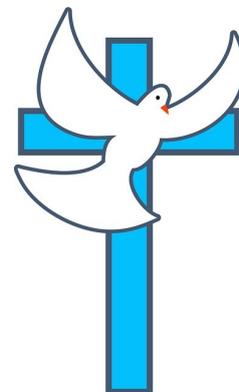


The Highlander

June 2017

**Then he breathed on them and said:
“Receive the Holy Spirit”**

John 20 : 22



Sunday Worship in June 2017

4th	9.30	Breakfast Time Fellowship at Highlands
Pentecost	<u>11.00</u>	<u>Joint Service of Holy Communion at Wesley</u> - Rev Julia Monaghan
11th	10.30	Parade Service - Rev Julia Monaghan
18th	10.30	Morning Worship - Eileen Simmons <i>Fathers Day</i>
25th	10.30	Morning Worship - Pamela Smith

“ Crafty Church ” meets at 10.30 am on Sundays
For young people - meeting Jesus through art and craft

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Come in and FaceTime with Jesus



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A Message from your Minister

The Coming of the Spirit



The feast of Pentecost comes 50 days after the Passover and, due to the favorable June weather, Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims. The disciples were there; huddled together in one room, back to the number 12, having replaced Judas with Matthias. They were doing what Jesus has asked them to do, waiting in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1: 4-8).

We will never know quite what happened to the disciples at Pentecost, but we know that one moment they were hesitant, frightened and unable to speak out; and the next they were ready to go, bold and courageous and wonderfully coherent - ready to be witnesses to the life of Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit and his power.

In the first 13 chapters of Acts there are over 40 references to the Holy Spirit, enabling, ministering, moving and guiding people. The Acts of the Apostles has been called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, and if we look to links back to the Old Testament, its coming is a fulfillment of the longing expressed by Moses, that God would pour out his Spirit on all people, not just a chosen few who required a special anointing.

Wind is understood as the hidden presence of God, not seen but felt. New life *breathed* into the disciples. Fire is the symbol for the presence of God. Again we think of Moses and the burning bush. It is the sign of a strong power at work, bringing direction, guidance, and enlightenment. At Pentecost the disciples were given new vision and vigor. That same Spirit is offered to us and we celebrate that Jesus keeps his promises. He has not left us bereft and His Spirit is at work within each one of us.

P.T.O.

A Message from your Minister - continued

Next week it's my birthday and the family will be coming home. Andrew will arrive with all his stuff, and once he's dumped it in his room and before he comes and sits and shares all the latest news, he will go and play the piano, a sort of medley of old classical favourites, new stuff and pieces he's working on now. When he's away, the piano is forlorn, except for my one handed versions of tunes from Singing the Faith, as I pick hymns for a Sunday. As I trip over the sharps and flats, it's all a bit cranky and lifeless but on Thursday night, in the right hands, the piano will come to life and sing. May the coming of the Spirit, breathe new life into each one of us that we might sing as we were made too, in harmony, melody and rhythm. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Let us Pray

*Exuberant Spirit of God,
bursting with the brightness of flame,
into the coldness of our lives
to warm us with a passion for justice and beauty,
we praise you.*

*Exuberant Spirit of God,
sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy
to breathe vitality into our struggles for change,
we praise you*

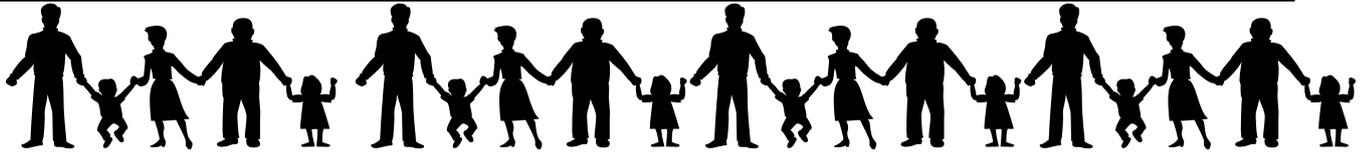
*Exuberant Spirit of God
speaking words that leap over barriers of mistrust
to convey messages of truth and new understanding,
we praise you.*

*Exuberant Spirit of God,
flame,
 wind
 speech
Burn, breathe, speak to us:
Fill your world with justice and joy
and make our colours sing*

Amen

(Jan Berry)

Rev Julia May 2017



Prayer

We pray for our friends who are ill, housebound or bereaved and for those in residential care: Pat Gare in Admirals Court, Marie Moore at Archers Court in Hitchin and Margaret Ross at Memory House. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this time.

Sympathy

We send our sympathy to the family and friends of Joan Field who died on Thursday 18th May at the age of 103. Joan had been a vibrant member of Highlands for many years together with her husband, Bernard. For the last eleven years she had been in Merrie Loots Farm care home near to her daughter. There will be a Service of Celebration of her life on Friday 16th June. More details to follow.

Congratulations

To Charlotte (nee Pickford) and David Sims on the arrival of baby Phoebe Rose, on 28th April weighing in at 8lb 1oz. A second grandchild for Jill and Roger Pickford



To Irene Downing as she celebrates her 90th birthday on Saturday 27th May



Flower Rota for June 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In memory of</u>	<u>Arranged by</u>
4th	Joint Service at Wesley		
11th	Jean Burgess	Mother	Margaret
18th	Louise Watson	Parents	Jean
25th	Andrea Ames	Pat and Greta	Hobbies





Dates to Remember

Knit and Natter Social Group

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on Tuesday morning from 10am to noon during term time. Some of us knit, some crochet and some of us just natter.

We enjoy each other's company and a cup of coffee/tea and biscuit. You will be made very welcome if you would like to join us.



Highlands Hobbies

We meet from 10.30 am on 1st June to continue our activities in arts and crafts, also some flower arranging. We follow with lunch for those who wish to stay. There is always coffee, tea, cake and plenty of chat. If you would just like to relax with us the latest craze is adult colouring.

Our spin off Pin Point ladies show us how the banner is coming on and are looking for plenty of needlework help from organisations who meet at Highlands

On 15th June we also meet from 10.30 To 12.30 pm. All are welcome

Jean 525250 - Ros 478631



MOTHs

For our meeting on 13th June we have asked everyone to bring a postcard / picture or two that they can tell everyone about.

This will be our last meeting until September. All are welcome at 2.15 pm in the Lounge

Pin Point - the new Venture

On Wednesday 14th June at 10.30 at the HUB we will continue with our banner making and all things to do with needlecraft led by Teresa Rutterford and Glenys. We welcome all who have an interest. We also meet on Wednesday 28th June and then every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.



Highlands HUB

We are waiting to serve you a special coffee or hot chocolate at our Wednesday Hub morning from 10.00 to 12.30.

Take a break from your busy life, look in for a chat and meet with the people who visit Highlands through the week.

ABRSM exams

The church has been booked for the following dates:- 30th June, 4th to 7th July and 11th to 15th July. Stewards will be needed, Please help

Original Woodwind Ensemble

The annual *Pudding Concert* will be on Sunday 16th July in the church at 7.00pm.

Polling Day

The Lounge and Number 2 Room will be in use from 6.00 am to 11.00 pm on June 8th

Coffee and tea will be offered to all who come to the Polling Booths.

Other Highlands dates

Thursday 15th June - Community Day
Sunday 8th October - Harvest Festival
Sunday 22nd October - Church Anniversary
Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fair

Circuit Events

Saturday 10th June - Coffee Morning Extra at Thundersley
Saturday 17th June - "Chanteuses" in Concert at Thundersley
Saturday 22nd July - ALLEGRO Charity Concert at Wesley Methodist

Further details in the Jubilee Room
or the Circuit website at
www.southendandleigh.org

Alternative Worship

Belfairs Methodist Church - "Thirsty For ???" - 2nd Thursday
Next date — 8th June at 7.00 pm
+ + + +
Wesley Methodist Church - Informal Worship - 4th Tuesday
Next date - 27th June at 8.00 pm
+ + + +
The Fishermen's Chapel - Gospel Choir Service - 2nd Sunday
Next date - 11th June at 7.30 pm

Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell

Presents a Harp concert
featuring Lynne Creasey & Harvey Nightingale, baritone
on Sunday 9th July 2017
with afternoon tea from 3.30 pm and an
Evening Service at 6.30 pm
Further details in the Jubilee Room



Monthly Movies @ Highlands

A HIGHLANDS WEDNESDAY HUB EVENT

Wednesday 21st June **"Housewife, 49"** at 1.30pm

Victoria Wood writes and stars in this poignant drama about an ordinary woman whose life is transformed by the Second World War. This is a true story drawn from a Mass Observation diary submitted by housewife Nella Last. Nella struggled with depression and lived in fear of a breakdown yet she drew strength from writing a diary, putting down on paper all the things she dared not say to her husband. Meanwhile the support and companionship she found at the Women's Voluntary Service brought joy and liberation and helped diminish her nerves.

A FREE event (come from 12 noon with your picnic lunch and enjoy some soup. Tea and coffee also available)

Regards

Julie Peek

Mission Enabler for Older People

Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches



Holidaying at Home at Highlands 2017



presents

"Bring me Sunshine"



Back by popular demand please check you diaries and keep Weds 19th July free. The programme of entertainment is building and further details will follow in July Highlander.

If you would like to reserve your place please do not hesitate to call me on 01702 479804

Julie Peek

Mission Enabler for Older People



Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd June 10am – 12 noon, 6pm – 8pm

Saturday 25th June 10am -1pm

Photographic Exhibition to mark Refugee Week

@ Wesley Methodist Church

The Stations of the Cross
seen through the experience of refugees today

WWW.THESTATIONS.ORG.UK

General Church Meeting

Following our General Church Meeting on Sunday 21st May we are very pleased to welcome Donald Mayes as one of your Stewards. He is warmly welcomed and we thank him for his offer to stand.

At the same meeting it was noted that Anne Lane, who has worked alongside Rev Julia as her assistant, will resign that post at the end of August. She was thanked warmly for all her work. We will need to find a secretary/minute taker for several meetings.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Report that was circulated at the meeting. It will provide a constant source of information as to what happens at Highlands.

Editor.

Coffee Mornings in June

Saturday 3rd	Music at Highlands	
Saturday 10th	Knit and Natter	
Saturday 17th	Mission	
Saturday 24th	t.b.a.	

Future Committee Meetings:

Church Council - **6th June** at 8.00 pm
 Family - 11th September at 8.00 pm
 Property & Finance - 25th September at 8.00 pm
 Pastoral - 26th September at 10.00 am

Action for Children

An amount of £254.45 was collected in the Home Collection Boxes this year. A big thank you to all box holders. Unfortunately we have lost three box holders for various reasons this year. If anyone would like to hold an Action for Children box, I would be delighted to let you have one. We currently now have 21 faithful box holders. Last month we also sent a cheque for £75, the total amount from a coffee morning and two donations. *Sylvia Cornwell.*



There will be a Quiet Day at Shoeburyness Methodist Church on Friday 9th June from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm led by Anne Briant. Bring your own lunch.

The theme will be **Transformation**

Further details in the Jubilee Room.



Serving the Homeless / HARP

Tickets for ***Afternoon Tea at Park View Suite*** on Thursday 8th June at 2.00pm are now available at £12 per person.

Thank you for your support of prayers and items at the back of the church. There is still an urgent need for smaller sizes of clothing, particularly underwear, together with trainers, jeans and toiletries.

Community Day

Thursday 15th June has been named a Community Day in England in memory of Jo Cox MP who was murdered a year ago.

Mencap Showstoppers who meet on our premises every Thursday are joining others across the country to mark this event.

Further details to follow, but we are all invited to join with them in the events being arranged.

Decoration of the Vestry

Our minister's vestry is long overdue for decoration. At the Property and Finance Committee we decided to try and do it ourselves to save money for other very essential repairs.

If you can help in any way (maybe by donating a tin of paint) or lending your skills for a few hours please speak with Frank or Jean Edmonds or meet at the Vestry Door at 10.00 am on 22nd June to make a plan.



The Pulpit

It seems that nobody wants an old pulpit ! We have advertised in various papers, offered it to the Circuit, District and the Connexion.

If anyone has any ideas as how to utilise creatively the pulpit that languishes in the church garage please talk with Pamela Smith or Jean Edmonds.





For well over 25 years, churches up and down the country have supported the MHA Sunday appeal. This will now be known as :-

"Best Sunday for Ages" on 11th June 2017

This year the theme is **"Befriending Age"** to look at ways in which we can help one another support older members of our church and community.

The fundraising income helps to provide life enhancing services such as Chaplaincy, Music Therapy for people with dementia and support services in the Live at Home schemes.

Please support the cause as you feel able. Thank you.

ALLEGRO CHARITY CONCERT AT WESLEY

On Saturday 22nd July there will be a fund raising concert with funds going equally between Action for Children and Wesley Building Fund. Last year Highlands hosted a similar concert which was excellent. ALLEGRO give their services free of charge and have raised a lot of money for charity locally.

The theme this year is "Trains, Boats and Planes."

We will be advised as soon as tickets at £10 are available.



 **MEMORY WORSHIP**

.....
Worship for those with
and without Dementia
.....

2PM - 4PM
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Life, Death, the Universe and Everything

It was in the garden when man first met
His Creator God and walked with Him.
The pleasures of Eden were his to enjoy
The genesis of man who was then without sin.

To make him complete God took Adam's rib
Forming Eve to be by his side,
But the devil appeared in the form of a snake
Offering fruit that they should have declined.

Paradise lost, they were sent from that place,
They had disobeyed God and death entered in,
No longer to walk in the cool of the day
And enjoy all the pleasures that God could bring.

But God's in control of all He has made,
Our world and beyond and mysteries untold,
There are more things in heaven and earth than we know
To be revealed as time ends and eternity unfolds.

By Megan Carter

Parish Pump

The Path of Right

My walk this day with God,
My walk this day with Christ,
My walk this day with Spirit,
The Threefold all-kindly:
Ho! ho! ho! The Threefold all-kindly.

My shielding this day from ill,
My shielding this night from harm,
Ho! ho! Both my soul and my body,
Be by Father, by Son, by Holy Spirit:
By Father, by Son, by Holy Spirit.

Be the Father shielding me,
Be the Son shielding me,
Be the Spirit shielding me,
As Three and as One:
Ho! ho! ho! As Three and as One.

From Carmina Gadelica

Parish Pump

And with Pentecost in mind:

To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling in us all that God intended him to do when he placed him there. - Lewis S Chafer

Prayer meetings are the throbbing machinery of the church.
— C H Spurgeon

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray.
— S D Gordon

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly Lover's engagement ring given to us.
Michael Green

Proper understanding of the Scriptures comes only through the Holy Spirit. Martin Luther

Before Christ sent the Church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the Church. The same order must be observed today. John Stott

Miscellaneous observations

Don't put a question mark where God puts a full stop. Anon

Are you wrinkled with burdens? Come to the church for a facelift. Anon

When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty. Anon

Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. Anon

It is what you do when you have nothing to do that reveals what you are. Anon

A child's fear or logic ?

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

"Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:00?"



(Thanks to Les Davis for this contribution)

Pantomime

We need to relieve the stage of a mountain of props, costumes and other paraphernalia.

If anything may be of use to you - panto costumes or material, please speak with Jean Edmonds (525250) before it is too late!



Serving the Community 7 Days a Week



Children and Young People

Toddlers Group, Monday	9.30-11.30a.m.	Margaret Wood	557512
		e-mail contact :-	highlandstoddlers@hotmail.co.uk
Rainbows Wednesday	4.00-5.00 p.m.	Karen Packer	474151
Brownies Wednesday:	5.30-7.00 p.m.	Dilys Haddow	710207
Cub Scouts Thursday:	5.45-7.15 p.m.	Lesley Hyde	473111
Scouts Thursday:	7.30 p.m.	Sally Monk	558857
Rangers Alternate Thursdays	7.30 p.m.	Jacqui Hendle	557147
Guides Friday:	7.00 p.m.	Jacqui Hendle	557147

Fellowship Groups

Housegroup meets on Tuesdays.

Services to the Community

Regular Sunday Worship

Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at 9.00 a.m.

Midweek Communion :-

2nd Wednesday Belfairs Methodist Church at 9.00 am

3rd Wednesday Wesley Methodist Church at 9.00 am

Highlands Hub : Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm in the Jubilee Room

Coffee mornings: Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Church

Coffee is also available to visitors to the Craft Group on Tuesdays and Hobbies on Thursdays

Traidcraft : Catalogue available for orders. Please contact Pamela and Patrick Smith - 557702.

Social and Recreational

Knit and Natter Group Tuesday 10.00 a.m.-12 noon (*Sept.-July*) Sylvia 01702 556433

Badminton Club Monday 8.00 p.m. Sarah 01702 476009

or Sophia 07796 265676

Hobbies 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30 a.m. - 12.30p.m. Jean 01702 525250

Ladies Badminton Friday 10.00 a.m. Dilys 01702 710207

MOTHs (*Meet on Tuesdays at Highlands*) 2nd Tuesday 2.15 p.m.

Adult Art Classes Thursday 2 - 4 p.m. Susan 07875 079739

Children's Art Club Thursday 4 - 5 p.m. or 01702 551025

**Goodness is the only
investment that never fails**

Henry David Thoreau