

An occasional newsletter to keep you in contact with
Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church

9th July 2020

No. 80 Edition 218

Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church Main Road Hockley Essex SS5 4QY

Rev Peter Moorhouse's Pastoral Letter

Lockdown Brain!



Hello from the Manse! This past Sunday as a church we said goodbye and thankyou to Revd Michael Moon and Jane. I'm sure they'll be missed. This means that in the short term as Superintendent I'm becoming your minister. In September Revd Calvin Samuel will become your minister but until then I will be here if you need me. You're welcome to phone and have a chat anytime on 01702 557070.

So, things are getting better. I don't know about you but as we return, I'm suffering from lockdown brain.

This crisis has created a fair few new terms in our language. The one that I've been thinking about this week is lockdown Brain, the fact I can't process things the same way I did before lockdown. It seems that this week every meeting I have attended at least one person has asked me about a matter that was agreed before Lockdown and I can't remember it. Never having a so called "Poker Face" I'm sure those attending have spotted it. I've decided Lockdown Brian could be very useful to get me out of decisions or doing jobs I don't want to do. If I had been clever about this, I could have hidden the chocolate before lockdown and us as a family could have gone on an enforced diet! Somehow, I think one's capacity for remembering where Chocolate is beats Lockdown Brain.

Of course, the ability to remember is what faith is all about. The Genesis story tells us on the seventh day God rested, the sabbath. We have taken the sabbath as a day to remember what God has done for us. We gather usually on Sunday for an hour in the morning to do that. In the Jewish faith parents would tell the stories of the exodus and Moses to their children every Passover. It is in fact that, what Jesus was celebrating when he gave us the Lord's supper to remember him by. How well have we remembered during lockdown?

For me remembering isn't a passive thing but intentional. To have time to gather and sit down, recall the events isn't something that happens but something you have to do. As we come out of lockdown it's something, we have to be proactive in doing. Telling the stories of

Jesus. We have found as a Church nationally that through the various YouTube channels run by different ministers that over million views any given Sunday which I'm sure you know is a lot more than attend our churches. People do want to hear the stories about Jesus let's not be shy about telling them. What is your favourite story of Jesus?

There are so many; on any given Sunday I feel that this week's bible reading is the best. Mine is still probably one of the first I heard, the story of the Good Samaritan. One which you know well that brings us hope that whatever we have done God will forgive us if we ask. Hope in these times that however down I get God hears me and welcomes me back.

My prayer this week is that we remember the right things and keep safe as we are welcomed back into the world.

God Bless

Revd Pete Moorhouse

The building is closed but we're still open!

Although the government now allows Churches to open both for private prayer and restricted acts of Worship, the Church Council has decided not to open the building for the time being. We felt that – having regard to the arrangements and restrictions that would be needed and the format that any service would have to take – it wouldn't, at the moment, be practical or safe to re-open the building.



But it is our wish to re-open as soon as it's safe to do so and the Church Leaders are continuing to look for the right time to do so in the light of changing government guidance. We are considering what's necessary to allow us to re-open safely including carrying out a thorough risk assessment that will deal with the many activities that take place on our premise and the purchasing all the sanitising, etc., materials that will be needed.

In the meantime, we continue to meet regularly on-line, pastoral and ministerial support is still available and we look forward to being able to meet and renew our activities as soon as possible.

Rev Dr Michael Moon

Last week's Pastoral Letter was Michael's final one

He is now on leave till the end of the month and his time with us finishes at the end of August when Rev Calvin Samuel starts his ministry with us. Apparently, tradition has it that a departing minister does not take part in his/her church's activities during August and during this hiatus the Circuit Superintendent, Rev Peter Moorhouse, will be our first point of call for pastoral care, ministerial support, etc., although he might delegate tasks to other ministers, e.g. Calvin.



We said farewell to Michael after last Sunday morning's Zoom service when we shared memories of his ministry. It is clear that he has been much loved and appreciated. He has been involved in all our activities, Brightstars, Thursday Club, Messy Church and social occasions. He and Jane were just as happy hoovering, making sandwiches or being "messy" as transforming our church into an amazing summer experience for our Youth Weekend service last September and leading the Teddy Bear service in January. His use of photography for contemplative and prayer times in his services has also been very much enjoyed and his visiting and pastoral care has been excellent

Jane and Michael are currently moving into a flat in Westcliff. We hope we can have a get-together sometime later, perhaps in September.

Prayers for this week

[For the world and its peoples](#) as Covid-19 continues to take its toll but pray especially for the long suffering and starving people of the Yemen, war torn and now ravaged by the virus, largely ignored as the media focus has moved away.



[For our own country](#) pray that all work together to re-boot the economy but with care and compassion for the vulnerable

[For those who have suffered](#) from unmonitored medical procedures and medicines that have blighted the lives of so many individuals

[For Rev Michael Moon and his wife Jane](#) as they prepare to leave their manse and move into a flat, facing an uncertain future

[For churches](#) looking at what worship and church life might be like in the light of the changes and regulations now in place

[Those we know](#) who need our prayers – Kay as she continues to improve, Chris and Ron, Olive and Chris, Eunice and Sheila.

CHURCH VIDEOS



If you haven't seen the three lockdown videos, they' are still available on the Church website at:

<https://www.hockleyhawkwellmethodist.org.uk/video/>

Click on the small picture of whatever video you want to see. The "full screen" control is the small square at the bottom right of the screen. Don't forget to switch on your audio/speakers.



There is now a fourth – **Jessica's Video** – a response from Jessica Elkington and family to our recent Church videos telling you what they've been up to during lockdown. You could get exhausted just watching it!

Because it features children it can't appear on the Church website, it's on our YouTube channel, where it's an "unlisted" video, i.e. one that only somebody with the appropriate link can see it. You should have received this link via e-mail from Nicola; if you haven't contact her at hmmc1883@gmail.com.

Please do not share the link with anybody either by copying it and pasting it on or sharing it on YouTube.



Our Zoom “meetings” are continuing for the time being.

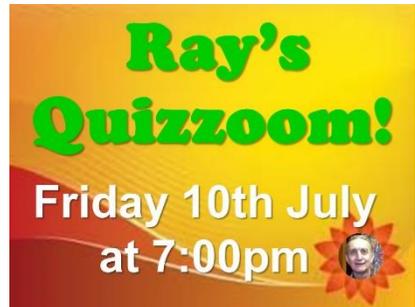
Why don't you join us?

Sunday Morning Service at 10:30am – a short service including a brief reflection led by Anne with prayers and lessons read by church members and Ros singing the hymns. We had a “congregation” of 19 last Sunday.

Wednesday Morning Social Chat at 10:30am – an opportunity to meet friends and find out how they are and find out what they've been doing. We had 13 at this last Wednesday's Chat.

Ray's Friday Quizzoom at 7:00pm

Ray puts together a varied set of questions - five rounds of five questions in each - with everything from TV soaps to quantum mathematics, so you'll find your specialist subject somewhere! There were 11 of last Friday and Mike was Quizzoomer of the Week with a score of 21.



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

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

Church History

Still looking for items for a small exhibition of the history of the Church in Hockley using photos, etc., that you might have hidden away. Please send a brief description of any item(s) to Nicola at hmmc1883@gmail.com. If you're not on email phone me 07798948236 and I'll pass on the info.

Mike

Memories

It was Kay writing about the shops in Hockley that brought back this memory when she mentioned Mr Emery the butcher's shop that was just at the bottom of Woodlands Road.

My father-in-law and his brother had a butcher's shop in Leigh Broadway. I have photos of the meat hanging all around the outside of the shop. What Health and Safety would think now I do not know!



They also had a slaughterhouse behind the shop, and it was my father-in-law's job to deliver by horse and cart the meat ordered by other butcher's shops in the district. My father-in-law said that Mr Emery's was the last delivery and his horse would then know they were going home. I dread to think what the meat was like having left Leigh then having done a tour of the area stopping off at various butchers with the meat just laying in the back of a cart.

My father-in-law also said the lady that owned Bullwood Hall would during the year hold various competitions, one of them being the best dressed trade horse and cart, which one year my father-in-law won. It was a wooden biscuit barrel

You have all seen them - china on the inside and a wooden surround with a chrome lid, handle and shield. I still have it, plus a photo of the horse and cart .

It is so strange when someone mentions a name, the memories it can bring back.

Carolyn Sturgess

Ros's Scandinavian Colourwork



As some of you know my mum was an avid crafter, she got such pleasure from creating imaginative gifts and cards.

Her love of creating led to a passion for collecting the materials she needed to make her wonderful projects and this of course meant she had a huge "collection" of resources including fabrics, yarns, card making materials, books, gadgets and sooooo much more!

My mum was an inspiration, and my sister and I spent many happy hours mulling over current and future projects.

Much of the collection was passed on to charity where children could benefit and use the materials, but my sister and I inherited the yarn and fabric stash.

I have lots of wool from my mum, she really liked to make crochet blankets and she really liked bright colours. Finding myself with plenty of time on my hands, this seemed like a good time to use some of it.

I started working on an online KAL (knitalong) hosted by a couple of Norwegian chaps. It was a chance to learn Scandinavian colourwork by making small patches, featuring traditional and modern designs. Each one takes about two hours to make and when you have enough, sew them together to make a cushion cover or with more designs make a blanket.

Making a blanket seemed like the perfect thing to do with all of the yarn. So far, I have made thirty five patches but hardly made a dent in the stash. It's good fun and keeps both brain and fingers engaged!

I think my mum would have approved.

Ros Hayman

Offers of Help

The Elkington family and Adam and Becky Markham are still willing to run errands if you can't get out. Sally can be contacted at 01702 258288 or sally_elkington@yahoo.co.uk. Adam and Becky can be contacted at 07969522986 or adam.markham01@googlemail.com



A Link to the Past

There has been much talk recently of theatres and playhouses and the effects that the pandemic has had upon them. It is not just the major venues that are suffering but there is a distinct possibility that many of our provincial theatres will not open again. What is forgotten is that many church halls are also facing severe pressures due to current opening restrictions.

Our church has held many events on our stage over the years. These are just a few of those events and I wonder how many you can remember or perhaps attended.

Apart from our table sales and seasonal fairs, we have put on many concerts with many of our hand held puppets stealing the show. Numerous quizzes, auctions and short comedy sketches such as "The Gasman Cometh". I remember it only too well. It will be good when we can all return and hopefully all our organisations and visitors can combine to put on an

extravaganza of a show or shows, raising funds for the NHS or local charities.

We have had special personalities join us including The Famous Potatoes. Also Showaddywaddy, Tom Jones, Madness, Jedward, Katharine Jenkins, Adele, Beyonce, Ed Sheeran and Stormzy have been approached but unfortunately were unable to attend due to prior engagements (so they said).

Enough of the above, I return to **The Link of April/ May 2017** which by chance was a write up on a murder mystery play performed on our very own stage.

MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

On Saturday March 11th we performed "Murder at the Big Top" at our church. This was our fourth murder mystery play and probably our most ambitious yet.

A lot of work goes on in organising this event and there are so many people I need to thank that it probably sounds like an Oscar acceptance speech. I must thank Mike and Muriel Pregnall for producing our advertising material which included flyers, tickets, posters and programmes. Sam Ashby was our musical director and was responsible for all the subtle intros of music incorporated into our production. We wanted this to be a performance that would make people laugh, which is a most needed commodity at this present time.

On the Saturday morning of the play I received a phone call stating that one of our leading performers would be unable to take part due to illness and this necessitated a reshuffle of our cast, so I thank Michael Deedman for stepping into the shoes of the ringmaster. I took over the role of The Great Donaldo, now leaving the role of PC Todd Sweeney to be filled. Our minister, Reverend Philip Warrey was contacted and kindly agreed to take up the role which included acting as MC in the second half of the programme.

Jamie Long acted as our Props director, together with being our curtains man and "man in the audience" during our mind reader sketch.

We could not ask for better scene setters than Emily and Scott Kebbell who walked on stage at the opening of each act and scene.

Our cast members worked so hard with rehearsals taking place all week. despite having to fit this in while working or doing schoolwork.

I must thank Linda and all the catering team who prepared the food for our hungry cast and audience.

Before I list our cast members, I must finally thank all our supporters who came along on the evening to be entertained, and paying their ten pounds admission.

I hope you were entertained and enjoyed the evening.

THE CAST

TIMMY KIPPERFIELD played by MICHAEL DEEDMAN – owner of the circus and ringmaster.

THE GREAT DONALDO played by RAY WILLIAMS – The strongest man in the world. (allegedly)

LESLIE HOPE played by PAUL HAYMAN – A juggler with high ambitions.

CLARE VOYANT played by MURIEL PREGNALL – Mind reader extraordinaire

BORIS played by JAMIE LONG – Man in audience

RIHANNA ROYCE played by MERLE KEBBELL – Trapeze artist with soft spot for Chocco the clown.

MILEY MORRIS played by GEORGINA ELKINGTON – The youngest of the three trapeze artists.

ADELE AUSTIN played by WENDY BENNETT – The leading member of the three trapeze artists.

ZEBEDEE ZIMMERMAN played by DAVID ELKINGTON – The eldest of the three clowns.

CHOCO CADBURY played by JAMES BURTON – A slow witted clown who loves his chocolate.

HARRY HARRIS played by REECE BURTON – Known as Happy the clown. Has had a troubled past.

TOMMY GRIMES played by CALLUM BANKS – The younger of the two human cannonballs.

BOBBY GRIMES played by ETHAN BANKS – The elder of the two human cannonballs.

PC TODD SWEENEY played by REV. PHIL WARREY – An old school policeman.

PC AMY ABEL played by EMILY KEBBELL – Friendly policewoman. Owns her own handcuffs.

PC MIKE ROFONE played by SCOTT KEBBELL – A policeman with a very loud voice.

Written by Ray Williams

Ray Williams



A Reflection from Keith

This is Sunday morning and still thinking of the drinking binges yesterday around the country. The government must have expected what happened. I am really hoping that lessons have been learnt and more moderate behaviour will now take place. So far, all my family are well.



Yesterday, we held a Barbecue and late 11th birthday party for our granddaughter, Sienna. Our daughter and son-in-law invited quite a large number of family members and friends and about 7 more young children. We all tried to do social distancing and mainly stayed outside unless the bathroom was needed. Being outside, nobody put on face masks and it became quite breezy. We have a large rear garden and a stone patio. We had Prosecco and San Miguel beer and plenty of cola. After many hours, after which most went away to go home, nobody got anywhere near tipsy or drunk.

This was against the government's guidelines, I believe, and we shall all no doubt after reflection, be extra careful with whom we come into contact with.

Keith Jones

Ray's Quizzoom 8 – Friday 3rd^h July

For those of you who didn't Zoom last Friday, here are Ray's Quizzoom questions (no cheating – use of smart phones not allowed!)



ROUND ONE - QUOTATIONS

Q. 1 From which of Jerome K Jerome's works is this quotation. I like work. It fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.

Q. 2 Which actor said this in the film "Gone with the wind." "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn."

Q. 3 Which Henry reputedly said this: "Will no one free me of this turbulent priest." (referring to Thomas A Becket)

Q. 4 Lady Caroline Lamb said this in describing a romantic poet she was close to: "Mad, bad and dangerous to know." Name the romantic poet in question.

Q. 5 From which of Shakespeare's works is this quotation. "If music be the food of love, play on."

ROUND TWO - BEFORE I WAS BORN

Q. 6 The Alamo was a famous battle fought in America in 1836 but in which American state did this take place.

Q. 7 The Norwegian explorer, Amundsen was the first to reach the Antarctic in 1912 but which British explorer did he narrowly beat to the pole.

Q. 8 Boudicca fought the Romans in the first century but what was the name of her tribe.

Q.9 "The Boxer Rebellion" was an anti-Western rebellion in 1899 to 1900. In which country did this take place.

Q. 10 Who was the leader of the Suffragette movement fighting to give women the vote in the early twentieth century.

ROUND THREE - LAND OF MY FATHERS

Q. 11 Who is the patron saint of Wales.

Q. 12 What is the Welsh name of its socialist political party led by Adam Price.

Q. 13 What is the name of the Welsh arts, music and poetry festival held each year in August, in different venues each year.

Q. 14 What is the capital city of Wales.

Q. 15 Name two of the three National Parks in Wales.

ROUND FOUR - LITERATURE

Q. 16 Who wrote the futuristic novel "1984."

Q. 17 Which poet wrote "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

Q. 18 Which Charles Dickens character was more well known by his nickname, "The Artful Dodger."

Q. 19 Which of Agatha Christie's works is the world's longest running play.

Q. 20 Which of the Bronte sisters wrote the novel "Wuthering Heights."

ROUND FIVE - GROUP LEADERS

In this round the following clues will help you identify a group or band leader: The name of a successful U.K. single; the year it was released; the name of their supporting group; and the initials of group/band leader.

Q.21 "Let me be your teddy bear" 1957 The Jordanaires **E.P.**

- Q. 22 "Stranger on the shore" 1961 Paramount Jazz Band **A.B.**
- Q. 23 "No woman, no cry" 1975 The Wailers **B.M.**
- Q. 24" Hit me with your rhythm stick" 1978 The Blockheads **I.D.**
- Q. 25 "Prince Charming" 1981 The Ants **A.**

Answers next week

Ray's Quizzoom 7 – Friday 26th June: ANSWERS

ROUND 1- SCOTLAND THE BRAVE

- Q. 1 FORT WILLIAM
- Q. 2 WILLIAM WALLACE
- Q.3 ARTHUR'S SEAT
- Q.4 ST. ANDREW
- Q. 5 AVIEMORE

ROUND 3 - INITIALS

- Q.6 SELF CONTAINED UNDERWATER BREATHING APPARATUS
- Q. 7 VISUAL DISPLAY UNIT
- Q. 8 CONFEDERATION of BUSINESS INDUSTRY
- Q. 9 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU
- Q. 10 WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

ROUND3 - ABC - (Q.11-15)

- Q. 11 JACKSON FIVE
- Q. 12 EAGLE
- Q. 13 SPIDERMAN
- Q. 14 GRETA GARBO
- Q. 15 CHEWING GUM

ROUND 4 - TV CATCHPHRASES

- Q. 16 MICHAEL CRAWFORD
- Q 17 STAR TREK
- Q. 18 DAVID DICKINSON
- Q. 19 BLOCKBUSTERS
- Q. 20 SAY WHAT YOU SEE

ROUND 5 - MISSING

- Q. 21 GEORGE HARRISON
- Q. 22 SHERGAR
- Q. 23 ATHOS
- Q. 24 CHICO
- Q. 25 100

Newsletter No. 16 – still going!

Thanks again to everybody who's contributed. Please keep your contributions coming! Send items to us at hmethsLINK@gmail.com or phone 07798948236.

Muriel & Mike

Worship While Church is Closed

We're still sending out a link every Sunday so you can watch and hear the Morning Service at Wesley's Chapel in London. Several Services are "streamed" from there during the week and can be seen at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>



In addition, we're providing a service sheet each week for anybody who prefers reading a service to watching a video. This is a short act of worship for use in people's homes while churches are closed. It will also be available on the Church website at

<https://www.hockleyhawkwelldmethodist.org.uk/> and on the FaceBook pages as, a day or so later, will be both Rev Calvin Samuel's and Rev Dr Michael Moon's YouTube video services.

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

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

The Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

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

Also, have a look at the Circuit Newsletter on the Circuit Website where, towards the end, there's a list of other on-line worship opportunities

<https://www.southendandleigh.org/circuit-newsletter.html>

