

# The Link

## Christmas Edition



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### Editor's Note

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this edition of the Link and to all who have done so throughout the year. A Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to you all.

I have now made the decision to step down as editor having taken care of the Link for the last 10 years. Time for some new blood – any volunteers?

The deadline for the February/March issue is scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – assuming that some kind soul will take over from me.

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## “Get ready to refresh your pulse!”

What is this world made up of.....? This world is made up of love, kindness, hope, faith, goodness, forgiveness, joy, understanding, tolerance, welcoming, grace..., even sorrow, grief, tears, failures and of course all kinds of the evil-minded deed. It's impossible to list all of them on a piece of paper!

The portrait of this world is not 100% positive or 100% negative. These are the ingredients of this world. Then, in such a world are we still entitled to dream of a scared promise for tomorrow? We witness that in today's world the sinful powers and greed-oriented dreams in power and materialism tend to lead this world.

*“Did God love such world to save sending His only Son?” “Does He still want to change this sinful and confused world according to His standard?” “Does He want us to be part of His reformatting project for this world?” “If God is still calling us to be His vision-sharer what kind of mind-set must be?”*

I recall what Lewis B. Smedes says, “When you make a promise you have created a small sanctuary of trust within the jungle of unpredictability...” A jungle of unpredictability? Yes, it could be a new portion of our ministry given to our churches today. Amid unpredictable social confusion we are still allowed to build a small sanctuary, the sacred refuge of promise. Hannah Arendt in her book *The Human Condition*, she diagnoses that the only way to overcome the unpredictability of our future is the ‘power of promise.’ The power of promise is to become the remedy for our painful past and present. So the King James Bible says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish...” (Proverbs 29:18) Since human promise is a remarkable reality, human destiny tends to depend on a promise, the vision for tomorrow. Therefore vision or promise must be a substantial ingredient for our human destiny.

If we want to survive and remain as a genuine Christian amid this confusion-ridden world or in the jungle of unpredictability, we may need to spend our days with tears, for there is a genuine heart where the tear flows

in life. Perhaps for this reason, Francis Schaeffer and his crucial legacy have been known to us as the ‘tears of life.’ He was a man of tears. He taught us to learn to ‘think’ of others and to ‘weep’ for others. He also taught us to ‘weep’ over the world instead of ‘judging’ it. With a heart full of sincerity and tears, he tried to understand all sorts of earthly matters including philosophy, movies, novels, plays, music, and art, and so on in such format. He was sincere by putting himself into the matter of ‘why’ through all kinds of human stories. There could be a generous spirit if you are willing to ‘weep’ for the things of the world surrounded by the memories of your life. If you can ‘remember’ your failures or wrong-doings in your life, you still have a chance to make your life stay alive in spirit. Somehow, the act of repentance has kept Christianity alive until today. Where there is no chance to repent, there is no chance in becoming a genuine Christian. Repentance is the ‘fuel of pilgrimage’ in Christian life.

*\*(Some references taken from Christianity Today)*

Therefore, it is a time to ‘refresh’ our pulse in remembering our promises particularly at this time of the year. Yes, here comes the Season of Advent and Christmas! The season of colourful decorations and light at the darkest time of the year! Without a doubt, the whole world will be awake at the birth of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, even though this world has been driven by mountains of worries and uncertainties. Of course, the centre of it all is the baby Jesus in the season. Yes, it is a time to ‘think’ of others and to ‘weep’ over the world in a jungle of unpredictability today. I believe that this is the place where our church takes her seat to be the light of the darkest time of the year.

Looking forward to celebrating the first Christmas with you at Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church!

Wishing you find a light at the darkest time of the season!

*Michael Moon*

**From the Worship Team**

**Church Family**

Our prayers are needed for Ron Holloway and his family, Eunice Burge, Sheila Hayman, Jean Pitt, June and Arthur Waterfield and all who are unwell, sad or frail.

**Congratulations**

We extend our love and heartiest congratulations to Shirley James who will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thank You**

To everyone at Hockley and Hawkwel Methodist Church. Thank you so much for the card and lovely plant pot given on the occasion of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

We've found it hard to think back over 50 years; both the card, your kind wishes and the plants are a lovely memory of a special occasion.

Thank you again,

*Gill & Ivor*



**Flower Rota**

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

**Coffee Rota**

December	1 <sup>st</sup>	June and John
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Kay and Michael
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Catering committee
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Di
	24 <sup>th</sup>	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Gill
January	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Anne
	12 <sup>th</sup>	John and June
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kay & Michael
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Anne



**Through** August until mid-November, the Worship team has been part of the Circuit Invitation Committee (CIC) which works through the designated processes involved in choosing, inviting and matching with a new minister for Rayleigh, Hockley and Rochford starting in 2020 for a five year period.

**This** has involved four or five meetings, a training session on making the most of the time spent with a prospective minister and the actual visit, which was planned for the afternoon of the bazaar. After the visit, the CIC meets to discuss the outcome and how it wishes to proceed, either that they agree the churches and minister are matched and the appointment can progress or that they are not.

**This** is all a confidential process so that if the churches and minister decide there is no match, then everything returns to the original status quo and the process begins again, with no sense of failure or recrimination on either side.

**In** October, I received a list and profile of all the ministers who were looking for a new position in September 2020. There were 89 in all. Some of these did not want to come to this part of the world or were looking to be appointed as the Superintendent. Out of the remainder, first The Worship Team and then the CIC made a first list of five and then a further list of five favoured ministers. This list goes with our Superintendent to the Chair of the District and they try to match up people and churches.

**This** year, the situation turned out to be unusual as Rev Calvin Samuel, appointed in September to serve Rayleigh and Rochford for one year, was one of the 89 ministers looking for a position. He was one of the first five ministers chosen from the 89 profiles, a match was felt to be possible, especially from the Rayleigh and Rochford churches, and a visit duly took place.

**Rev** Samuel spent 80 minutes with The Worship team, The Superintendent and the Senior Circuit Steward, Kathy Burrell, exploring the premises, what was already going on in our Church, what the problems were and what we might/would like to achieve as well as hearing about his background, his thoughts on what kind of a minister he would want to be

and how we should decide if that made for a match. Some of this conversation was very open and honest as well as challenging.

**The** CIC agreed that there was a match from Circuit and two days later we heard that there was a match from Rev Samuel, so as long as the Methodist Conference confirms this appointment in June/July 2020 he will be our minister from then until 2025. I understand that there have been changes at that late stage on previous occasions but let us hope not for us!!

**We** will be telling you more over the next few weeks, especially about the challenges and the kind of ministry Rev Samuel wants to lead. There is a joint service at Rayleigh on 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am, when you will be able to hear him preach and begin the “getting to know you” process. This is a unique opportunity to prepare together over the coming months.

**Christmas!** Nearly all our services from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January will be led by Rev Michael Moon! I hope that you will be able to support what we have planned, especially WotM at 4pm on 1<sup>st</sup> December, which is a Joint Carol Service at Rupert Jarvis Court, shared with Emmanuel and the AAW on 5<sup>th</sup> January when you can bring Teddy Bears to Church with you. Remember that there is no morning service on 15<sup>th</sup> December to make way for the Carol Service at 4pm that day.

**Muriel**



## **REV. BRIAN GAMESON**

At his penultimate service in the Leigh and Southend Circuit here at Hockley, Brian was presented with the gift of a reading light. Knowing what an avid reader Brian is, we hope it will serve him well as he moves to Durham to be near his son Richard and daughter-in-law Fiona.

Brian and his wife Christine (who sadly died earlier this year) lived in Hockley while he was our minister in the late sixties and early seventies. Resident in Shoebury after his retirement he regularly conducted services in our church when it was also a good opportunity to revive memories from earlier days. We shall miss him.

*Michael Deedman*

## **Letter received from Revd. Brian Gameson**

*Please convey to the friends at Hockley Methodist Church my thanks again for your gift. It will certainly be very useful in the 'Cold, dark, North'.*

*Christine and I always have great memories of our time in Hockley and were glad when coming to Shoebury to renew that fellowship.*

*You always were and still are a very welcoming Church and long may it be so. I am thankful I was able to worship with you in my last few weeks in Essex.*

*Thank you again for your kindness. God bless you all, with love.*

*Brian*

## A Slight Miss Understanding

A married couple bought a house in the country and on returning home they suddenly realized that they had not noticed where the WC was. So they wrote to the vicar who had shown them around. Being ignorant of the term WC the vicar thought they meant the Wesleyan Chapel. Imagine their surprise when they received the following letter:

I regret to inform you that the nearest WC in your area is ten miles away from your home. It is rather unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. However it may interest you to know that many people take their lunch with them and make a day of it.

By the way it is built to accommodate a hundred and it has been decided to replace the wooden seats with plush ones to ensure greater comfort especially to those who have to sit for a long time before proceedings begin. Those that can spare the time go for a walk while others who are in a hurry go by bus to get there in time. I myself never go.

There are special facilities for the ladies presided over by the minister who gives help if needed. The children sit together and sing. The last time my wife went was 12 months ago. The minister stands in full view of everyone.

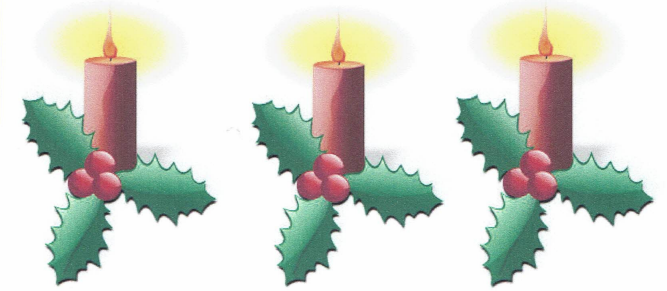
I can assure you that the WC is one of the most popular places, all who go there leave something behind them and come away feeling very much relieved.

Hoping this letter will be of use to you and trusting you will attend regularly.

Yours thankfully,

**The Vicar**

PS. Hymn sheets are behind the door



# CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

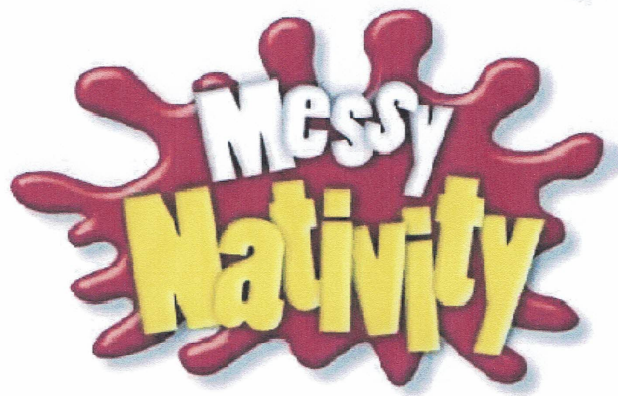
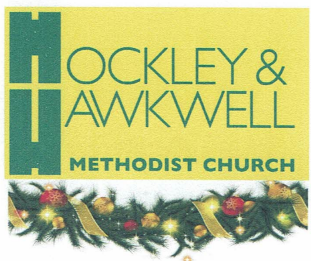
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
4:00pm

Led by Rev Dr Michael Moon  
with  
The Sweyne Choral Society



Tea/coffee and mince pies afterwards

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**TUESDAY**  
**17th DECEMBER**  
**4:00pm**

Fun activities

A Nativity for all the children to join in.  
 Dress up as shepherds, angels or kings.

Party time with finger food.



All are  
 Welcome



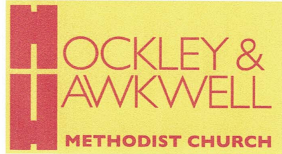
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**CHRISTINGLES**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**TUESDAY**  
**24th DECEMBER**  
**4:00pm**

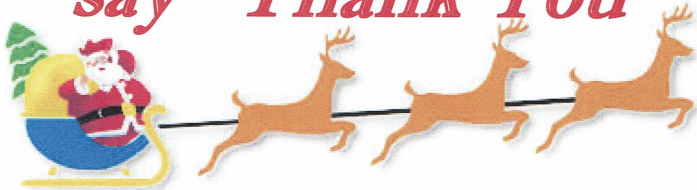
**Make your own Christingle**  
**BRING AN ORANGE**  
 ..... and all the family!

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Join us on  
**CHRISTMAS  
 DAY MORNING**  
 at 11:00am

with Rev Dr Michael Moon  
*Bring and share your  
 favourite present and  
 say "Thank You"*



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**THURSDAY SOCIAL CLUB**

On Thursday 3rd October we were due to visit the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend for a backstage tour at the theatre but due to low numbers we decided to postpone this until a later date. As an alternative, Kay and Michael Deedman kindly invited us to call in and watch a TV recording of "Building the Dream", Billy's daughter and husband had been featured on Channel 4's TV series "Building the Dream." A young couple in Essex with five daughters plan to build a contemporary home in a woodland clearing, but the budgets and schedules soon got out of control. The TV presenter was Charlie Luxton and I urge you to watch it. It can be found on Series 8 and is Episode 9.

We have all had interesting working lives, with some of us having more interesting lives than most of us. We were privileged to hear from both Keith Jones and Ian Mackenzie when we visited the home of Jean Saunders on Thursday 10th October. Keith had always been quite good at making money as a teenager but after leaving college had no clear idea of what career path to pursue. His mother spoke to her stockbroker which led to Keith having an interview with a stockbroker. It was a successful interview and Keith began his career in the stockbroking business. Keith related many tales from his working life during the years of 1964 to 1975 when he worked for various brokers in respect of dividends, stocks and shares, balance sheets, investment advice and stock exchange dealing.

Ian then gave a brief account of his various jobs between 1963 and 2009, mainly working in the public sector working for Essex County Council in the Education Department before joining the Civil Service DHSS (now known as DWP). Promotion followed as Ian then became a customs officer working at a number of ports. Due to the downgrading of the preventative side Ian then joined the British Transport Police based in Southend but also spending time working at the very busy Liverpool Street terminus and during his service was promoted to sergeant before retiring from this role in 1996. Ian kept busy by then joining the Essex Police as a traffic warden but left the job when it later became privatised. This was the end of Ian's jobs as he then joined the ONS as a Social Survey Interviewer finally retiring in 2009. Two very interesting working lives. Thank you Keith and Ian. Who will be next ?

It is always a pleasure to meet up with our well travelled minister Michael Moon and his wife Jane and on Thursday 24th October we met once again at our church for a talk by Michael giving us a brief glimpse into his many travels around the world. The slide show had been created expertly leading us through his visits to many lands including the USA, Australia, Philippines and of course the UK and many more. We are most fortunate to hear his talks and each time we discover new facets of his busy life.

Following on from watching the TV viewing of Thursday 3rd October a special treat was in store. On Thursday 7th November we were going to visit the "Dream House" in person. We were very excited as we walked up the unmade road and approached the house in Plumberow Avenue. We were met at the door by Billy and his daughter Carla and shown into the lounge. Teas and coffees were served as we gazed in wonder at what was indeed a Dream house. An inviting array of cakes had been placed on the table and were just too good to resist.

We were shown around the rooms and all our questions were answered and it was just so impressive. All the rooms were so tidy and clean throughout. During our stay two more daughters arrived home from school to join Eve and were happy to chat with us "oldies." There was not a television in sight which encouraged all the family to chat with each other. Eventually with heavy heart we had to leave this dream home. A lovely family and a lovely home. Our thanks to Billy, Carla and family for allowing our Thursday Club to visit your wonderful home.

#### **Meetings to come**

Thursday 21st November - Meadowcroft Nursery - German Christmas Market - 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 5th December - Palace Theatre - Oliver with Little Theatre Club - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday 7th or 14th December – Triple H Choir concert at the church - see church notice board for more details

Thursday 19th December - At Olive & Chris's - Christmas Mince Pies - 3.00 p.m.

*Ray Williams*

## **The Church Kitchen**

A couple of people have asked who did the work: - perhaps they or you have an eye on a new kitchen!

The refurbished kitchen has now been up and running for a while and seems, apart from a few initial snags which have been dealt with, to be working well. Most of the appliances have successfully been put to use and work OK except for a couple of rings on the hob which seems to have failed - that's being looked into.

The contractors were Taylor Nicholls of Unit 2 Mill Lane, Fullbridge, Maldon CM9 4NX, email [andrew@econowall.co.uk](mailto:andrew@econowall.co.uk) tel. [01621 774700](tel:01621774700) and their website's at <http://www.taylorandnicholls.com/>.

The fitter was Tom Seaman 33 Pump Mead Close, Southminster CM0 7AE0, email [tomseaman321@hotmail.com](mailto:tomseaman321@hotmail.com) tel. 1621 773801. Tom is available for work independently of Taylor Nicholls.

I hope you agree that the kitchen looks good. Taylor Nicholls and Tom were helpful throughout and worked intensely and carefully to finish ahead of schedule. So "Thank you" to them and to all the others on the group who gave their time to working up the specification, choosing tiles and suchlike – we managed to work through it all without falling out - despite differences on the need for a dishwasher!



*Mike*



## Christmas Bazaar

Firstly a HUGE "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported this year's bazaar. It was a wonderful happy morning. It's the first time we have combined with our uniformed and youth groups, so special thanks to both Brownie packs and Friday Club.

It was also a first for 'Splat the rat' but I'm told he will be available for next year's bazaar. Whilst on the subject of 'FIRSTS' we loved Billy's printed calendars and cards depicting Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church. "THANK YOU" Billy.

Also thanks to all our stall holders and supporters who donated some wonderful items including home made cakes, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, leather handbags and a beautiful painting, lots of toys, to name but a few.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for a hamper raffle that proved very popular; our Friday Club members who cooked bacon, Ivor who cooked sausages for bacon/sausage butties; Anthony for running to the shops for extra rolls and LIANNE for spending ALL MORNING Christmas crafting with families. Thanks also to our wonderful tea/coffee makers.

As you read this it will be obvious that I've only described a snap shot of this happy morning.

OUR VERY GRATEFUL THANKS TO EVERYONE from the Social and Fundraising committee members, stall holders, chefs and those who donated or came on the day or on Friday afternoon to set up.

We raised an amazing £751 – WOW! Only possible with everyone's support.

Please save the date 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 or possibly 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

*June and Gill*

## Amnesty International Southend Group



## Write for Rights 2019

**SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER**

**10:00am – 1:00pm**

**The Balmoral Centre**

**Salisbury Ave, Westcliff SS0 7AU**

**(Off-street car parking available)**

**Come and write a card, letter or e-mail or tweet in support of people whose freedoms are being denied. Letters can also be written directly to those in power to demand an end to the abuses.**

**Cards and stamps provided along with details of who to write to and where ....and there's tea/coffee and cake!**

**For more details - 01702 204748 or**  
[amnestysouthend@googlemail.com](mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com)

Southend Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come worship the King,  
That little white thing,  
Asleep on his Mother's soft breast.  
Ye bright stars, bow down,  
Weave for him a crown,  
Jesus Christ by angels confessed.

Come, children, and peep,  
But hush Ye, and creep  
On tip toe where the babe lies;  
Then whisper his name  
And lo! like a flame  
The glory light shines in his eyes.

Come, strong men, and see  
This high mystery,  
Tread firm where the shepherds have trod,  
And watch, 'mid the hair  
Of the Maiden so fair,  
The five little fingers of God.

Come, old men and grey,  
The star leads the way,  
It halts, and your wanderings cease;  
Look down on His face  
Then filled with his Grace,  
Depart ye, God's servants in Peace.

*G.A Studdert Kennedy*

Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy was an English Anglican Priest and Poet. He was nicknamed "Woodbine Willie" during WW1 for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Many members will remember the wonderful Christmas concerts put on in December at Benfleet Methodist Church under their conductor Richard Reeves. Alas, they are no more but the concert of 2009 remains in my memory for ever. What follows is my contemporary account of the evening, to which I gave the title "Homeward Bound"

"The snow started to fall during the interval at Benfleet's annual carol concert. Well, snow had been forecast so no surprise there - but still something of a shock to find some 10cm laying outside by the time the concert finished and car almost invisible beneath white blanket. No matter, brush snow off car, load passengers K, P and S, drive carefully away from church, keep in low gear, head home up Essex Way, no problem.

Half-way up the hill, first problem - traffic apparently stuck on top of hill. Wait a few minutes but only movement from cars turning back. Turn round and go back past church. Proceed gingerly along Benfleet High Road. Now in unknown territory but eventually reach Tarpots. Good, at least know where we are but now which way? Passenger committee suggests going up Bread and Cheese Hill but driver, recalling tales of buses stuck there for days in winter of 1947 plumps for Sadlers Farm. Bad decision, although Sadlers Farm itself fine in spite of interesting approach where no road markings visible and driver has only vague recollection of all those traffic islands. Follow A.130 to Arterial Road, so far so good. Reach Rayleigh Weir, soon be home, passengers seem more relaxed. But what's this hold-up? Oh dear, underpass closed and traffic clearly stuck on road leading to Rayleigh. Why is it impossible to get from Benfleet to Hockley without going up a hill? Passenger S says not to worry, she has good thick coat, her supply of tablets and a bar of chocolate.

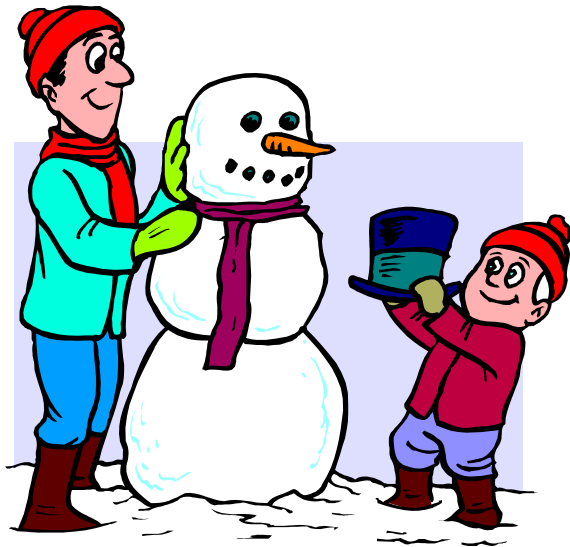
Decided to press on towards Southend. Ignore short cuts where snow lays deep and crisp and even. Reach Tesco roundabout. At least we shan't starve. Passenger K says 'This is a night to remember'. Driver remembers

this was title of book about the Titanic but says nothing. Follow familiar track towards airport and Hall Road. Bit of a crawl behind cars on Potash Hill but almost speed (15 mph) through Hawkwell. Only White Hart Hill to get over now. But what are those lads doing standing in the road outside the pub throwing snowballs at each other ? Can't they see how icy the road is. Car slows, loses momentum, wheels spin. May well skid into those stupid boys. Boys stop their snowballing, converge on car and push it up the hill. Thanks lads, you've done a good job. Slightly shame-faced, reach Hockley station to deposit S. When we reach Hockley Spa, passenger P opts to walk; good thinking as hill past Methodist Church now appears blocked.

Still snowing. Arrive home somewhat later than expected."

As a footnote, Kay and I arrived home to find the snow had brought down the power cables of our neighbour's house who were now without lights and heating. And two members at least did not make it back to Hockley that night and were put up in a hotel. But it was a lovely concert.

*Michael Deedman*



"All We Can" have written to say thank you for what this Church has helped to achieve this year, by being an All We Can Partner Church.

From collections and other fundraising activities, but also gifts from individual church members, Extraordinary Gifts at Christmas etc., between 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019, our partnership with All We Can has raised a total of **£423.35**.

We've been sent a certificate celebrating this achievement and copies are displayed on a couple of notice boards in Church.

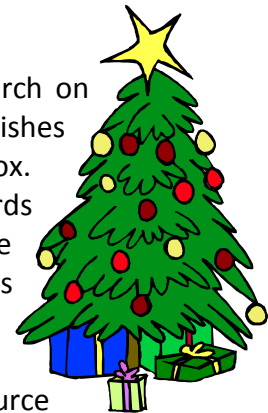
As a reminder of what we can help All We Can achieve:

- £180 could provide the wires, pipes and hoses needed for 6 irrigation systems in rural Malawi.
- £240 could enable 10 teenage mothers to return to school to learn vital skills
- £353 could provide a community with a much-needed solar panel,

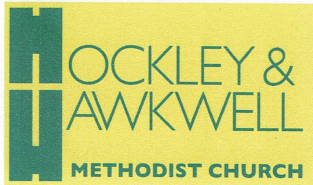
In the New Year All We Can's Partner Church materials will focus on the life-changing work they are involved with in Cherkos, Ethiopia.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we shall have a Christmas tree in the church on which all members and friends can pin a card of good wishes to the rest of the congregation. There will be no post box. It is hoped in this way the cost of sending individual cards can also be used to make a seasonal donation to the charity 'All We Can' which our church as a whole has undertaken to support. There will be a box near the tree for this purpose. This year the money could be used to buy a goat for a vulnerable family in India, a source of milk and compost.



*Kay Deedman*

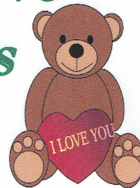
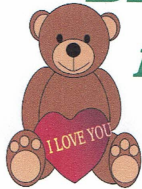


# Teddy Bear Blessing

with Rev Dr Michael Moon

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
10:30am

Bring Teddy to celebrate love  
for all your cuddly friends  
at All Age Worship



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## 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 pm  
Ballroom 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 Ashley 07581390448
- TUE** Dru Yoga Class *contact Ruth on 07818599183* 10.00–11.30 am. 7.30-9.00 pm  
Lingotots *contact Mrs Kate Thorne 07792790586* 1.30 – 2.30pm  
[southend@lingotot.com](mailto: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  
[amyensum@hotmail.com](mailto:amyensum@hotmail.com)  
Badminton Club, in hall, *contact Wendy S 520332* 7.30 – 9.30 pm  
Gospel Rocks Community Choir (in Church) 8.00 – 10.00 pm  
*Contact: Hannah Conacher [gospelrocksc@gmail.com](mailto:gospelrocksc@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  
Chair Yoga. *Contact Julie Wheeler 07912622483* 11.15 am – 12.15 pm  
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 Hockley Cub Scout Pack *contact Mike, S 201253* 6.30 – 8.00 pm  
or email [hockleycubs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hockleycubs@yahoo.co.uk)  
Thursday Social Club: *contact Vivien, S 203997* 2.30pm, alternate wks
- FRI** Pilates. *Contact Mrs Tracy Bateman 07961 954966* 9.15 - 10.45am  
Email [tracybateman1107@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:coralkathro@gmail.com)*  
Friday Club+ years 7 & upwards. 6.45 – 8.15 pm
- SAT** Chameleon Productions, *contact Stephen Hulse 07368461766.* 10.00 – 1.00 pm  
or at [steve.hulse@chameleonproductions.co.uk](mailto:steve.hulse@chameleonproductions.co.uk)

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