen Blake wants to thank everyone who has shown her such kindness and concern during her recent health problems. She also expresses her gratitude to all who helped make the Sisterhood Anniversary service and tea a memorable occasion.

Please let me know of any prayer request, special birthday, wedding anniversary etc. so that it can be included in our magazine.



The Christening Of Tyler James 3rd May 2015



Why God Made Little Boys

God made the world out of His dreams
Of magic mountains, oceans and streams,
Prairies and plains and wooded land,
Then paused and thought “I need someone to stand
On top of mountains, to conquer the seas,
Explore the plains and climb the trees.
Someone to start out small and to grow,
Sturdy, strong as a tree...” And so,
He created boys, full of spirit and fun,
To explore and conquer, to romp and run.
With dirty faces and banged up chins,
With courageous hearts and boyish grins.
When He had completed the task He’d begun
He surely said “A job well done”

Read by Steve Hoy

Pauline Mary Williams

Please see below the Eulogy we put together for Pauline Williams, the Readings were Psalm 23 and John 14:1-6, 27.

Let us take a moment in remembering Pauline. Firstly we remember that Pauline was a very private person, and although she has been known for many years by fellow members of Hockley Methodist Church, we now realise that we did not know much about her life, as she had been so private. This is what we have been able to communally put together.

Pauline Mary Barnes was born in Rayleigh on the 14th March 1927. Pauline's family were well known residents of Hockley. Her father was the local coal merchant.

On one of my visits to her bungalow, she showed me a very old photograph of the inside of our Church with gas lights. Another photo she showed me was of her and her mother on the way to church, when she was a very small child; Mother looked very smart in her 1930s skirt, blouse and hat.

Pauline had a brother, Oliver, who was at school with Harold Collingridge and who remembers he used to refer to Pauline as 'Podge' (presumably with some irony). Oliver married Florrie who subsequently became another of our church members. Jean Saunders who is unable to be with us today thinks there was another brother called Ronnie.

Vivien Allmey, who was Pauline's pastoral visitor, says that Pauline once mentioned she had joined the Women's Land Army at some point towards the end of WWII.

Pauline married Ronald Williams and together they ran an off-license in Westcliffe. Pauline and Ronald had one son, Alan, who died some years ago.

When Pauline divorced, she returned to Hockley to a bungalow built close to the home in which she grew up. Michael Deedman tells us that in 1978 she took a job as a clerical officer in the VAT Headquarters at Southend. He also remembers visiting her in Oldchurch Hospital, Romford in March 1980 where she had been taken following suffering from a cerebral haemorrhage from which happily she made a good recovery. (Another of our members, Shirley Chidwick, was in the same hospital at the same time with the same condition).

She remained on good terms with her ex-husband, and we are glad to see that he is well enough to attend today.

Yuping Wells has told us that Pauline was very methodical in her life time evidenced by how meticulously her paperwork was kept, how every single key and storage box

in her house were neatly labelled. She was a very talented painter, an art form she took up as a way of grieving for her son. She lived at 56 Main Road, a home she was very proud of, having inherited it from her parents. Pauline, we understand, enjoyed travelling and had a collection of artefacts from around the world.

She attended morning service fairly regularly at Hockley Methodist Church until a couple of years ago but being such a private person she did not take part in any church social activities and always made a quick exit at the end of the service.

We know that she was quite keen on local history and did attend an evening of old Hockley photographs we held for Christian Aid. She was a keen motorist and was sad when she had to give up driving.

As evidenced by Yuping Wells, we know Pauline enjoyed her holidays and on one occasion at least went on safari to Kenya.

Her health gradually deteriorated, and walking down to church was OK but going back uphill was a problem. She tried a mobility scooter but was very nervous of using it and gave it up after a while.

As her health deteriorated she did not want ministerial visits, but after she had moved into Ashingdon Care Home, Vivien and I were able to visit her, and just before Christmas we had a lovely afternoon with her singing carols and sharing in Holy Communion.

I was able to visit her a number of times in hospital, and she did appreciate her hand being held, and being prayed with. It was during a hospital visit that I met her friends, John and May Routledge, who she had met on one of her holidays and had been a great help to her.

Pauline had told us that she was ready to go, and on 10th March 2015, Pauline Mary Williams passed away aged 87 years.

We have but seen a glimpse of Pauline's life, and we are aware that she'd had her difficulties, family disputes, a divorce, illnesses and losing her son.

Now we can take comfort from those words of Jesus to the disciples, that Pauline is at peace, that she has found comfort and safety in one of the many rooms in Jesus' Father's mansions.

Pauline had left instructions that there were to be no hymns at this service, but that I was to choose a suitable piece of music. At the committal we will hear some quiet music, which includes the words "Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom."

Please sit for a moment after the committal and blessing, and listen to some of the remainder of the music, and remember Pauline, and Jesus' promise to us all.

Phil Warrey (Rev)

Pauline and her Mother

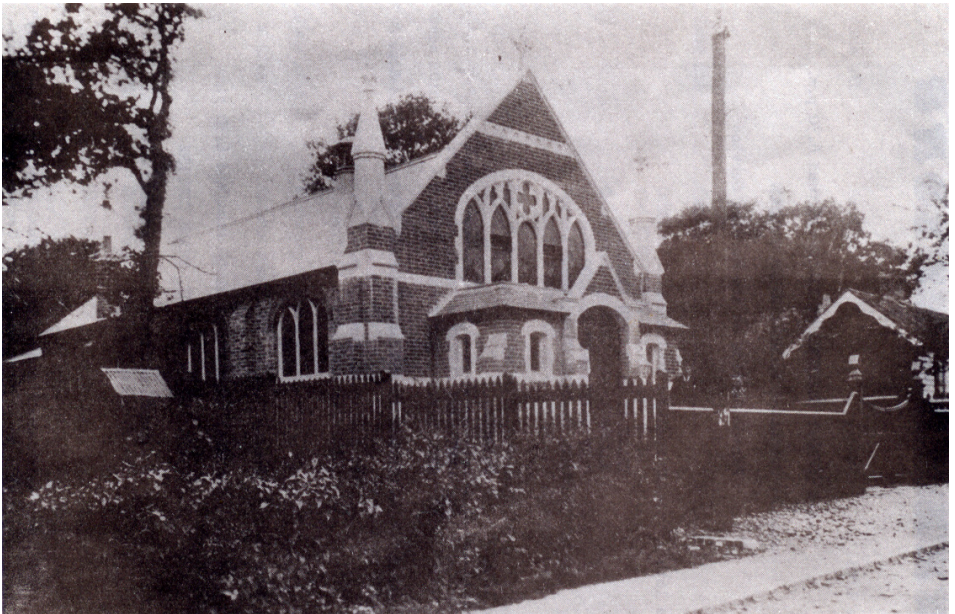


Auntie (Muriel Barnes) Auntie (Florence Barnes) Uncle (Arthur Barnes)

A Missionary Play ca 1914



The Wesleyan Church (Now Methodist) C. 1906

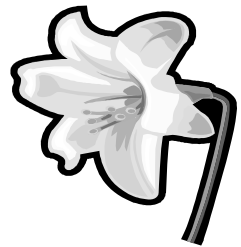


Church Interior



Flower Rota

1 st Sunday	Kay Deedman	202802
2 nd Sunday	Carolyn Sturgess	203964
3 rd Sunday	Anne Sains	202010
4 th Sunday	Linda Williams	204309
5 th Sunday	Linda Clarke	204559



Fairtrade

February's Coffee & Pancake Morning was well supported. The stall of Fairtrade goods took £66 and sales of pancakes made £82. We sold out of Fairtrade chocolate chip biscuits; coffee and chocolate were also popular. The money taken was shared equally between Traidcraft and church funds. The amount donated to Traidcraft was in effect doubled through a Government promise to donate one pound for every pound raised. A good result overall.

The Fairtrade Foundation says that when you buy Fairtrade products you are helping to transform the lives of 1.4 million people in 74 less developed countries around the world through fair prices, better wages and the Fairtrade Premium.

Kay Deedman

(Apologies to Kay that her Fairtrade article did not appear in the last issue of Link due to the email not reaching me)

Penny Pot

Thanks to the generosity of 'people popping their pennies into the pot' another £14.30 has been raised for the work of 'All We Can'. The need to support this fund has been clearly demonstrated recently following the disastrous earthquake in Nepal. All our contributions, however small, play their part in meeting such desperate needs. Please keep the coins coming.

Joyce Rae



From the Steward's Perspective

We are looking forward to our Church Anniversary on 7th June. This is a time to celebrate together and consider all that is, and has been achieved as a Christian community in Hockley. It will be All-age Worship and led by our own minister Rev Phil Warrey.

The new plan is out and Ruth Lowden, the Circuit Administrator, said it was the most difficult one that she has ever had to complete. Rev Mo Wills, a probationer, has been questioning her vocation. To quote from her letter *"I feel that I need to take some time out to reassess what God is calling me to do. This period out will need to be substantial as the crisis of vocation I now face cannot be resolved quickly and to continue as a Minister without some conviction of my calling is untenable"* Mo has asked to leave, so the Circuit is looking to find someone for Chalkwell and Trinity. Elizabeth Kirova (for Benfleet, Canvey and Thundersley) is still on maternity leave and it is the holiday season so we can all appreciate the difficulties of filling the plan. The Thursday Club has offered to take a service and Michael Langley is coming for his annual visit. We do have our two stalwart Worship Leaders, who consistently lead us in stimulating and effective worship, so thank you to Carolyn and Anne. (As a result of Carolyn's Christian Aid service, we have, at the time of writing, almost enough money for **three** cows)!! There are likely to be further difficulties when it comes to planning for the next quarter. Ruth Lowden has asked that we draw on any contacts we have to invite preachers in to help share the load. If you know anyone, then let me know.

Andrew Wells has been helping us out by playing the clavichord once or twice a month but this was only on a temporary basis and the next quarter will be his last one. I know that his visits have been appreciated by many of you, as has the band, which seems to be expanding. Thank you to Billy, John, Katherine, Caroline and of course Phil. Most of us prefer live music to the recorded variety but Mike and I do spend quite some time listening to all the available versions of a hymn, before deciding which one to choose, taking into consideration speed, style, clarity of melody etc – it isn't just a random choice!

There will be a Youth Weekend on the 5th and 6th of September and there are plans to join with St Peter and St Paul again for Harvest Supper, date yet to be confirmed, but trying for the first Sunday in October. The theme for the windows this year will be "All things bright and beautiful" so get your creative thinking caps on now, look at the hymn and map out some ideas!

Worship on the Move has embedded well at Spa Court and we are always made very welcome. It is very informal, but personal to those who come and as you might expect, usually finishes with tea and something tasty to go with it. Lime Court has

regular visits once a month from another church so we have decided not to continue there. The next step is to see if Rupert Jarvis Court would like us to visit.

Mike and I went to a review meeting about the night shelter, which this year was based at Whittingham Avenue. Everybody was thanked for their contribution and we were given a report on the night shelters, a copy of which is on the table at the back of the church. It makes interesting reading and shows how many hours of work went into the running of all the shelters and what it would have cost if the volunteers had been paid!! We were also asked for three positive thoughts and three areas of concern or improvement for the running of the Saturday shelter, the responsibility of the Methodist Churches. It was generally agreed that this year's organisation into teams worked well and that arrangement will probably be continued again in October when the shelter starts up again.

By the time you read this, the stewards and a couple of extras will have been up to the Excel Exhibition centre for the Christian Resources Exhibition which runs for several days and where there are lectures, seminars and stalls to cover just about every aspect of church life that you can think of. The stewards are also planning to discuss the way we run the Church with consideration of the rules for churches with less than 50 members and what the implications are for the way we run our Council and committees.

That's all for now. Thank you everybody for all that you do.

Muriel
Co-ordinating Steward

Gospel Rocks Community Choir

A new community Gospel choir for Hockley and surrounding areas! The choir will be Wednesday nights between 8pm and 10pm, with the first session on Wednesday 3rd June at Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist church. No auditions and you won't be using music so don't worry if you can't read music. If you would like to come along to our first rehearsal on 3rd June or would like more details, email us at gospelrocksc@gmail.com, visit our Facebook page or just turn up! If you decide you would like to join, it will cost £10 for half a term or £20 for the full term. Everyone is welcome, so come and have some fun singing with us!

Hannah, 07801 800065

Thursday Social Club

On Thursday 19th March we met at the home of Gill and Ivor to await the appearance of Florrie Holland for her talk on "Travelling with the Theatre." We waited and waited but alas it was a no show due to circumstances beyond control. Thankfully Kay and Michael stepped up to rescue us with an evening dedicated to photo shoots.

Kay and Michael had just returned from their camera club and it was part of their job to adjudicate on the many photographs sent in by their club and mark them accordingly. We were able to give our own judgements on the photographs and our reasons for giving them the marks we did.

Once we had given our opinion on what photos appealed to us we were then given an insight on what the experts would be looking for. This could be distracting figures or objects in the photo. Not centralising the focal point of the photograph. Making sure that our focal point did not hide within an unsuitable background.

We were grateful to Kay and Michael for sharing their photography expertise with us.

Thursday 2nd April and being Maundy Thursday there was no meeting.

Thursday 16th April and we made the short trip to the Palace Theatre to the Southend Operatic & Drama Society's production of Carousel. As most of you probably know this was the second musical by the Lennon and McCartney of their time otherwise known as Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Most musicals are in a happy vein, but if you know the musical "Carousel", you will know that it is quite a dark tale. Billy Bigelow was a barker at the Carousel and a bit of a jack the lad. Julie Jordan was a young mill worker who went with a friend to the Carousel; saw Billy there and quite fancied him. Bit of a shame really as she could have done a lot better. Anyway, despite their apparent differences the two of them got together, fell in love and got married. After they got married they started having a few ups and downs. Mostly downs as Billy lost his job at the carousel and fell into bad company. The bad company was a strange looking fellow called Jigger who was a bit creepy and could easily have auditioned as Gollum in Lord of the Rings. Our two young lovers grew apart as Billy's wicked ways caused a few problems. Julie told Billy she was expecting a child which made Billy very happy. Despite this, Billy went with Jigger on a robbery which unfortunately went wrong and Billy stabbed himself. He somehow found himself in heaven and met the starkeeper. Are you following it so far? The starkeeper allowed Billy to go back to earth to see his loving wife Julie and his Daughter Louise.

This journey took him fifteen years. He must have gone by train. He saw Julie and Louise and loved them immediately but couldn't stay too long as he had to get the

train back to Heaven. An everyday story of country folk. Please do not take this summary literally as some of these facts may be slightly wrong.

Amongst the well known songs in this musical were "June Is Bustin' Out All Over", "If I Loved You" and Liverpool's adopted football anthem "You'll Never Walk Alone. A very well performed musical by our local theatre group and some very good singing by all and sundry. I would go on but I am still getting nightmares seeing the creepy Jigger.

We visited the home of Stan & Joyce for a talk on "Women in the Great War" by Councillor Carole Mulroney, ably assisted by her husband Declan. The war changed many things for people around the world and particularly for women. With the men folk going to war replacements had to be found in the workplace. Although women had been seen in the workplace they were of a minimal number in the most menial of jobs and being paid half the rate of men. Women had been expected to give up work once they got married to revert to their natural roles of wife, mother and housekeeper. These injustices led to the movement WSPU

Women's Social and Political Union was started by Emmeline Pankhurst and her daughter Christabel in 1903. This movement was later more commonly known as the Suffragettes. When Britain declared war on Germany on 4th August 1914 all previous working patterns changed. Women worked in many professions during the war such as postal workers, policewomen ambulance drivers and firewomen. Many women worked in munition factories and were known as munitionettes. This was a most dangerous job with illnesses a regular problem due to the toxic atmosphere. There were many explosions and one of the worst was in January 1917 at a TNT factory in Silvertown, East London killing 73 people.

A regular occurrence was the destruction caused in cities by the German Zeppelins.

There were many famous women who came to prominence during this time and these are just a few:

In 1914 Dorothy Lawrence disguised herself as a man in order to become an English soldier in the First World War.

Also in 1914 Flora Sandes, an English woman, joined a St. John Ambulance unit in Serbia and subsequently became an officer in the Serbian army.

British nurse, Edith Cavell, helped treat injured soldiers in German occupied Belgium. She was executed in 1915 by the Germans for helping British soldiers escape Belgium.

The Memorial Plaque (known as Dead Man's Penny) was issued after the end of the war to the next of kin of British and Empire service personnel who were killed as a

result of the war. This talk brought home to us how much our ancestors had suffered all those years ago.

We awaited with bated breath for our speaker on Thursday 14th May at the home of Viv. Our speaker was Florrie Holland for her talk on "Travelling with the Theatre." This had been postponed from Thursday 19th March (see above). Florrie was, in her own words, not in the first flush of youth but she certainly had a youthful outlook. Born in Dagenham she had always been interested in acting and had been a member of many theatre groups. She is currently a member of The Pier Players but has also had a close relationship with the East Essex Players who regularly perform at the Dixon Theatre in Westcliff.

In 1989/90 Florrie's group were the UK winners of A One Act Play contest and were invited to the then Czechoslovakia to take part in another contest.

Further invites were received and they took up the offer of going to New Delhi to perform their one act play based on the Marx Brothers. Flying Aeroflot their group managed to obtain a large discount on the normal charge. Going was no real problem except they had to stay in a hostel which wasn't ideal. Flying home from New Delhi was a problem. Aeroflot did not have an efficient booking system and no seats were available for their group. They would have to wait until a later flight. For some of the group this was not possible and other airlines were more helpful and seats were obtained, albeit at a further payment. Some of Florrie's stories cannot be told in a church magazine but they were very funny. Florrie's talk was well worth the wait.

Next meetings:

Thursday 28th May - Astronomy Evening - if dry Rawalpindi - if wet, Church

Thursday 11th June - To be Arranged

Thursday 25th June - Last night of Year - at Kay & Michael's

Ray Williams



Everything a politician promises at election time has to be paid for.....

While walking down the street one day a Member of Parliament is tragically hit by a lorry and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'No problem, just let me in,' says the MP.

'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

'Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the MP.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.' says St. Peter.

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the lift and he went down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he found himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and dressed in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They played a friendly game of golf and then dined on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly and nice bloke who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it's time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves whilst the lift rises....

The lift rises and the door opens in heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.' says St. Peter.

So, 24 hours pass with the MP joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. 'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity.'

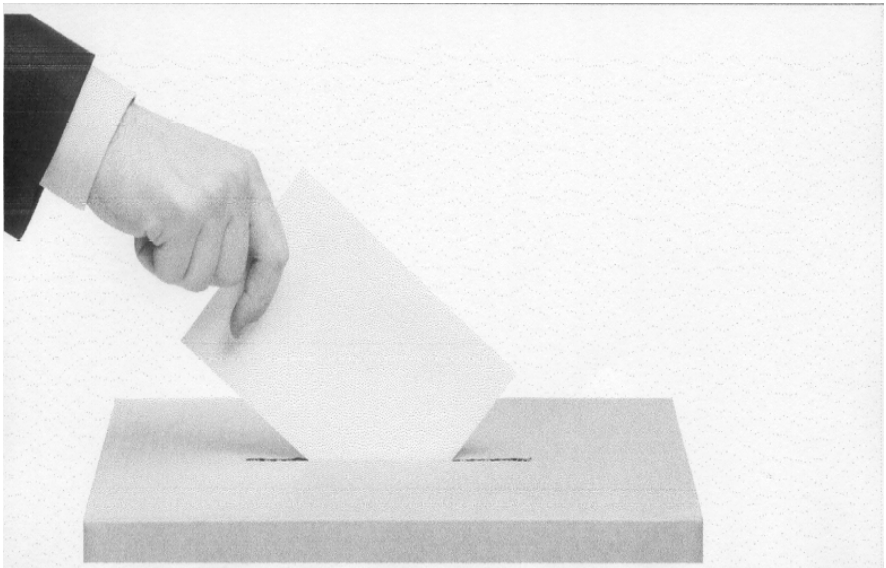
The MP reflects for a minute, then he answers: 'Well, I would never have said

it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell.'

So St. Peter escorts him to the lift and he goes down, down, down to hell. When the doors open he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and rubbish. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the rubbish and putting it in black bags as more rubbish falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. 'I don't understand,' stammers the MP. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of rubbish and my friends look miserable. What happened? '

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, 'Yesterday we were campaigning.....today you voted'.



Mike Peggall



HOCKMIRA

Hockley Methodists' Inactive Ramblers' Association

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Saturday 20th June

Sutton and Stambridge - 5½ miles

Walk through the countryside north of Southend. Start at Garon Park at 11:00am, leave Church Car Park at 10:30am. Sandwiches.

Steeple – CANCELLED. This is the most boring walk we've ever done!

Thursday 13th August Family Walk & Picnic Lunch

Coffee Morning and Activities at Church at 10:00am, followed by a short buggy-friendly stroll through Hockley Woods starting at 11:00am and picnic in the playground around 12 noon. In the Hall if it's wet.

Monday 31st August

Bowers Marsh - 5½ miles

Walk through the bird sanctuary (no dogs!). Leave Church car park 11:45am. Pub Lunch in South Benfleet.

Please make sure you have sturdy walking shoes (not "fashionable" trainers) or boots, plus waterproofs and something warm to wear. Always bring something to drink.

All these walks are fairly straightforward but any activity like rambling (even the inactive variety!) needs care so please watch what you're doing and keep an eye on any young people.

Contact Mike or Mu Pregnall on 01702 204748 or e-mail mumic@pregnall.freemove.co.uk if you want further details of any of these walks or need a lift.



Easter in Spain

I went to Spain with my family for the two weeks of the Easter Holidays. We stayed in a villa in the Mijas district, about an hour's drive from Malaga.

We were informed that as it was Easter week the shops would all be closed on the Thursday and Friday and that during the week each village in the district would, during the evening on a certain night, be holding their own procession.

The origins of these processions dates back to the year 1487 when the Catholic Monarchs entered Malaga, this was an episode of the city's history which gave rise to a new religious exaltation among the citizens.

On the Thursday evening we went to the village square and sat at a table outside a restaurant and had a meal, then waited for the procession to start. During the waiting time the owners of the villas came out on to their balconies and draped them with purple cloths; some were plain, some had pictures of Mary, others had pictures of Jesus on them.

The Religious brotherhoods organise the processions of the floats that are carried on their shoulders. The floats are very ornate, decorated in either silver or gold with either Mary or Jesus, displaying a scene from Holy week; they are all lit up.

There are different uniforms that the various brotherhoods wear, some groups just have dark suits, other are all in long black dresses with very long pointed hats on their heads.

During the Spanish Civil War the uprisings caused problems within the church and after this the church complained that the floats were getting too big to be situated in the church and that there was a problem getting them out of the church doors.

The processions now start with a service in the church and then the Priest, choir, bands and floats slowly proceed through the village. As they proceed people lay down palm leaves, rosemary and other sweet smelling herbs on to the pathway and as they are trodden on the scent raises up.

It takes quite a time for the procession to circulate around the village because being a village the electric cables are overhead so every so often they have to stop and let the poles be lifted up by the brotherhood using long wooden poles then slowly go under without taking the floats off their shoulders and of course they had some very sharp tiny corners to turn which every one cheered for when they had successfully achieved all the movements it entailed.

It was nice to be in the atmosphere of this religious procession along with many other people but I did wonder how many were there just for the enjoyment and not for the religious meaning of Easter. But then I think of our own Walk of Witness need I say anything more?

Carolyn Sturgess

Amnesty International Southend Group



Mike and Mu are holding an

AMNES TEA party

Sunday 12th July

2:30pm – 5:00pm

36 Orchard Avenue, Hockley

Enjoy a variety of teas and cakes in the garden (weather permitting!!).



This is a fundraising event in support of Southend Amnesty Group



The box in the porch is still available for donations of food. It's emptied regularly and the contents taken to The Bradbury Centre in York Road. HARP provides the only comprehensive emergency service for the homeless in the Southend area. It currently helps 48 people every day and in 2013 38,000 meals were provided at its various hostels.

There is a full list of the items that HARP needs in the box but the top priorities are:

Coffee, teabags, sugar, long life milk/powdered milk
Long life fruit juices (orange and apple preferred)

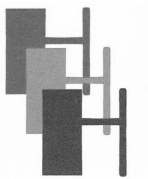
Individual cartons of drinks

Individually wrapped cakes

Individually wrapped chocolate biscuits (e.g. Kit Kats, Penguins, Blue Ribands)
Crisps/potato snacks

You can find out more about HARP on its website at:

<http://www.harpsouthend.org/>



THE TRIPLE H COMMUNITY CHOIR



LAST NIGHT OF THE HOCKLEY PROMS



The Triple H Community Choir presents “**The Last Night of the Hockley Proms**”, an entertaining evening of stirring music, including traditional “Last Night” pieces such as Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Auld Lang Syne, as well as some British Folk Songs and a First World War Medley.



Musical Director Ashley Thompson

Accompanist Michael Davis



Saturday 11th July 2015 starting at 7:30pm
Greensward Academy, Greensward Lane, Hockley SS5 5HG
Tickets - £10 (under 16s - £7) from Caroline Warrey 01268
770333 or triplehtickets@gmail.com

Bring your own snacks and drinks, ticker tape and party poppers.
Have a Champagne evening! We'll be sitting at tables in a café arrangement.

Plenty of car parking.



<http://e-voice.org.uk/triplehchoir/>

Age UK Essex - Helping people in Essex to meet the challenges of later life

I am the South East area coordinator for Age Uk Essex Dementia Connections service and would like to recruit volunteers in the local area to help people living with Dementia. I have included some details below but if you would like some more information, please feel free to contact me.

Dementia Connections is a short programme designed to help people living with Dementia to stay active and we need volunteers. The service is delivered by Age Uk Essex and The Alzheimers Society.

As a volunteer you will:

- * Work with each client for up to 12 hours (total per client over a number of weeks)
- * Help each client to achieve their personal goal. This could be, for example, attending a local social group, joining a keep fit class or going for a walk.
- * By the end of the 12 hours you will have helped your client rebuild their confidence and enabled them to reconnect with the local community.

In return you will benefit from valuable training including,

- * Corporate induction to Age Uk Essex and The Alzheimers Society.
- * Dementia Awareness Training
- * Dementia Connections Training.

This varied and interesting role will suit you if you are confident talking to a range of people, a good listener and able to give up 4 hours a week.

Travel expenses will be paid.

To find out more contact me on 01268 204470 or email rebecca.townsend@ageukessex.org.uk

Thank you very much in advance.

Becky

Social & Fundraising

Please note the following events in your diary:

Friday, 19th June - Please join us at Meadowcroft Garden Centre, Battlesbridge for a **Cream Tea**, consisting of a plain or fruit scone with jam and cream, plus either tea or coffee. The cost is £3.99 per person and lifts can be arranged. If you are interested please let me know by Sunday 14th June please.



Tuesday, 28th July - Arrangements are in hand for a **Chinese Meal** at The Great Wall restaurant, East Road Rochford. The cost will be £15 per person.

Saturday, 12th September - There will be a **Clearance Sale** at the church from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Refreshments and lunches will be available. If you are able to help in any way please let me know.

Saturday, 6th December - **Christmas Bazaar** at the church from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Further details later but if you are able to help in any way please let me know.

Other events are being arranged and further details of these will be in the next edition of The Link magazine.

Linda Williams
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Smiling is infectious

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

Author Unknown

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUN	Morning Worship JaM Club for children (every week)	10.30 am 10.20 – 11.30 am
MON	Brightstars Parent & Toddler Group, <i>contact Linda S 204309</i> Ballroom Sequence Dancing: IN THE HALL <i>contact Fay 01268 780028</i> Triple H Community Choir: IN CHURCH <i>contact Ashley 07581390448</i>	9.30 – 11.45 am 7.30 – 10.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm
TUE	Dru Yoga Class: <i>contact Ruth on 07818599183</i> Hockley Ladies Keep Fit Club: <i>contact Roselle 07709349695</i> Messy Church (3 rd Tuesday each month) <i>Contact Anne S 202010</i>	10.00 – 11.30 am & 7.30 – 9.00 pm 2.00 – 3.00 pm 4.00 – 5.30 pm
WED	50+ Keep Fit: <i>contact Julie 07912622483</i> 50+ Stretch & Tone: <i>contact Julie 07912622483</i> Bible Study followed by a Communion Service 2 nd Wed., <i>contact Anne 01702202010</i> 2nd Hockley Brownie Pack: <i>contact Vivienne S 204550</i> Badminton Club: <i>contact Wendy S 200484</i>	10.30 – 11.30 am 11.45 – 12.30 pm 3.00 – 4.00 pm 5.30 – 7.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm
THU	U3A Floral Art Group, <i>contact Irene 202975</i> , last Thursday 1st Hockley Beaver Colony: <i>contact Jane S 203739</i> 1st Hockley Cub Scout Pack <i>contact Dan, 07802 193936</i> <i>or email Hockleycubs@yahoo.co.uk</i> Thursday Social Club: <i>contact Joyce S 201635</i>	1.30 – 4.30 pm 5.15 – 6.15 pm 6.30 – 8.00 pm 8.00 pm, alternate weeks
FRI	Friday Club (years 3-7) <i>contact Wendy S 200484</i> Friday Club + (years 7 & upwards) <i>Contact Rev Phil Warrey 01268 770333</i>	6.00 – 7.30 pm 6.45 – 8.15 pm

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