

Belfairs Methodist Church

Where old friends meet and strangers feel at home

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Thought for the month

Father, everything we see and hear

Everything we taste and touch

Reminds us that the life we have is a gift from you.

Our mission is to provide an open, welcoming and accepting, living place of Christian worship and service in our community, in which we seek to serve and follow Jesus Christ.

www.belfairsmethodistchurch.org.uk

This month we will witness the coronation of King Charles III. Although I was alive for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, I was both too young and living in Malta, so have no recollection of the day. This historical event will be an entirely new experience for the majority of this country. There is a lot of symbolism in this event with the regalia, orb, sceptre and much else have some form of significance., often dating back a thousand years. However, there is an important moment which began in Biblical times. In 1 Samuel Chapter 8, the people clamour and petition God and his prophet Samuel to anoint a King. Samuel was very reluctant to carry out this request, as he feared that this power would corrupt a person. Consequently, he tried to convince the people that this was unwise. We learn in Chapter 10 that he eventually acceded to their request and God commanded that he anoint Saul. This he did with a vial of oil poured over Saul's head. This was to signify that the King was appointed to be God's representative in their Kingdom. In other words, as King Charles has himself stated, he is to be the "Keeper of the Faith". This is a difficult and awesome responsibility. Indeed, as the book of Samuel recounts, Saul failed, and David was anointed before he even died.

Even though King Charles' power is less than his predecessors, he still has immense influence and authority. His mother Queen Elizabeth II took her responsibilities seriously; especially in respect to those concerning her faith in God. Therefore, we offer King Charles III our prayers and ask that God's grace and peace rest upon him; we trust that he will put his faith in God and let that wisdom guide him.

Yours in Christ

Rev Clifford Newman

Bible Study will be held in the foyer on Wednesday 17th May at 2pm. We will be looking at Revelation Chapters 1 -4.

Sunday Services May 2023

7th	11.00 a.m.	Rev. Clifford Newman - Holy Communion
14th	11.00 a.m.	Mr. Mike Spaul
21st	11.00 a.m.	Mrs. Jane Fulford - Parade Service
28th	11.00 a.m.	Rev. Clifford Newman

Other May dates for your diary



1st	Early May Bank Holiday
6th	Coronation coffee morning 10.00 a.m. (the coronation of King Charles III will be shown during the coffee morning)
8th	Bank Holiday for Coronation of King Charles III
11th	Thirsty For?? at 7.00 p.m. - Café style worship - all are welcome
17th	Bible Study at 2.00 p.m.
29th	Spring Bank Holiday

Advance Notice:

4th June - British Heart Foundation Coffee Morning (see article in newsletter for further information)

Point of Contact

Below is shown details of the Sunday Stewards, Communion Stewards and musicians relevant for this month.

Sunday 7th May

Sunday Steward a.m. - Mike Spaul

Communion Stewards - Dawn Howard & Jim Halstead

Musician a.m. - Sue & Mike Spaul/MIDI Box

Flowers - Coronation - arranged by Anthea Meek & Jan Andrews

Sunday 14th May

Sunday Steward a.m. - Jan Andrews

Musician a.m. - Patrick Dromgoole

Flowers - Phil's 60th birthday - arranged by Margaret B

Sunday 21st May

Sunday Steward - Phil Gladman

Musician - Anthea Meek/Mike Spaul

Sunday 28th May

Sunday Steward - Pat Crabb

Musician - Patrick Dromgoole

Flowers - Pat Pace, in loving memory - arranged by Pat

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
14 - 20 MAY

Christian Aid is over 75 years old and in that time have done extraordinary work helping the vulnerable affected by poverty, natural disasters and conflict, like those in The Ukraine, Syria, Turkey and many more. Teams are out there in the danger zones providing daily essentials. In many countries all over the world Christian Aid workers help the vulnerable with Christian Love, providing food, shelter and education.

During CHRISTIAN AID WEEK you will receive an envelope for your donation to support their vital work. Please be generous in your giving.

May God Bless you all.

Neeltje



Following the success of the Recharge | Refresh Circuit Day last year, we are planning a new Circuit Quiet Day. Advanced notice to put in your churches' diaries and keep the day free if possible so any members of your churches can attend:

**Next Circuit Quiet Day will be at UMC Shoebury,
St Andrews Road, Shoebury, SS3 9HX**

Saturday 3rd June 2023

Time 10am - 2pm

Bring your own lunch

Refreshments available all day

More details will come out in due course about the Theme of the Day.

Painting Pictures

I lift my pen and conjure up
The words that I must write
To put them down upon my pad
Which will make my picture right
The colour and the paint I use
Must all be made from words
All the things you see in it
Are things I've seen or heard
My pallet is my paper
Where I must try things out
The pen is my brush, with which
I splash the colour about
The images are the words I use
Each one must know its place
and lie there on the pallet
Until fitted in its space
The emotions and the feelings
Are all expressed my me
In this picture that I've painted
And I've called it poetry.

Supplied by Sylvia Smith

God's Gifts

I've never seen an angel
But I know they're there
God has never spoken to me
But he answers my prayers
I do believe in miracles
Because some have happened to me
I feel things around me
That I never see
Lots of things amaze me
Like the stars in the sky
Sometimes I wonder
Who puts blue in a baby's eye
Who made the little daisy
Perfect in every way
Who taught the cuckoo to sing
When spring is on its way
All these things that happen
Are not man-made at all
These are the things that God makes
Because he loves us all.

Supplied by Sylvia Smith

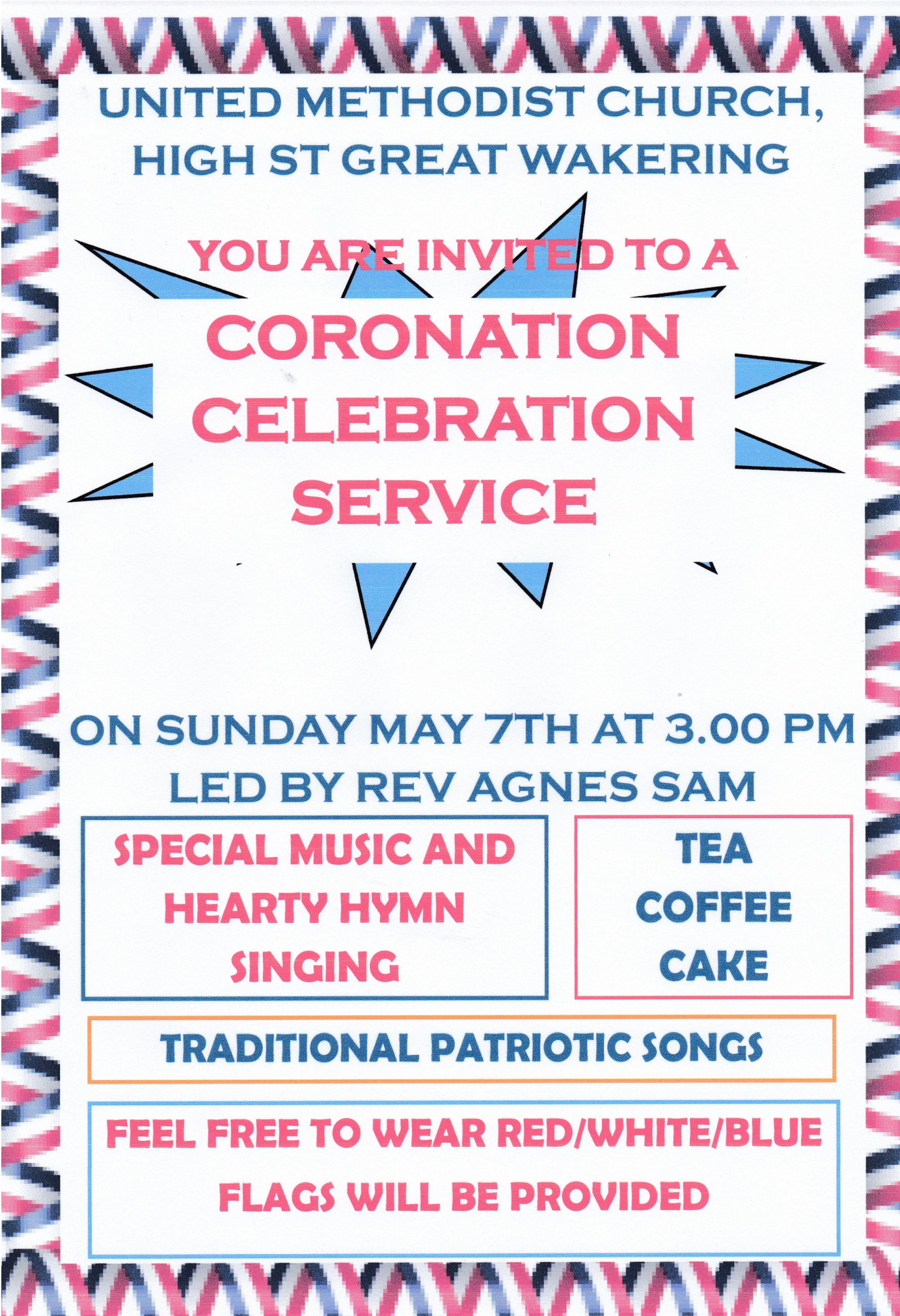


Please remember you are free to put your prayer concerns on the board at the back of the church. If it is not for you, please make sure you have the named persons consent .

Please add your name and date to the request on the reverse of the white cards provided which are by the board. These will be removed after two months, but can be updated if necessary
(please make sure you re-date the update).

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Sue.





**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
HIGH ST GREAT WAKERING**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
CORONATION
CELEBRATION
SERVICE**

**ON SUNDAY MAY 7TH AT 3.00 PM
LED BY REV AGNES SAM**

**SPECIAL MUSIC AND
HEARTY HYMN
SINGING**

**TEA
COFFEE
CAKE**

TRADITIONAL PATRIOTIC SONGS

**FEEL FREE TO WEAR RED/WHITE/BLUE
FLAGS WILL BE PROVIDED**

ODDMENTS
THEATRE CO

PRESENTS...

THE ROAD TO THE CROSS



"The light shines in the darkness"

Thursday, 11th May 2023
at 7.30 p.m.

Rayleigh Methodist Church

Eastwood Road, RAYLEIGH SS6 7JP

Tickets: £10 in advance £12 at the door

Contact: manager@rayleighmethodistchurch.org.uk

Tickets available online or from your church

www.oddments-theatre.co.uk / info@oddments-theatre.co.uk

A.C.T.I.O.N.

Afternoon Club on Thursday In Our Neighbourhood

Last month our members enjoyed a talk by **Vic Hare** about the Second World War when many children were evacuated to places considered safer than cities and towns. Vic's father had a liking for Australia so sent his elder children there. Vic was too young so wasn't sent with his elder siblings.

After the war when the children were finally able to return they couldn't all settle and some went back to Australia. Vic was able to share many photos making the talk even more interesting. He told the members that he did meet up with his elder brother years later when his brother attended the Olympic games one year when they were held in Europe. Apparently his brother trained a boxing team and set up many boxing clubs all over the place to keep the kids off the streets.

The members really enjoyed the talk and we are very grateful to Pat for asking him to come to Belfairs. Afterwards the members enjoyed cakes provided by Margaret.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25th May at 2pm. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome for an afternoon of friendship and fellowship.

Neeltje

Refreshments after Worship

Following the complete refurbishment of the front foyer, it has been proposed that refreshments should be made available after worship on Sunday mornings. It's a great way to extend our time together and an opportunity to talk about the service and other things that may come to mind.

In order to achieve this, we are going to need some volunteers to join a team of helpers to prepare the drinks and area before worship and then serve the refreshments afterwards. If we have adequate volunteers, you may need to only volunteer once a month. To keep the task simpler, we propose using disposable cups, should someone then wish to take their drink with them, we have suitable lids available as well.

If you would like to join the team, please speak with Mike Spaul who is trying to put together a rota of volunteers.

Many thanks Belfairs for helping to create this extension to our worship.

Mike Spaul
Senior Church Steward

Charity Meal Night

Where ? - @ Zen City
(Hamlet Court Road SS0 7EW)

christians
against
poverty

CAP

When ? - 7:30 pm Wednesday 31st May
2023

How much ? - Suggested cost of £20
per person (with £7.50 going to
Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre)

What? - 2 Course Meal and a
fundraising auction

Please contact Amanda and Paul Wilson on
paul.amanda03@yahoo.co.uk to book tickets and make
payment.

Christians Against Poverty has been providing free professional debt help through
local churches throughout the UK since 1996.

Poverty is so much more than going without. It's so much more than lacking materially.

Poverty destroys lives. It robs people of joy, hope and opportunities. It tears families
apart, isolates those most in need of support, and leads many to believe there is no
way out. Before seeking help, 1 in 3 of our clients had considered or attempted suicide.



BEATING HEART DISEASE TOGETHER

**ANTHEA and ALIX'S ANNUAL
CAKE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of

THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

is on

SATURDAY JUNE 3rd

FROM

10.00-12.00

There will be.....

A BOTTLE TOMBOLA anything from perfume to vinegar!
A HOME MADE STALL..... cards, jams, crochet, jewellery etc. etc.
A CAKE STALL..... always delicious
A BOOK STALLanything from Ladybirds to War and Peace
A PLANT STALL.....last chance to stock up for summer
2 GUESSING GAMES..... plus some puzzles ???????????

AND



some fabulous cakes will be raffled at 12.00 pm!!

Many of us have reason to be grateful to the research
carried out by the BHF, and our donations keep this work
going.





SOUTHEND AND LEIGH
CIRCUIT INVITES YOU TO
OUR

Wholeness & Wellbeing Service



SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 6-30 PM

HIGHLANDS METHODIST
CHURCH SS9 3PT

For more details contact
southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com

**Southend & Leigh Circuit invites you
to our**



Wholeness & Wellbeing Service

26th April

24th May

26th July

Wednesdays - 7:45pm

BENFLEET METHODIST CHURCH SS7 5LH

For more details contact southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on her casket from beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time she spent alive on earth
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what is true and real
And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we have never loved before.

If we treat others with respect and more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash.....
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Supplied by Marion Hammond

'This poem was read at the funeral of a friend and it made a deep impression'.

WE HAVE A GOAL WE NEED A TEAM!

With the current financial difficulties it is hoped that we can put a few heads together and come up with some fund raising ventures to help support our church.

This idea does not involve any regular meetings, but perhaps giving support to someone who might have an idea but is not sure how to proceed.

CONTACT the Leadership Team if you have an idea which would help support our church.



**First prize - a
*vibrant, healthy
church, serving our
community for
another 112 years!!***

A TRIP TO TOWN !

It is now almost 10 years since our coach trip to Westminster. Most people went on a guided tour through the Houses of Parliament but many just took the opportunity to get to the heart of London in luxury: so many of London's major attractions are within easy walking distance.

We plan to go again - in the autumn. Prices will again be very reasonable and we look forward to a full house! Further details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime please spread the word. We will have another great day out!

Jan Andrews

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

Note to self: When things feel overwhelming remember.....
One thought at a time, One task at a time, One day at a time.

I am in competition with no one. I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone, I am simply trying to be better than the person I was yesterday.

Be grateful for every second of every day that you get to spend with the people you love. Life is so very precious.

When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life a million reasons to smile and laugh. Stay strong.

The best portion of your life will be the small nameless moments you spend smiling with someone who matters to you.

To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.

It's not what we have - but who we have

I will choose to find joy in the journey that God has set before me.

The Salvation Army

LEIGH-ON-SEA CORPS
ELM ROAD LEIGH-ON-SEA SS9 1SP



SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023
AT 6.30 PM

CHELMSFORD CITADEL BAND

BANDMASTER ALEX CAMPBELL OBE

In concert



MUSIC FOR A *Summer Evening*

ADMISSION FREE & A COLLECTION DURING THE CONCERT

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF
THE SALVATION ARMY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

THE SALVATION ARMY

CAPTAIN ROBERT DAVIS CORPS OFFICER ELM ROAD LEIGH-ON-SEA SS9 1SP

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01702 716607

Registered Charity Numbers: 215174 and 214779 (England and Wales)

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS :

10 O'clock Club 10.00 a.m. (except 3rd Sunday Parade Service)

TUESDAY 8.00 p.m. Badminton Club

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 10.00 a.m. 'Open House' Coffee Morning - first Saturday of the month

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Thirsty For??	7.00 p.m.	2nd Thursday
A.C.T.I.O.N	2.00 p.m.	4th Thursday
House Groups	7.30 p.m.	2nd Tuesday - Please speak to Stewards for more details.

June Deadline:

Articles are welcomed at any time, but the deadline for last minute items is **21st May 2023**.

Articles can be e-mailed to sue.spaul@hotmai.co.uk or placed in the newsletter box in the front foyer. Thank you