

Sunday Services

Evening services are at 6.30pm unless otherwise shown.

February

3rd Jim McAvoy
Brenda Gutberlet
10th Andy Thomas
Len Ward

17th Colin Turner
Sue Manning

24th Brenda Gutberlet
Brenda Gutberlet (S)

March (provisional preachers)

2nd **Mothering Sunday**
Sue Sigfrid (AAW)
Brenda Gutberlet (General Church Meeting)

9th Brenda Gutberlet
Evening service at Rayleigh Guild Anniversary (4pm)

16th **Family Day (Palm Sunday)**
Worship Leaders
Stainer's Crucifixion at Rayleigh (8pm)

23rd **Easter Sunday**
Brian Gameson
Brenda Gutberlet (S)

30th Brenda Gutberlet
Circuit Service, Leigh Wesley, 6.30pm

There are changes to the Circuit Plan - the ones above are correct at the time of printing. All services are subject to change at short notice - see your printed notices for up to date information each Sunday.

Dates for your diary:

February

13 RDCF Lent Lectures start. All are at Rockdene, 3 Leicester Avenue, 8pm
20 **Church Council Meeting, 8pm**
20 Lent Lecture
27 Lent Lecture

March

2- General Church Meeting, 4pm, followed by tea and the evening service
5 Shrove Tuesday
5 Lent Lecture
6 Ash Wednesday
7 *Women's World Day of Prayer* service at Rochford
12 Lent Lecture
16 **Family Day**
16 Stainer's Crucifixion at Rayleigh, Benfleet Choristers, 8pm
17 *Stations of the Cross*, St Teresa's, 8pm
20 Maundy Thursday service, Brenda Gutberlet, Hockley and Rayleigh visiting us, 8pm
21 *Olivet to Calvary*, Combined choir at Great Stambridge Parish Church, 7.30pm
30 Circuit Service at Leigh Wesley, including welcome to new preacher (Ros Page), 6.30
30 **Clocks go forward!**

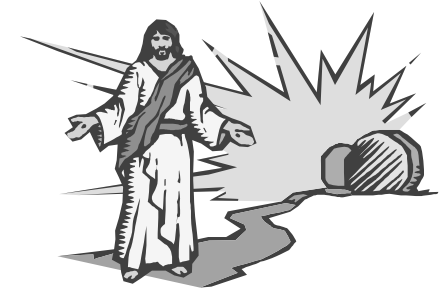
April

20/21 Women's Fellowship Anniversary

June

14 Ho Ho Lympics, Rayleigh Methodist Church 2-4pm

The **Methodist Church** 



See page 14 for details of Lent and Easter at Rochford Methodist Church

Clocks Forward on 30th March!

Rochford Methodist

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Thanks to Zachary J. Schertz
... HE DESCENDED INTO HELL ... AND REALLY FREAKED OUT THE LOCALS

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Thanks to Bruce Roberts (See Humbers 14)
WE'VE BEEN WANDERING OUT HERE FOR YEARS NOW ... I THINK IT IS ABOUT TIME TO STOP ASKING IF WE'RE ALMOST THERE YET

Church General Meeting

Book 2nd March at 4pm, as our meeting will followed by tea and the evening service.

And it really, really, really, really is not something to miss. We receive reports from all the groups in the church so we can see where we, as individuals, fit in. We also elect the stewards and the Church Council for the coming year.

If you want to get more involved see the article on page 12.

We also make decisions about our Mission in the world and the community and it's up to you to decide where we go from here.

Anybody is welcome to attend the meeting, even if you are not a member, but only members can vote.

The report we issue at the meeting is a legal requirement from the Charity Commissioners to show that we are conforming to charity law. Would all organisations in the church (Women's meetings, house groups, property, etc, especially if you handle money) please let Dave have your group's report by 19th February. It should say what you have done over the last 12 months.

Brenda's broad!

Following an upgrade to a new PC and broadband, Brenda's new email address is now:
brendagutberlet@btinternet.com

Notice seen on a church noticeboard:
Don't let worry kill you . . .
. . . . Let the Church help

The next planned publication date is 31st March 2008. Articles, etc, should be with Dave by 23rd March please.

I prefer articles by email, floppy disc or typed with a good DARK original (because, being lazy, I can handle these without re-typing them!), but I am happy to receive them in any form—so long as I get something from you!
Emails can be sent to me at either of the addresses shown in the box on the right.

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What goes on at Rochford Methodist Church?

Sunday

11.00 am FJ Club
11.00 am Morning Service
6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday

2.30 - 4.30 pm Women's Fellowship (Sept - May)
7.15 - 8.45 pm *Blossom on the Oasis.*

Tuesday

9.30 - 11.30 am *Happy Hands* Baby and Toddler Group
12.00 - 2.00 pm *Happy Hands* Baby and Toddler Group
3.00 - 7.30 pm Hildale School of Dancing
8.00 pm Wesley Guild (Oct-Apr)

Wednesday

7.00 - 10.00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday

9.30 - 11.30 *Music Dreams* (for 0-2 years)
3.45 - 7.30 pm Hildale School of Dancing
7.30 - 9.30 pm Table Tennis

Friday

8.00 pm Rochford Floral Group (2nd Friday of month)

Saturday

9.00 am - 3.15 pm Hildale School of Dancing

The premises are available for use outside the above times. Contact Margaret Rayner on 544252 for more information.

And in addition . . .

Two open House Groups meet each month in a different place each time. One usually meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month and the other on the 3rd Wednesday. Look in the weekly notices for the dates and venues. A third House Group is for newer members of the Church and is by invitation only.

Lent and Easter

This is near the back of the newsletter, but that's not because it's not important!

RDCF

Lent 'Lectures' this year will take place at Rockdene, 3 Leicester Avenue, Rochford on Wednesdays at 8pm. This year the theme is on the parts of the body where Jesus bled during the Passion, explaining the significance of the wounds, etc.

February 13 Back
20 Head
27 Hands
March 5 Feet
12 Sides

March 17th (Monday) at 8pm, Stations of the Cross Service at St Teresa's

March 21st (Good Friday) at 7.30pm *Olivet to Calvary* at St Mary's Stambridge with the augmented choir.

Easter at Rochford

Palm Sunday (16 March) will be one of our Family Services - come along and find out what we're doing this time. In the evening there will be no service at Rochford, but the Benfleet Choristers will be performing Stainer's *Crucifixion* at Rayleigh, 8pm, so there will be plenty of time to get there.

March 20th will be our Maundy Thursday service at 8pm. This year, Brenda will be leading a Communion service here and there will be visitors from Hockley and Rayleigh taking part.

Women's Network Circuit Quiet Day 2008

15th February, Shoebury Methodist Church, 10.30 to 3.30

Theme: *Look and see* led by Anne Briant

You are invited to join us for a time of reflection, creativity, quietness and prayer.

Be prepared to meet with God on a personal level and let him work with you.

Come in comfortable, casual clothes as it may be messy!

When we look:

What do we see? what do we look at? How do we see? Do we choose not to see?

Are we prepared to see ourselves as God sees us?

Genesis 1, verse 31

"God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good"

From our Minister

Dear friends,

No sooner had Christmas Day passed than supermarkets were selling Hot Cross Buns! There were those who bemoaned the fact but for Christians it is a reminder that Christmas and Easter should always be linked together in our minds for as the carol says, "Christ was born to save..". It is the reason why I keep a Cross behind a nativity scene all year round.

The season of Lent is fast approaching as I write this article. It begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb 5th) and covers 5 weeks leading us into Holy Week when we reflect on God's sacrificial love poured out for all people upon the Cross (Good Friday, March 21st). If the story had ended there with the death of our Lord, we would not be here today!

On Easter day (March 23rd we celebrate Christ's resurrection). Because Jesus is alive, risen, ascended and one day returning to earth as King of Kings, we have something to celebrate everyday that we live. As the modern song says, "All heaven declares the glory of the Risen Lord...". Whenever we worship God and serve Him in others or bear something that is difficult with grace, we share in His resurrection.

May the Joy of the Risen Christ bless and keep you,

Rev. Brenda Gutherlet

Christian Aids

The online Methodist Church has several items to help your prayer and worship life and you can get to them all via www.methodist.org.uk and www.theinterface.org.uk

Prayer of the Day and Daily Bible Readings linked to them are at www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentogod.potd under *A Word in Time (AWIT)* which is a daily Bible study using the readings set in the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2007/8: *All Things In Christ*.

The difference between the 'usual' Bible Reading guides and *AWIT* is that users can post their own comments, thoughts or questions on each day's featured passage. This can help focus meditation, and can be a way of sharing and helping others across the world.

If you want a copy of *All Things In Christ*, you can find them in at the back of the church at only £2 and you can give the money to a steward.

FJ Nativity

Animals! Lots of animals this year, I think Heather must have visited a Zoo recently and had them on her mind when she was writing this years verses for us to act out at the Carol service.

After a lot of discussion we all decided which animals we are going to be and what a surprise my little brother is going to be a donkey AGAIN, but is refusing to say any lines so we now have to have 2 Donkeys and no Joseph.

2 weeks to go and I think we were doing really well and our acting was getting better but we keep being told this just is not right so do it again and well that song *knocking on the window*. Did they have any windows in a stable? Finally we get to the day and we do a rehearsal in the church on the stage and all the adults seem very stressed and tell us we really need to do better this afternoon, but we are doing our best and its the little ones that don't know what they are doing.

The Carol service and oh my what a lot of people. The church is full and I don't know all these people, We all get up to sing the window song and then we are ushered out of the church and changed in the Benson room and told to be quiet and just do our best, well that is easier said than done with all those people looking at us.

Well I am standing on the stage and I have said my first words it's not as bad, as I thought it was going to be, Mary comes in and we move to the side and listen to her and the others that have joined her on stage and then it will be our turn again, I can't see Nanny and Grandad - oh there they are and Mummy said Auntie Sarah and Uncle Neil were going to be here but I can't see round the Christmas tree, they must be here somewhere.

Oh our turn again, well they are all clapping and smiling so we must have been ok. Off we go again to get changed and then back into church for the last bit of the service.

I wonder what I will be next year.

**Written from the views of an 8 year old Camel
Aka Charlotte Haslam**

Christingle Service

Sunday 23rd December was the day of the Rochford Methodist Christingle. The church was full and there were lots of excited children.

Reverend Brenda told us where Christingle came from and then Sue and Val helped us put them together. At the end of the service Brenda gave the adults a quiz.

It was a lovely service and after there were drinks and biscuits

Joshua Wilson

The Camel's Nose

**by Lydia Sigourney
(1791- 1865)**

A humorous but thoughtful poem for Lent when we are asked to reflect on our thoughts, motives, words and behaviour:-

Once in his shop a workman wrought,
With languid head and listless thought,
When through the open window's space
Behold a camel thrust its face!
"My nose is cold," he meekly cried,
"O let me warm it by thy side!"

Since no denial word was said,
In came the nose, in came the head:
As sure as sermon follows text,
The long and scraggy neck came next;
And then, as falls the threatening storm,
In leaped the whole ungainly form.

Aghast the owner gazed around,
And on the rude invader frowned,
Convinced, as closer still he pressed,
There was no room for such a guest;
Yet more astonished, heard him say,
"If thou art troubled, go away,
For in this place I choose to stay."

O youthful hearts to gladness born,
Treat not this Arab lore with scorn!
To evil habits' earliest wile,
Lend neither ear, nor glance, nor smile.
Choke the dark fountain ere it flows,
Nor e'er admit the camel's nose!



Fancy a job in the Church?

In our General Church Meeting on 2nd March at 4pm (you *are* coming, aren't you?) we hear about the various groups, can ask questions, and decide which way the church is going.

We also elect the stewards and the Church Council. If you want to help the job by taking on a job, please have a word with Brenda by 10th February. If you don't want to take on a job now, but would like to find out more about what is involved in case you want to do it in the future, we can arrange for you to 'shadow' the current post-holder, with no obligation. See Brenda or one of the stewards.

And if you fancy a job in the Circuit, there are immediate vacancies for up to **four** Circuit Stewards for the next six years. The Superintendent is appealing to everyone to pray to find out if God is calling you for this hard, but extremely rewarding, work at the centre of the Circuit. Dave has details about what is involved and can tell you what it's *really* like.

"Design a Communion Rail" Competition

We had three designs, with a further suggestion after the 'closing date' and all three 'entrants' concentrated on the uprights

- a row of straight uprights,
- straight uprights with a cross-piece to make a row of plain crosses
- a row of crosses, with a circle superimposed on each of the cross-pieces

Nobody included the rail itself, so I am working on the idea of a narrow plank, drilled with a line of holes (to hold the empty glasses), with a hand-rail (like we used to have) on top (the type of wood to be sorted out). The additional suggestion we received was for removable trays so all the glasses could be picked up together without having to transfer them to the existing trays; this is not so easy to achieve and if we go for it will need a lot more planning.

I am also thinking of having the rail made in three short lengths so they can be put together to form a rail about 19-feet (6 metres) long and there will be a gap at each end for the minister to get through to give the elements to anyone who can't get to the front. Sockets will be sunk into the floor and the uprights will drop into them when we need to put the Communion rail up - they will be stored somewhere else when it isn't needed.

We now need to get prices for both the metalwork and the woodwork before we can think of installing it.

Dave

FJ Club Bowling Trip 1st December 2007

We went bowling at CJ's. Mike organised it. We organised teams. I was on a team with Luke, Wendy, Max and Mike. We had to swap our shoes for bowling shoes.

Paul Haslam won the bowling. Some people got a strike - a strike is where you knock all the skittles down in one go. Some of the little children used a ramp to help them bowl. After we bowled we had dinner and played air hockey.

Sam Gibbinson

A few weeks before Christmas, the FJ Club arranged a bowling trip for all the children plus some invited adults. We went to CJ's in Hockley which has not been opened very long.

We all met up and changed into our bowling shoes and were allocated our lanes. There are special devices in bowling alleys these days so that even small children can bowl. However some of us adults needed to resort to some of these aids too!

I was in a lane with Val, Revd Brenda, Paul, Sarah and Bradley. It was quite a competitive evening within the lanes. Revd Brenda went in a head to head battle with Bradley and they were neck and neck for quite a while but then Val, the dark horse, came up towards the end and beat us all.

After the bowling, we all had some food which we had pre-ordered. This ended the evening nicely and we would certainly like to go again another time.

My final score was one of the lowest (only 80) but here are the top ten scores for the evening:

1. Paul Haslam - 146
2. Wendly Potter - 129
3. Paul Gibbinson - 123
4. Mike Sims - 121
5. Sonia Worthington - 119
6. George Edwards - 117
7. Andrea Haslam - 115
8. Val Dobbin - 113
9. Andy Ley - 110
10. Charlotte Haslam - 106

Heather Sims

Christmas

It was really good fun practising and taking part in the Christmas nativity play. We had a lot more lines this year that meant we had to practise more. It was great performing our show in front of everyone wearing our costumes.

This year we had a surprise party in the church hall. We knew that something was going on because on the hall door there was a big *keep out* sign. The party was really fun. There were lots of games to play. At the end we were each given a gift.

I enjoyed going out carol singing with people from the church to the old people homes and taking part in a light up a life service with some of my school friends.

This year I came to church on Christmas day and brought in my favourite present (a voice changer mask) for everyone to see. It was fun to see everyone's presents as well.

Keira

Christmas is always a very special time, but it was especially so for me this year. I think this was mainly because I had lots of opportunities to share the beautiful message of the birth of Jesus, through music, with lots of different people, but particularly through the children. It was wonderful going to see my own children and their friends perform in their school Christmas productions. And what was really good to see was that the true message of Christmas was very strong, with lots of cute nativity characters.

I was also blessed to be able to join friends from our church in singing carols with some of our community's older folk at some of the sheltered homes in the area. Lots of fun was had by all and sharing these joyous carols with everyone brought back lots of happy childhood memories for me, as it was something I did as a child every year. I was glad that I was able to take the girls along with me on one or two occasions so that they too could share in this lovely experience.

I particularly enjoyed working with the children and the other mums in our church on the nativity play and though I did, on occasion, suffer a fair amount of stress, thinking 'this is never going to be ready in time', when the children performed the play in church it was brilliant.

And finally, Christmas Day was made complete for me when during the church service the children shared the special Christmas gifts they had received that morning with everyone in our church. For me it was what Christmas is all about.

Sonia

Women's Fellowship

A new year and we're on the run-up to summer!
Our planned programme for the next few weeks is:

February	4	Anne Gentry
	11	Len Ward
	18	Jenny Sims
	25	Margaret Deans
March	3	Brenda Gutberlet
	7	<i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>
	10	Cecile Low
	17	Dave Dobbin, <i>Your local Canal</i>
	24	No Meeting (Easter Monday)

We meet every Monday at 2.30pm at the Church and all ladies are welcome to come along.

The full programme can also be found on our church website at
http://www.rochfordmethodist.org.uk/content.php?page_id=8



February

2	Mike & Heather Sims, Jan Willson, Sandra Hull
9	BIG CLEAN
16	Judy Garner, Rosie Isaacs, Maureen Whalley, Ivy Blenkinsop, Sheila Webber
23	Dave & Val Dobbin, Roy & Olive Pavitt, Gwenda Andrews

March

1	Malcolm & Pat Rubidge, John & Marian Webb
8	Colin & Margaret Rayner, Ron & Carol Castle
15	Bruce & Carole Glendenning, George & Sue Edwards
22	Mike & Heather Sims, Jan Willson, Sandra Hull
29	BIG CLEAN



February	3	Maureen Whalley
	17	Sheila Webber
	24	Sue Edwards

March

See new Flower Rota

Tiddlers

Well since last August I have sent £30 to MRDF and £25 to Fair Havens Hospice and we are nearly on our way to the next cheque of £25 to go to MRDF. I have noticed over the last few months that there has been a decline in donations to the *Tiddlers* fund, but I have still had the lovely envelopes from the Women's Fellowship that Carole collects and passes on for me to add to the pot.

I do hope that this will pick up now that Christmas is over and we all get back to normal. If you bring a bag of coins and I am not at church it can be left in the FJ cupboard in the main hall and I will check when I next attend church as I know how heavy they make our handbags and not everyone has a *TARDIS* bag like mine, where I keep most things.

If any one has any suggestions as to where they would like to send a donation from *Tiddlers* then please let me know and I will endeavour to make this happen.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy new year

Andrea

Book it now!

June 14th at Rayleigh Methodist Church, 2pm. And it's called the Ho Ho Lympics.

This will be an afternoon for the family. Stalls, arena events, children's races, welly throwing, dressing -up games, refreshments, crafts - something for everyone!

Rochford and Hockley Methodist churches will be getting together with Rayleigh for an afternoon of fun and frolics. Don't think 'I don't go to these sort of things', think 'I'll make a point of going!'

John Webb is Rochford's organiser and he is looking for help with the events that we have been allocated so far:

Sweets in a jar, Knock the tins, Marbles in a pot, races for children (3-5 years), Craft table, as well as part of the rota for teas, clearing and washing-up and a supply of home-made cakes and scones

So see John if **you** want to be part of the organisation.

What if you held a party and nobody came?

You decide to have a party that all members of your friends families can enjoy. You make sure the date is right and that none of them are likely to be away on holiday, or whatever. You book an entertainer and tell him that it is a family party, so he prepares all his props and his act with children in mind - it's a new act this time so he spends 15 hours or so working on getting it right.

Comes the day. The place is ready, everything is prepared, the entertainer arrives - but none of the children. Or their parents.

Now think of this in a church context - and think All-Age Worship (or AAW as it appears in the Plan). Current thinking amongst all churches is that children should be able to worship with their parents, at least once in a while, and not be 'shipped-off' into a separate activity as if (in our case) the FJ Club is something unconnected with the congregation. The children get to understand the way a full service works and they get to feel part of the experience.

When the Circuit Plan is being made up for a quarter, our stewards always arrange for at least one AAW to be included and we either ask for a preacher we know is suitable, or the Superintendent will appoint someone.

So, the preacher spends several hours preparing and tuning a 45 minute service (shorter than the normal) based on the expected congregation of 3 to 93-year-olds, with special emphasis on the younger element. They choose hymns that should appeal to the youth to match the theme of the week; they bring the props for a talk to the children. The Worship Leader sorts out suitable prayers that will include the children. And on the day there is nobody under 20 there!

It's very disappointing and demoralising to all who have done their best to provide a meaningful and fulfilling service for everybody. Was the effort involved in arranging the service a waste of time?

Is there a reason for this? Or is it a coincidence that the last few AAWs didn't attract a larger 'audience'. Do we choose the wrong weeks? Is there something about AAWs that children do not like? Or is it the parents who make the decision to deny their children the experience of worshipping as a family?

Should we just not bother with AAWs? Should we make changes to the services to make them more 'appealing'? Are we choosing the wrong preachers? Do the children of other parents disturb your worship? Or your own?

Let the stewards know.

Wesley Guild

As usual, December was marked by visits 'out' when we went carol singing. A new venue this time was St Lukes and feedback was good from our visit on 4th December. On the 11th, we returned to Coachman Court; I'm not sure if it was as a result of our visit last year but some residents had even invited their friends from outside. And we went back to Spa Court on the 18th. This year we had sent posters out a few weeks in advance, so this may have had an effect.

January started for us on the 8th with a talk on McCarthy and Stone. John Bruce, Chairman of *Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust* (could there be a longer title?) came on the 15th and told us about the Trust, how it works and current plans for both the Trust and the Hospital. And don't forget **you** can be a member of the Trust, whether or not you are a patient, and you can help the Trust by completing questionnaires from time to time. If you are interested in this useful work, just phone 0800 018 5202 for an application form (or you can email the Trust at [foundation.members@southend.nhs.uk](mailto:members@southend.nhs.uk), or go to the Hospital Trust website at www.southend.nhs.uk)

Rev John Ambrose led our thoughts on the 22nd. And it was a definitely different evening on the 29th when Andy Thomas brought a few of his friends along and taught us how to Ceroc!

As we head towards the end of our session, here's the programme for the next couple of months. If you haven't been along on a Tuesday evening, now's the time to come for a 'sample' evening or two. As usual, if you want a lift, just let Margaret know and she will match you up with a driver. Meetings start at 8pm sharp, so don't arrive late or the door will be locked

February

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| 5 | <i>St John's SOS Bus</i> | Andrea Haslam |
| 12 | <i>Science and Theology</i> | Keith Norman |
| 19 | <i>Devotional</i> | John Phillips |
| 26 | <i>Quiz with a difference</i> | |

March

- 4 *PDSA* (There will be a sales table at this meeting)
9(Sun) *4pm* Raleigh Guild Anniversary Service, led by *Brian Gameson*, followed by tea
11 *History of Porcelain / Life of an Auctioneer* Mark Stacey
20 Maundy Thursday Service. (See page 14)
25 Rev Sue Manning

Our new minister will be . .

. . Brenda (possibly)!

This is subject to the agreement of the Circuit Meeting but we have to go through a few procedures first and you may be invited to take part (see below).

As you may or may not be aware, a Methodist minister is officially appointed to a *Circuit* by the Methodist Conference for five years. At the end of the five years the minister can ask for extensions of *up to* a further five years, but they *must* leave the Circuit after a total of ten years.

If the minister wants an extension, Conference requires the churches under their supervision to comment on the minister's suitability for continuing in that particular post, anything that the minister could (or should) be doing in their ministry, etc.

And that's where you come in. Brenda will have completed eight years in the Circuit and after a great deal of thought, prayer and consultation has decided to ask for a two year extension.

When the Superintendent minister (Sue Manning) asks us to, the stewards must approach a representative section of those attending the church. This will include those who have been at the church for years, and even someone who might only have met Brenda the week before the survey. Members of organisations that meet at the church will also be expected to make comments.

The stewards have to keep a note of who they have spoken to, but any comments will be depersonalised and non-attributable before being passed on.

There is a danger that we may miss someone who particularly wants to get involved and would like to comment so, if you aren't asked, please feel free to let the stewards know what you have to say, or you can specifically ask to be consulted. But be aware that when we are given the 'start', we will have a very short time before the results of the consultation have to be returned to the Superintendent.

What does the church have to do?

In insurance terms of course. The Church Council has certain responsibilities and obligations, but what do members have to do?

On Tuesday 26th February, at Leigh Wesley Church Hazel Thompson from the Methodist Insurance Company will be coming to help us find out.

Church Treasurers, Property group members, Church Council members, or anyone else who wants to make sense of the current rapidly-changing requirements is invited, nay, encouraged to come along and find out.

Tea/Coffee is available from 3.30pm, the presentation starts at 4pm and there will be an opportunity to discuss each church's particular needs with Hazel afterwards. To make sure there's enough drinks and handouts, please let Dave know by February 19th if you intend going.