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**SOUTHEND & LEIGH CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER**

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**Message from the Superintendent**

*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to our first Coronavirus Circuit Newsletter. We are writing to you to share some of what is going on around the Circuit. I hope you find this Newsletter helpful as we all look after ourselves during this crisis. There are a lot of things we can't do at the moment but being Church isn't one of them. Within the pages of this letter I hope you find information to help your fellowship and worship, plus ways in which we can help each other. Please look out for these letters in future as we will use them as a way to provide information on how you're coming out of the lockdown.

What another week! 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V.E. and of course my favourite day May 4<sup>th</sup> - Star Wars Day. It's a good job we are off work at the moment because I wonder how many people would try and claim two bank holidays this week. I'm sure moving the bank holiday to the end of the week would catch some people out. Of course, for many people the long weekend is about catching up on the D.I.Y. That room which needs painting, that shelf that you have been meaning to put up or that thing-a-me jig that needs fixing. Of course, many people have used the lockdown to catch up on their D.I.Y., and the queues have been just as big outside The Range as the supermarkets. Plus, there have been different forms of D.I.Y. as we have learnt new ways of living. For us as a Church it may feel like D.I.Y. Church as we are separated from normal fellowship and develop new expressions of worship.

Jesus of course wanted us to do this for ourselves. In the Old Testament we hear that if the people followed the Law they would be ok but if you break just one law you had had it! With the arrival of Jesus and Grace all is forgiven if you repent and believe. What happens after that? Should we keep on sinning because all is forgiven? No, of course not, but we should with God's help look after ourselves. D.I.Y. the Jesus way! If you're anything like me, you can't do D.I.Y. without a manual but thankfully Jesus has that covered as well. It may be that as you read this Newsletter you see something new you want to try or a new way of being that maybe helpful.

Please feel free to phone the manse anytime if you want a chat, we all need to hear a different voice now and again.

*God Bless,*

*Rev. Pete Moorhouse*

# CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS

## Online Sunday Services

**The Methodist Church - Wesley's Chapel Live-Service:**

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA/videos)

**Rev Pete Moorhouse** – service package by post:

To receive one please contact Pete on [peter.moorhouse@methodist.org.uk](mailto:peter.moorhouse@methodist.org.uk)  
or 01702 557070

**Rev Dr Calvin T Samuel** – service on YouTube (Sundays 9.30am):

<https://www.youtube.com/CalvinTSamuel>

An audio version of the service is available by dialling 01268 385 131 for the cost of a local call. A weekly hard copy transcript of the service is available by post. Please contact Keith Norman on 01268 781 896 or via email: [knorman953@aol.com](mailto:knorman953@aol.com) to request a copy.

**Rev Chris Sandy** – service on Zoom (Sundays 11am – open from 10.30am):

To join from a **COMPUTER** or **TABLET**:

<https://zoom.us/j/97347762298?pwd=OGxtdnRkMnY2R3ZwZHk3N2pITmJSdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 4776 2298

Password: 016843

To join by **PHONE**:

One tap mobile

+442034815240,,97347762298#,,#,016843# United Kingdom

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OR – service package by post: to receive one please contact Chris on [christopher.sandy@methodist.org.uk](mailto:christopher.sandy@methodist.org.uk) or 01268 793313

**Rev Dr Michael Moon** – service on YouTube (Sundays 10.30am):

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCAsvGVGfFr6KIESXEKS36XA/videos](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAsvGVGfFr6KIESXEKS36XA/videos)

OR - service package by post / email: To receive one please contact Michael on [logosmoon54@gmail.com](mailto:logosmoon54@gmail.com) or 01702 436097

**Pastor Stephen Mayo** – service on YouTube (Sundays 11am):

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJmW5t\\_DER\\_oQaUa2aXcfGQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJmW5t_DER_oQaUa2aXcfGQ/videos)

**Pastor Colin Turner** – service via WhatsApp or mailing list (Sundays):

To sign up to the mailing list to receive service packages via either WhatsApp or email, please contact Colin on [colin.freegrace1@gmail.com](mailto:colin.freegrace1@gmail.com) or 01268 684294

**Rev Margaret Deans** – service package by post:

To receive one please contact Margaret on [margaretdeans@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretdeans@btinternet.com) or 01702 432328

**Rev Norman Hooks** – service on Zoom (Sundays 11am):

To join by **PHONE**:

- Call 0131 460 1196
- When you are asked to, enter our Meeting ID, which is 923 461 257, and press the # button on your phone
- Press the # button again, and you'll be connected with everyone else on the call

To join from a **COMPUTER** or **TABLET**:

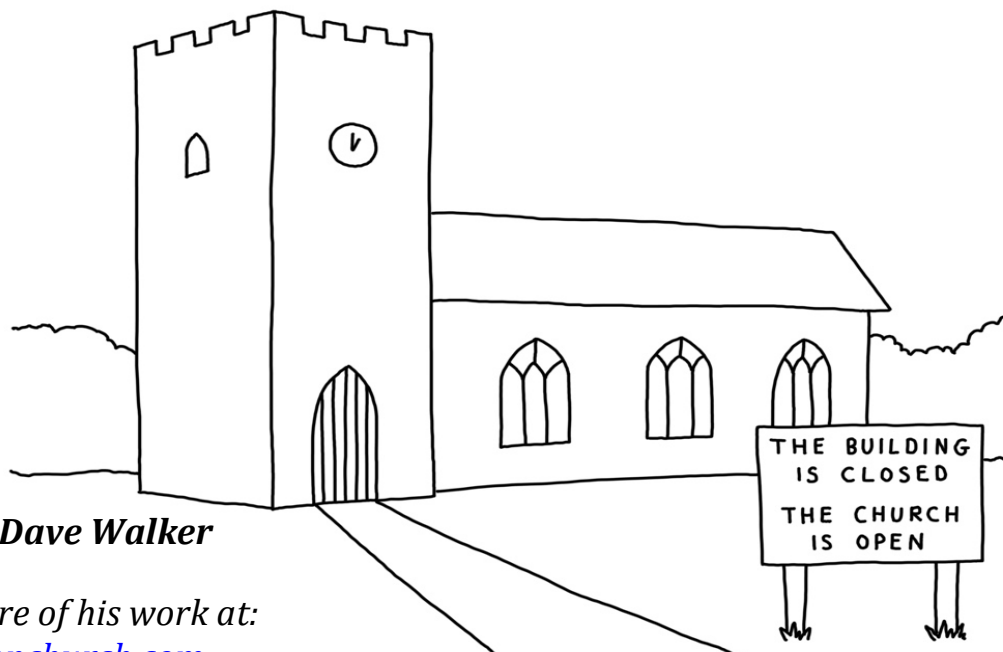
- Click on this link a little before the service on Sunday is due to start: <https://zoom.us/j/923461257>
- Download the Zoom app, if you're prompted to do so
- if you are asked for a password - highlands (lower case)

**Dan Crook (Youth & Community Pastor)** – live-streaming service on Facebook Live (Sundays 10am):

[www.facebook.com/thorpebaymethodist](https://www.facebook.com/thorpebaymethodist)

**Rev Dr Michael Moon Children's Services** – Worship Service Pack (Sundays):

To receive Children's resources each Sunday of the Bible story and biblical puzzle games or crosswords, please contact Michael on 01702 436097 or [logosmoon54@gmail.com](mailto:logosmoon54@gmail.com)



**Cartoon by Dave Walker**

You can see more of his work at:

[www.cartoonchurch.com](http://www.cartoonchurch.com)

## Alternative Worship & Services

**Memory Worship** – *Worship for those with and without dementia:*

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCmdLC8\\_ZDnic6cCDsbtblVQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmdLC8_ZDnic6cCDsbtblVQ)

(next service Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May)

**Gospel Services** – *2nd Sunday of the month via Facebook (7pm for 7.30pm):*

<https://www.facebook.com/thefishermenschapel/>

**Worship Academy** – *On June 3rd 2020 at 8pm, Rev Calvin Samuel is doing a live broadcast on YouTube for Worship Academy on the theme of Holiness. If you are interested in watching this, please contact the Circuit Office on [southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list to receive a link in due course.*

**Rev Dr Calvin T Samuel** – *Evening Prayer on YouTube (Tuesdays 7pm):*

<https://www.youtube.com/CalvinTSamuel>

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**Rev Dr Michael Moon** – *Bible Study on Zoom:*

*To join this please contact Michael on [logosmoon54@gmail.com](mailto:logosmoon54@gmail.com)*

**Rev Chris Sandy** – *Thundersley Evening Fellowship on Zoom (Thursdays 8pm):*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/211032626?pwd=cFAya1RqVXdIcTRwZ3ZEQy8rSkV2dz09>

*Meeting ID: 211-032-626*

*Meeting Password: 070455*

**Thundersley House Group** – *on Zoom:*

*To join this please contact Kathy Burrell on [kathy@burrellkm.plus.com](mailto:kathy@burrellkm.plus.com)*

**Rev Dr Calvin T Samuel** – *Ascension Day Service Thursday 21 May, 7pm:*

<https://www.youtube.com/CalvinTSamuel>

*An audio version of the service is available by dialling 01268 385 131 for the cost of a local call. A weekly hard copy transcript of the service is available by post. Please contact Keith Norman on 01268 781 896 or via email: [knorman953@aol.com](mailto:knorman953@aol.com) to request a copy.*

## Coffee Mornings

**Rev Chris Sandy – x3 Coffee Mornings on Zoom:**

### **Mondays, 10am to 12:00noon**

To join from a **COMPUTER** or **TABLET**:

<https://zoom.us/j/780584809?pwd=UUZrelFnOTJTaGo4ZWVvZFFuZmlDZz09>

Meeting ID: 780 584 809 / Password: 005647

To join by **PHONE**:

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### **Thursdays, 10am to 12:00noon**

To join from a **COMPUTER** or **TABLET**:

<https://zoom.us/j/98120109379?pwd=WERoSm9haWxERUNua0h2OTF2QUIZUT09>

Meeting ID: 981 2010 9379 / Password: 003222

To join by **PHONE**:

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### **Saturdays, 10am to 12:00noon**

To join from a **COMPUTER** or **TABLET**:

<https://zoom.us/j/99921648566?pwd=a1hCYmJacFc2TzBmN1BZQ2RzdEV6QT09>

Meeting ID: 999 2164 8566 / Password: 006173

To join by **PHONE**:

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### **Highlands Coffee and Activity / Quiz Morning – (Wednesdays 11am):**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8530194594?pwd=dTIVNUZSbUhTdGtMRWIMNGNDR1B3QT09>

Meeting ID: 853 019 4594 / Password: redeemer

**OR** Call 0131 460 1196 / Meeting ID: 853 019 4594 / Password: 598561

## NEWS & UPDATES

### APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHEND FOODBANK: EASTER 2020

Matthew 25 verse 35 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat .....

#### **BC: BEFORE COVID – 19**

We had a Southend Foodbank collection basket at our church – the foods they needed most were identified in the church notices – there was a rota of Wesley family volunteers who delivered donations to the Foodbank – the pre-school often joined in with us – and individuals sent money.

#### **NOW: MONEY IS NEEDED –**

We are not able to collect and take donations of food, but still want to help the community in this important outreach work. Perhaps we might get a wider response by making an appeal? Do you have a local neighbourhood group? We have a wonderful group that we belong to and we will give them a copy of this letter inviting their help. Could you contact five others please?

#### **WAYS OF GIVING:**

- You can make cheques payable to Southend Foodbank and post them to:  
Southend Foodbank, Friendship House, 484, Southchurch Road,  
Southend SS1 2QA
- Or by bank transfer to:  
Bank Name: Lloyds Bank plc Acc. Name: Southend Foodbank  
Sort Code: 30 65 22 Acc. No, 75600360

Remember the “widow’s mite” is equally needed along with larger donations. If you send a cheque please write ‘Wesley Methodist Church’ on the back. We are unlikely to know the total raised, but please pass on the invitation to give as widely as possible.

These are difficult times and it could be that you or members of your family have been affected badly and are not in a position to give any money at all. I apologise for contacting you.

Southend Foodbank needs our support more than ever. Please do what you are able.

Every Blessing,  
*Eileen Simmons*

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

[www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

### The Methodist Conference will meet Virtually this Year

The Conference Business Committee met last week and agreed that the Conference should meet June 25 – July 2 2020 in order to conduct its essential business. The committee recognised that the restrictions that are likely still to be in place at the end of June mean that a virtual meeting is necessary. The committee was encouraged by the experience of the Council when it met virtually at the end of March.

Final details about the timetable are being discussed and there will be further communication with all those attending after the Council has met on 16 May.

### Coronavirus Guidance for Property

Recommended Checklist for Regular Property Inspections during current government Covid-19 Restrictions

1. **Weekly Inspection** - An individual from property team (or individuals on a rota basis) to visit once a week to make an internal and external inspection.
2. **Communication** - Ensure that communication is maintained between parties and that local Circuit and District policies are adhered to during this time. As well, be aware of lone working practices and government guidance on social distancing.
3. **Security** - Ensure that all perimeter fences/railings/gates, security lighting and other deterrents to thieves (particularly lead theft) are maintained or repaired. Ensure that all CCTV is working and notices are in place.
4. **Outside the building** - Check the gutters, flashings, downpipes and gullies are not blocked/damaged from ground level and where practical. Check for any break-ins or vandalism.
5. **Inside the building** - check for any leaks to the mains water supply, other pipes running through out the building and the heating radiators/pipes. As well, it is advisable to run the hot and cold taps for 5 minutes in order to prevent legionella.

6. **Heating** - Although we are moving into spring, it might be beneficial to ensure that some heating is retained in the building to avoid any issues with pipes bursting if there is a cold snap.
7. **Weekly Checks** - If the fire alarm or fire detection system is normally checked weekly, then test it. If there is a mechanical organ, it would be beneficial to play for 15 minutes to keep the moving parts clean and from sticking.
8. **Post** - Collect the post if not redirection or suspended.
9. **Leaving** - When leaving the church, ensure that all doors, windows and other points of access are secured.

### **Can we Conduct a Church Business Meeting Remotely?**

Whilst the restrictions clearly prohibit normal 'physical' meetings of people gathering together in one place, meetings can continue supported by IT to enable people to meet 'virtually', for example, by using telephone conference calls or video conferencing.

Accordingly, you are able and encouraged to continue to hold meetings on this virtual basis. Recommended video conferencing platforms include Microsoft Teams and Zoom, the latter we are finding to be the best particularly for meetings with larger groups of participants. The Methodist Council conducted their recent meeting virtually with 60+ participants.

Virtual meetings should be conducted in very much the same way as you would normally. Items will be discussed, conferred upon and then agreed. Only those participants to the meeting will take part in voting (our CPD does not allow for proxy voting). Clearly, not all participants being in the same room presents challenges for Chairs and there needs to be good discipline during the meeting such as 'muting' microphones when not speaking and 'raising hands' to indicate when participants want to speak.

However, it is important that running virtual meetings should not preclude any participants who are not so technically engaged and savvy, or do not have an internet connection, for example. Where possible allowances should be made for such people, for example, accessing meetings by telephone or supplying IT equipment.

*All information valid from 08/05/20*

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