

# The Link

#### Between you and the Church



**Editor's Note** 

My thanks to all who have contributed to this copy of The Link.

The deadline for the June/July issue is Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Please either post items to me, Ron Chidwick, or send by email to: thelink@hockleyhawkwellmethodist.org.uk

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### The Resurrection of Daffodils by William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

I wandered lonely as a cloud / that floats on high o'er vales and hills, / when all at once I saw a crowd, / a host, of golden daffodils; / Beside the lake, beneath the trees, / fluttering and dancing in the breeze... / Ten thousand saw I at a glance, / tossing their heads in sprightly dance. / The waves beside them danced, but they / out-did the sparkling waves in glee... / And then my heart with pleasure fills, / and dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth (1770–1850), the greatest of Romantic poets, chanted upon the inspiration of 'The Daffodils'. Once working in Cambridge, I was fortunate to visit many historic sites including St. John's College where Wordsworth studied, and a place called 'The Backs' on the backyard of King's College where I used to go to ponder upon the glory of snowdrops and daffodils in spring. Wordsworth lost both his parents when he was thirteen (I lost my mother at thirteen), however, he found a path of resurrection in his life. I call this path a 'spirit of resurrection'. I suppose William imagined his mothers' resurrection in nature.

My first article in the Link magazine, as a 'supply minister'(?) for the life of Hockley and Hawkwell Church, I am humbly putting my foot into the circle of the Church for being part of the shared journey without a prior expectation! Sadly to say without a doubt, I hardly find any right words to describe the sudden departure of our brother, Rev. Stephen Watts. One of the beautiful memories of Stephen I cherish in my heart at this time is that our staff meeting normally took place at his home.

Val always prepared a beautiful lunch for us. And their dog, Willow, (I call him Willow Tree) of course, always welcomed us in style at the door. (He likes me as I gave him some crumbs) My hope for Val, and her children Lesley, Michael and Chris, is to find a new path of God's mercy on their journey. Yes, William found a new path of resurrection pondering upon the glory of daffodils in spring after his mother had gone. And I also pray that our church, Val and Val's children would find the same spirit of resurrection at this time. Nature itself is God's assistant minister or angel for the world to ponder about his consistent love and mercy. The Creator ordained for us to ponder upon the silent message of resurrection in nature too—"Consider the lilies, how they grow..." (Luke 12:27).

Now, daffodils, crocuses, forsythia are dancing; soon tulips and other spring flowers will be preaching as God's preachers! Enjoy the sermons of spring!

Michael and Jane Moon

#### **Church Family**

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell, undergoing hospital tests and treatment or facing difficult times. Especially we think of Valerie Watts and her family following the sudden passing of Revd. Steve. We think too of Ray Williams, Caroline and David as they mourn the loss of Linda.

Our prayers are also asked for Colin Sains, Arthur Waterfield, Ron Hollioway, Eunice Burge, Sheila Hayman and their families.

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

At its February meeting Council members:

- \* discussed the worship team's timetable for the rest of 2019, noting that it included six dates for All-age Worship. On the fifth Sundays of June and September it was planned to have a communion service at 9.30am and a Songs of Praise service at 4pm. It was also hoped to participate in a joint service at Emmanuel church on Good Friday.
  - \* heard an appeal for more church stewards to come forward;
- \* agreed to accept the quotation from CDS for restoration work on the car park and to invite the same company to resurface the drive;
- \* considered three tenders for kitchen refurbishment, agreed that the quotation from Taylor and Nicholls came closest to meeting our needs and instructed the relevant working party to conclude negotiations accordingly with a view to having the work carried out in summer 2019;
- \* were pleased to hear that the undertaking to donate £500 annually to 'All We Can' had virtually been achieved;
- \* were advised that action to meet the requirements of the new rules on Data Protection was now largely in hand.

Michael Deedman

Secretary to the Church Council

### FAIRTRADE TAKING THE GRIND OUT OF COFFEE GROWERS' LIVES

Thank you for your support of Fairtrade during Fairtrade fortnight. I'm glad you enjoyed the Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits and

chocolate. Your donations allowed us to send £30 to the Fairtrade Foundation. Fairtrade just means the producers earn a fair price for their products. Firms such as Co-op and Waitrose build lasting relationships with farmers and have seen the



positive impact Fairtrade can have on individuals and communities through the provision of new schools, water pipelines and better access to medical care. Keep looking out for the Fairtade logo.

Kay Deedman

#### **Coffee Rota**

April	May	
7 <sup>th</sup> Di	5 <sup>th</sup> Di	
14 <sup>th</sup> Kay & Michael	12 <sup>th</sup> Kay & Michael	
21 <sup>st</sup> Di	19 <sup>th</sup> Di	
28 <sup>th</sup> June & John	26 <sup>th</sup> June & John	



#### Flower Rota

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Kay Deedman	S.202802
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Kay Deedman	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Linda Clarke	S.204559
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Linda Clarke	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	(Dried flowers)	



### News from Norman & Valerie Taylor who moved to Northern Ireland and now live in Carrickfergus County Antrim

Be Joyful God is at work in the world and certainly in our lives. He holds us together and meets all our needs. There is not a lot to laugh about today so hope you will while reading this epistle.

We are both reasonably well for our ages 79 & 83. Still able to walk a fair distance unaided although not sure we could go on any of Mike & Muriel's rambles. Getting thin on top, wear glasses for reading and driving, should have hearing aids but who wants to hear some of the rubbish given out today.

There are two services at church, both led by the minister David. He is a great Teacher, doesn't do sermons, going through the prophets at the moment which are quite repetitive and we are expected to read the given portion before each Sunday. Once a month there is a Family service with tea and buns after – good time to get to know some of the 200 or so families. Lots going on; G.B., B.B., Mums and Toddlers, indoor bowling and football, lunch club, friendship club, M.W.I. etc. We only go Wednesday evening for Bible Study and one Saturday to clean the church – 4 floors and lots of rooms and toilets.

There are 20 houses and apartments in our little bit of Carrick and we have got to know the neighbours – mostly about our age and quite a few are churchgoers. Jackie and Herbie who go to the local Nazarene church (there are 33 interdenominational in and around Carrick) invite us once a month Saturday evening to supper at their house and we put the world in God's hand. They have worked at a retreat centre in Scotland so we have something in common as well as our Christian beliefs. Mary from our church also lives here.

Right. now for some family news. Carolyn and Stephen, also Charlotte and James. are still in Basildon, Charlotte works in the round the corner

Martins newsagents and James in the Basildon Mall McDonalds, 32 and 29, no partners etc. and quite happy to live at home. Wendy and Richard divorced; both have remarried and have step-children. The children, Laura, works in London in 'IT' and has her flat in Southend. There is no one special but she has lots of friends and she visits us at least once a year. Matthew lives in Huddersfield, has a house and works in Insurance during the week and coaches American football at weekends which he got interested in while at University. No partners but plenty of friends from 'Uni.' days. Rebecca is living with a friend from schooldays after spending 9 years with Christopher who does not want to get married so she moved out. She worked in a children's nursery as assistant, then at a local leisure centre in a variety of jobs, life guard, reception and then in canteen where she decided to do a degree in Environmental Health. She is In London 2 or 3 times a week and also does voluntary work at Castle Point. So, no marriages, no great grandchildren.

Do hope you all enjoy reading our news and next time we are over will try and visit.

Wendy is still nursing at Southend General, if you have breathing problems you may come across her.

Lisa is a radiologist at Abergavenny Hospital, after retraining from a Chartered Surveyor; she and Eric have no children but live very busy social lives.

Well after re-reading this scribble – had to get it all down while the brain was still working – hope you found something to laugh about.

Blessings and love in Him who loves us so much.

Valerie and Norman



#### HARP'S Spring Walk Sunday 28th April 2019, 2:00pm

Join HARP for a gentle 3.5 miles stroll along the Prittle Brook Greenway, from Priory Park to Belfairs Park. Every step you take will show your solidarity with local homeless people and help HARP beat homelessness for good. Enjoy free tea and cake at the Belfairs Woodland Centre. The route is pushchair friendly, and dogs on leads are welcome.

https://www.harpsouthend.org.uk/spring-walk-2019

He is standing with us here, in the plain Will you let him ease the load and the pain? He is standing here today Not a saviour far away, But the Christ of every day, Bless his na

#### THE AUTOMATIC DOORS - A REMINDER

If, when you approach them, the doors don't open automatically, please don't immediately try to unlock

> them. There may already be somebody in the building and trying to unlock the doors will iam them

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**AUTOMATIC** CAUTION

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There are on/off switches for just inside the doors. PLEASE DO NOT TURN THESE OFF.

If you are in the building on your own and have set the doors to lock please switch on the light in the hallway to let others know that the building is occupied.

#### **The Church Calendar & Heating**

Colin Allison is now operating the heating system and will be relying on the Church Calendar on the website to set the heating programme. If the Calendar isn't kept up-to-date and accurate you could find yourselves sitting in the cold!

Please inform Carolyn on hmethsbookings@gmail.com 203964 of any Team or other meetings that you currently have planned and of all future meetings. Carolyn passes details of all meetings, bookings, etc to Mike and he puts them on the Calendar on the Church Website.

Although Colin is now operating the system there is still a need for cover during holidays, etc. Any more volunteers out there? Please contact Anne on 07739184627

#### All you want to Church E-mail probably quite want to know!



#### know about addresses – and a lot you don't

Under the recent General Data Protection Regulations, it isn't considered acceptable to use private e-mail addresses for Church matters, so we've had to set up new e-mail addresses for various Church groups and jobs.

If you need to contact any of these people please don't use their personal e-mail addresses, use these Church addresses

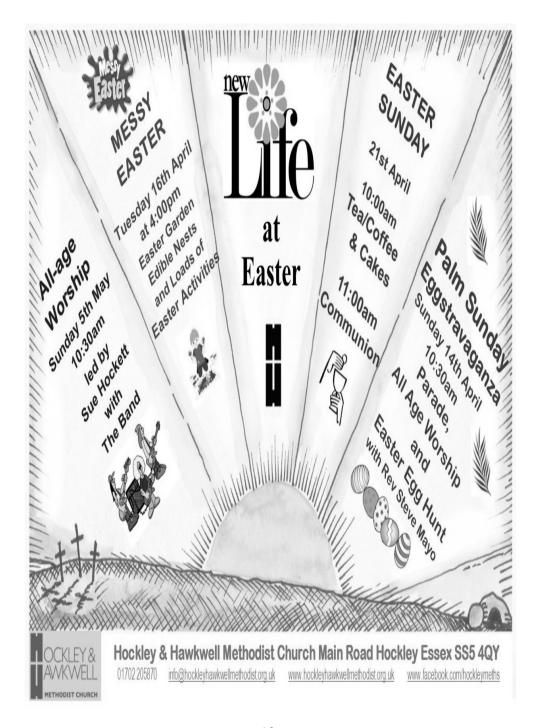
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Young People (not currently in use) <a href="hmethsfriday@gmail.com">hmethsfriday@gmail.com</a>
Hall Lettings (Carolyn Sturgess) <a href="hmethsbookings@gmail.com">hmethsbookings@gmail.com</a>
Church Secretary (Michael Deedman) <a href="hmethsproperty@gmail.com">hmethssecretary@gmail.com</a>
Property Matters (Stan & Anne) <a href="hmethsproperty@gmail.com">hmethsproperty@gmail.com</a>
Fundraising/Social Team (Gill Cross & June Parkhurst) <a href="hmethssocial@gmail.com">hmethssocial@gmail.com</a>

You should no longer receive e-mails from private or individuals' e-mail addresses – please let me know if you do! These Church e-mail addresses also have the advantage that when the holder of a post changes, the address doesn't.



There are a few other Church e-mail addresses that predate the GDPR – they'll continue in use as follows:

Worship Team (Steward, Muriel Pregnall) hockleysteward@hotmail.co.uk



#### THURSDAY SOCIAL CLUB

We were greatly distressed by unexpected news of the death of Linda Williams. She had been a loyal member of Thursday Club for many years, frequently as a Committee member. Her advice, her unflappable calm and willingness to take on many tasks will be greatly missed. Our sympathies lie with Ray, the Club's current chairman, and her two children, Caroline and David. They are very much in our thoughts.

As regards recent activities, we listened to a most interesting talk by Susan Mathews on her recent trip to China, 'Up the Yangtze'. Particularly appealing was her excursion to a Panda conservation centre where so many of this endangered species are bred and cared for. This requires a great deal of skill by the dedicated staff as pandas make indifferent mothers and their offspring when born are only a few inches long.

Our annual lunch was held at the local 'Rose Garden' restaurant. At the subsequent meeting David Clarke gave a lively talk about his memories of Sunday School in west London and the summer outing to Ruislip Lido. David's father was a Sunday School superintendent so he could appreciate the efforts which went into providing quality time for the many children passing through the church doors.

Our latest outing took us to the Meadowcroft Garden Centre. We all admired the wonderful display of primulas, pansies and violas - but it was a typical spring day with grey skies and a biting wind so we were glad to spend most time in the restaurant with tea and cake.

Michael Deedman



#### Our first walks of 2019:

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Local Walk about 4 miles Start and finish at 36 Orchard Avenue, stop for tea/coffee in Hockley. Start at 2:00pm.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Christian Aid Sponsored Walk London

Take part in the "Circle the City" sponsored walk in London. We'll go up to London on the train in the morning, probably around 10:00am. It's well-organised and there's a choice of a 3 or 6 miles route but we need to register beforehand. More about this below. Please let Mike or Muriel know by 1<sup>st</sup> May if you're coming on this walk.

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Woodbridge - short!

Another visit to Woodbridge for a pub lunch, a short walk (probably round Shotley) organised by Peter Cogar and tea at Peter, Anne and Claire's. Leave the Church car park 10:45am. If you just want a pub lunch and tea at the Cogars there's no need to walk! Please let Mike or Muriel know by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June if you're coming on this walk

Contact Mike or Mu if you want further details of any of these walks or need a lift - 01702 204748 or <a href="mailto:hockleymeths@live.co.uk">hockleymeths@live.co.uk</a>

Mike & Muriel

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### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Starting at Horton-in-Ribsdale at 0.630 – 12 hours to do 24.5 miles

Walk to climb. Pen-y-Ghent 2,247 ft. Walk from Pen-y-Ghent to Whernside - Climb 2,352 ft. Walk from Whernside to Ingleborough - Climb 2,362 ft

Walk back to Horton-in-Ribsdale – Downhill!!

Walker: Ian Mackenzie



**Charity: Marie Curie** 



Contact Ian for Sponsorship Forms

01701 204550 or email: ianwmackenziei@yahoo.co.uk



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### JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WITH EMMANUEL CHURCH

No Good Friday service is planned at our church but instead we have arranged to take part in the service at Emmanuel Church on Friday 19 April at 11am. This is the first time our two churches have got together to hold a joint service so we do hope it will be supported by a good number from our congregation. I am happy to arrange transport if that is likely to be a problem.

Kay

#### Deedman

Further information received as follows:

The service will involve hymns, Bible readings, reflections – from a book written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell – and times of silence and prayer.

Revd. Canon Nick Rowan would like to have readers from our church for a bible reading and one of the reflections. If you are prepared to do a reading, please contact Anne Sains on 07739184627.



## Christian Aid Week and the Circle the City Walk Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Leading up to and during Christian Aid Week (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May) there will be Christian Aid envelopes available to make a donation and a sponsorship form for the Circle the City Walk. Please support the Walk.

If you want to join the Walk, sponsorship isn't necessary, but you need to register at <a href="www.ctc2019.eventbrite.co.uk">www.ctc2019.eventbrite.co.uk</a>. There are also more details about the event.

#### **Layer Marney Tower**

We are still hoping to visit Layer Marney Tower as part of our walk on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August despite only 5 or 6 of people showing interest so far. A visit would need to be booked in advance, so if you are interested, we need to know by SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY



There'll be a pub lunch and the walk isn't compulsory! But we've decided not to try to squeeze in a visit to the Tiptree Museum on the same day.

Layer Marney is a Tudor palace, composed of buildings, gardens and parkland, dating from 1520.

https://www.layermarneytower.co.uk/visiting-lmt/

Mike & Muriel 01702 204748

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#### **Job Vacancy**

Regional Learning and Development Officer – East of England Region 18 month fixed term contract, part-time

If you are keen and enthusiastic about helping to further the mission of our churches, circuits and districts, then we would like to hear from you. As an experienced professional with a proven track record in learning and development, you will be part of a learning network within the Discipleship and Evangelism Cluster of The Methodist Church. We are seeking to recruit a home based part time post (17.5 hours/week equivalent worked in a pattern of annualised hours) in the East of England region of the Learning Network (working across Methodism in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire). The team covers a range of learning and development areas within the life of the church aimed at supporting and encouraging the church in living out Our Calling: 'The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission' and can be called upon to deliver support across the Connexion. The core area of the work over the 18 months will be to:

- recruit and train volunteers for delivering Advanced Module Safeguarding training
- establish and embed, in conjunction with District staff, systems and processes for the planning and delivery of future safeguarding training events

In addition to the core work the role will also include:

- preparing and delivering learning and development activities, events and initiatives
- meeting with colleagues to plan, develop and review programmes of learning and development
- building good relationships with the two Methodist Districts, circuits, individuals and communities across the church and beyond
- sharing individual gifts and experiences across the cluster and other groups

• significant travel, weekend and evening work

Successful candidates will join a regional team of four people and a 43-strong network of learning and development professionals across Britain - the Learning Network.

For a lay employee, a salary of £26,600 - £32,250 per annum pro rata is offered depending on skills and experience.

More details about the roles are available at <a href="http://www.methodist.org.uk/jobopportunities/">http://www.methodist.org.uk/jobopportunities/</a>

Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12pm midday Interviews: will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble—
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

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### The deadline for the next Magazine (June/July) is Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Please make a note of this in your diary

#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**SUN** Morning Worship 10.30 am

MON Brightstars Toddler Group contact Sandra 206146 or June 204481 9.30 -11.45 am

Pilates & Yoga, contact Rachel 07990513413 1.30 - 2.30 pmBallroom Sequence Dancing Club (in the hall) 7.30 -9.30 pm

contact Fay 01268 780028

Triple H Community Choir (in church) 7.30 -9.30 pm

contact Ashlev 07581390448

**TUE** Dru Yoga Class contact Ruth on 07818599183 10.00-11.30 am. 7.30-9.00 pm 1.30 - 2.30pm

Lingotots contact Mrs Kate Thorne 07792790586

southend@lingotot.com

Messy Church (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month)

4.00 - 5.30 pm

contact Anne 07739184627

WED PIYO Pilates contact Rachel Yates 07990513413 9.30 - 10.30 am

2nd Hockley Brownie Pack: contact Amy Ensum, S 470134 5.30 - 7.00 pm

amvensum@hotmail.com

Badminton Club, in hall, contact Wendy S 520332 7.30 - 9.30 pmGospel Rocks Community Choir (in Church) 8.00 - 10.00 pm

Contact: Hannah Conacher gospelrockscc@gmail.com

**THU** 50+ Keep fit, contact Julie 07912622483 9.15-10.00 am

> 50+ Stretch & Trim: contact Julie 07912622483 10.15-11.00 am U3A Floral Art Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month  $1.30 - 4.30 \, pm$

> > contact Irene Morris 01787 310265.

1st Hockley Beaver Colony: contact Jane S 203739  $5.15 - 6.15 \, pm$ 1st Hocklev Cub Scout Pack contact Mike, S 201253  $6.30 - 8.00 \, \text{pm}$ 

or email hockleycubs@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday Social Club: contact Vivien, S 203997 2.30pm, alternate wks

Pilates. Contact Mrs Tracy Bateman 07961 954966 9.15 - 10.45am

Email tracybateman1107@aol.com

U3A Play Reading Group (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) 11.00 - 1.00pm

Contact Coral S 201252 Email coralkathro@gmail.com

Friday Club+ years 7 & upwards.

 $6.45 - 8.15 \, \text{pm}$ 

SAT Yoga 4 all. Contact Keely 07984801726

8.30 - 9.30 am

Chameleon Productions, contact Stephen Hulse 07368461766. 10.00 - 2.00 pm

or at steve.hulse@chameleonproductions.co.uk

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