

Sunday Services

Evening services are at 6.30pm unless otherwise shown.

October

- 4th Bob Clipsham
John & Cecile Low
- 11th **Pilgrims Way Review Day**
Brenda Gutberlet (S)
No evening service
- 18th Members Own (Wendy Wilson)
At Hadleigh (3.30pm onwards)
- 25th Brenda Gutberlet
Bryan Imbush

November

- 1st Rev Michael Hayman
Wesley Guild Anniversary (4pm)
Bob Clipsham
- 8th **Remembrance Sunday**
Len Ward (10.45pm)
Brenda Gutberlet
- 15th Brenda Gutberlet (S)
Rev Norman Hooks
- 22nd Ruth Hall
Rev Keith Page
- 29th Colin Turner
At St Andrews Ashingdon (3pm)
(*Festival of Light* service for Advent)

There are some changes from 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.

HARP Gift Service

HARP wish to express their grateful thanks to those who continue to donate food, etc, week by week to enable them to provide food and comfort for the homeless of Southend.

At Christmas time, they do like to provide additional items (clothing, blankets, etc) as Christmas 'presents' to those in their care and a 'Christmas List' will soon be available.

As last year, we will be holding a 'Gift Service' for HARP on 6th December where you will be able to donate these special gifts. Peter Reed, who is the Services Operations Manager for HARP, will lead our morning service on that day.

Dates for your diary:

October

- 6 Guild restarts, 8pm
- 11 *Pilgrims Way* Review
- 17 Simon Gledhill in Concert at Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, £5, 7pm (details on poster)
- 18 Worship for All (a different kind of worship), Hadleigh, 3.30pm - tea first, service later.
- 30 Film night at Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, *Grease*, at 7.30
- 31 *Alternative Halloween* party for under 12s, Leigh Wesley. Over 12s, sleepover with breakfast and communion. (Details: Jane Fulford 01702 714213)
- 31 Canvey Methodist Bazaar, Waarden Road, 10.30am

November

- 1 Guild Anniversary, with Rayleigh Guild, 4pm
- 7 **Circuit Vision Day Benfleet, 10am-3pm**
- 8 *Remembrance Day* service, 10.45am
- 8 Shoe Box service, Rayleigh, 4pm
- 14 Our Christmas Bazaar, WI Hall.
- 22 *Last date for articles for this newsletter*
- 25 Circuit Meeting, Whittingham Avenue, 8pm
- 29 *Festival of Light* service, St Andrews Ashingdon, 3pm

December

- 5 Benfleet Methodist Church Bazaar
- 6 Next publication date
- 20 Carol Service, Worship Leaders, 4pm
- 24 Christingle service, Church members, 4pm
- 25 Family Service led by Revd Brenda (10.30am)

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The Methodist Church 

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The Newsletter of
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Property Bits & Pieces

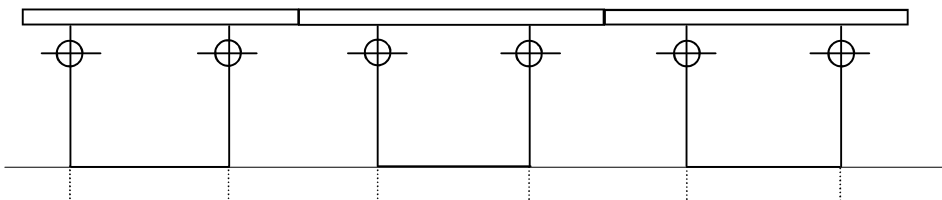
Well, the floor of the Greaves Hall is finished and looks very nice indeed. We have been pleased to hear the comments of our Hall users who are all very impressed by what we have achieved. It *may* be a coincidence, but bookings for children's parties seem to have increased recently.

With increased use, the chance of marking the floor have also increased, so we do ask that you clean up any splashes as soon as you can. There is a mop and a squeegee-type thing in the kitchen - most splashes and marks seem to disappear with a *slightly* damp cloth or mop.

We discussed what to do about the piano and decided that there was no way it could be put back where it used to be, so we have replaced it with a keyboard which is locked away for security. If you know of anybody who wants a piano, we've now got one to spare!

We have also bought a trolley on which we will be storing the GoPak tables, to prevent the stored tables from sliding on the new floor surface.

Although we do not have plans for more work on the church at the moment, there is still an outstanding item from Pilgrims Way from two or three years ago - the Communion Rail. And the major decision to be made is 'how long is it going to be?'. Not 'when will it be done?', but 'how many feet of rail do we need to install and how tall?'. Some ideas are being bounced around and when a decision is made, we can go forwards to the final engineering design and getting quotes.



Provisional sketch of the design of the planned Communion Rail - it may require more uprights and bracing.

The next planned publication date is 6th December 2009. Articles, etc, should be with Dave by 22nd November please.

I prefer articles by email, floppy disc or typed with a good DARK original (because I can handle these without re-typing them!), but I am happy to receive them in any form — so long as I get *something*!

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

10.55 am FJ Club
10.55 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 . .

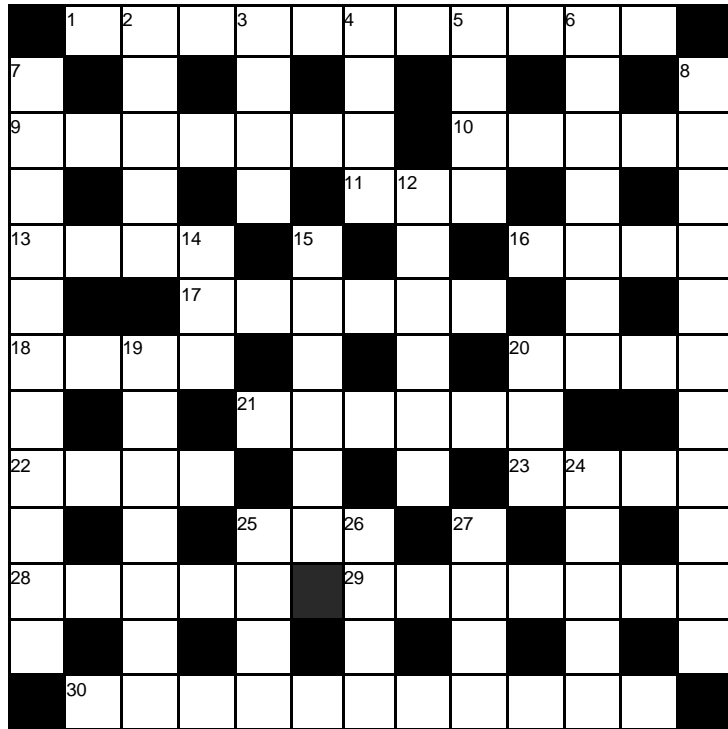
Two House Groups meet each month in a different place each time. Look in the weekly notices for the dates and venues.

Puzzle answers

19. Apostle; 20. Let; 24. Bills; 25. Hymn; 26. Icon; 27. Hull
2. Capri; 3. Opa; 4. Post; 5. Nile; 6. Ennoble; 7. Premium Bond; 8. Healthiness; 12. Handel; 14. Ash; 15. Albino;
Down
22. Book; 23. Tern; 25. Hot; 28. Natty; 29. Couples; 30. Meaningless.

Across
1. Accompanied; 9. Repeat; 10. Lance; 11. The; 13. Mata; 16. Abel; 17. Silent; 18. Utah; 20. Leah; 21. Nicene;

Rochford Methodist “Two clues” Puzzle



Each clue has two definitions built in - one simple, one more complicated, and sometimes both together.

The trick is to identify which is which when you answer it!

Across

1. How a soloist performs with friends (11)
9. Eructations again, and again, and again (7)
10. Weapon used to prick a boil (5)
11. Part of a theatre is a definite article (3)
13. I am back with a youngest Ley. (4)
16. Cain’s brother, he can do it almost? (4)
17. Inaudible and is back before Easter (6)
18. Mormon state, sounds like you, thanks. (4)
20. Young Gibbinson is Rachel’s older sister. (4)
21. Creed, pleasant before the North East (6)
22. Something to read while you reserve seats. (4)
23. Bird heard it was changing direction. (4)
25. First part of the rabble in Vietnamese city without indefinite article. (3)
28. Lots of biting insects? But well-dressed. (5)
29. Joins pairs. (7)
30. It’s insignificant definition is reduced. (11)

Down

2. Old Ford car on Italian island. (5)
3. “O friend, you’re a gem!” (4)
4. Put letter in box on pole. (4)
5. No Energy for world’s longest river. (4)
6. Half an em (illustrious) will elevate to peerage. (7)
7. Monthly savings gamble is top security. (7,4)
8. Well-being, sounds fit at end of Shoebury? (10)
12. This composer might just have it to his name. (6)
14. Burnt remains of a tree. (3)
15. Lack of pigmentation in alb, in other words. (6)
19. Mark, for example, will send letters in beer. (7)
20. Allow to rent (3)
24. Mick can be found in any hotel listing. (5)
25. It sounds like that man is singing a praise song (4)
26. Me, cheat? I’m wooden, painted and holy. (4)
27. Sandra is to prepare the strawberries. (4)

A year in the life of Rochford Methodist Church

You must have heard by now that Brenda’s three churches are going through an exercise of ‘A Year in the Life ..’.

Each church is keeping, or has kept, a record of all the things that have taken place in the church - church events, activities of the groups that meet in the premises, weddings, baptisms. Photographs have been taken and displays will be mounted.

Rayleigh held their ‘year’ back in the summer and Hockley have taken the last complete Methodist year for their display which will take place on 3rd October when the hall will be open from 10am to 4pm. Everybody is welcome to go along and see what they have achieved and have a cup of tea.

Our year will be 2009, and the Stewards will be agreeing a date which will be in the first quarter of 2010. What we will need is lots and lots of photos that have been taken, such as the bowling back in January, the Family Days, the meals, etc. Can you help? And can you please keep taking the photos - you’ve got until 31st December (give or take a few days!)



Olive breasts the finishing line at the end of her sponsored walk for the Cancer Research UK Race For Life on 31st May at Garon Park. So far, Race for Life has raised nearly £43m nationally.



October

- 4 Heather Sims
- 11 Val Dobbin
- 18 Jean Startup
- 25 Ida Hearn

November

- 1 **Guild Anniversary**
- 8 Pat Rubidge
- 15 Jean Startup
- 22 Rosie Martin
- 29 Joan Beehag

Confitemini Domine

At the Harvest Festival, our intercessory prayers were interspersed with a chant from the Taizé Community:

“Confitemini Domini, quoniam bonus”.

In response to the oft-asked question “What does it mean?”, we can now tell you that it is the first part of Psalm 117, v1:

“Praise the Lord, all ye nations”

October

- 3. Colin & Margaret Rayner, Ron Castle.
- 10 Bruce & Carole Glendenning, George & Sue Edwards.
- 17 Mike & Heather Sims, Jan Willson, Sandra Hull.
- 24 **BIG CLEAN**
- 31 Judy Garner, Rosie Martin, Maureen Whalley, Ivy Blenkinsop, Sheila Webber.



November

- 7 Dave & Val Dobbin, Roy & Olive Pavitt, Sonia Worthington.
- 14 Malcolm & Pat Rubidge, John & Marian Webb.
- 21 Colin & Margaret Rayner, Ron Castle.
- 28 Bruce & Carole Glendenning, George & Sue Edwards.

“Doctor, doctor, I can’t pronounce my Fs, Ts and Hs”
 “Well you can’t say fairer than that then.”

Never forget that you’re unique, just like everyone else.

I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally (*WC Fields*)

Two aerials met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony was rubbish, but the reception was brilliant.

We have had a letter from our friends at Great Woking Methodist Church

They are holding their Gift Day and Flower Festival over the weekend of 10/11 October 2009. The letter is on the notice board in the lobby and you are recommended to read it, especially if you have an interest in the church or floral arrangements.

The Gift Day and Flower Festival is intended to showcase their plans for their Church. Refreshments and lunches will be available throughout the day.

They also want to modernise the premises and restore the building to enable it to be once again an important focal point for the village and surrounding area. To do this they need help as they can’t do it on their own, so the letter is appealing for help, talents as well as money.

If after reading the letter you have any further queries, contact Jacqui Galley on 01702 218623 or email her on jazzyjac@btinternet.com

Congratulations . .

. . . to Andrea and friends for raising £210.82 at their Macmillan Coffee Morning.

. . . to Pat & Malcolm on becoming grandparents once more. A boy was born on 30th September and weighed in at around 8lb 10oz.

The Christian Church and Halloween

Eight hundred years ago the pagan autumn festival in Britain was christened Halloween - the holy night of blessing before All Hallows (All Saints) Day.

Halloween has changed over recent years. Where once it was a time when children mildly spooked themselves in sheets in the dark, nowadays it is all about ‘Trick or Treating’ in blood-curdling horror masks.

Among some parents, teachers and others there is a growing unease about the sinister side of Halloween, and the way it tends to trivialise evil.

It can also be seen as *carte blanche* for children to intimidate people by threatening ‘tricks’ if they don’t get what they want. This can make it an unsettling, or even frightening time, especially for the vulnerable.

A new campaign has been launched to show that there is an alternative. Said the Right Revd David Gillett, “I believe it is high time we reclaimed a Christian stake in this night. It can be a night of light and joy and hope, expressing confidence we have in Christ who is the light of the world.”

At Leigh Wesley, the Circuit is holding an *Alternative Halloween* on 31 October. There will be a party for under 12s, and for those 12+ there will be a sleep-over with breakfast and communion. For details, contact Jane Fulford on 01702 714213.

Women's Fellowship

We're the first of the winter meetings to start back and by the time you read this we will already have been going for a month.

Brenda started us off with our opening session on 7th September and on 14th our first visitor arrived with Trevor Anderson giving us an update on *Christian Hope International*. Margaret Deans was unable to be with us on the 21st, so Carole stepped in with a very enjoyable afternoon while Gwenda led us in our Harvest celebration on the 28th.

And so to our next few meetings:

- Oct** 5 Angela Clements will give us an update on *Little Havens*
12 Pastor Brian Gibson from Hullbridge Free Church
19 John Downer
26 Shoe Boxes Appeal - box filling, etc.
- Nov** 2 Lt Col Roy Girling (SA, Retd)
9 Dave Dobbin
16 Barry Stoll
23 Members Afternoon
30 Diane Smith

And then we start the run-up to Christmas! We meet at 2.30 and a warm welcome is assured - you don't have to come to Rochford Methodist (or any) church to join in, so come along any Monday.

Wesley Guild

It's that time of the year again and the programme's looking good.

- Oct** 6 Presidential Evening with Brenda Gutberlet
13 *Pavitts Puzzles*
20 *Compassion* Child Sponsorship with Margaret Knight
27 *History of Canals* illustrated talk by Bob Dalgarno
- Nov** 1 (Sunday) **Guild Anniversary** - 4pm service led by Bob Clipsham.
Rayleigh Guild will be with us and the service is followed by tea.
5 (Thursday) Visit to Cliffs Pavilion - *My Fair Lady*
17 *History of St Pauls Cathedral* with Mike Deedman
24 *Rayleigh and Rochford Association of Voluntary Services*, Teresa Clark

In December we start our visits to sheltered housing units where sing carols. (my goodness, is Christmas that close already?). Otherwise we generally meet at 8pm on Tuesdays at the church and our meetings are open to everybody.

If you care about our church, you need to know about this! And read this carefully!

Although you might not care about the Circuit (well, not many people seem to be bothered to go from Rochford to Circuit services and events), there is a meeting that will affect you and possibly the future of the Methodist churches in the Southend area, including Rochford. And you are invited to take part and shape that future. ***So do book the date November 7th in your diary now.***

On that day you will be involved in making decisions about the staffing and direction of the Circuit as a whole.

Are there too many ministers? Are there too many lay workers? What would we do if we were to lose Brenda as a minister? Are the churches in the right places? Do we need to close some? What should the Circuit be doing to serve the community at large?

On this Circuit Vision Day, people from all over the Circuit will come together to discuss all the issues surrounding our local organisation. It is intended to provoke talk on developing the Circuit as a unified force in South East Essex and we will examine ways in which we can express our faith to the wider community. More information will be posted as it is received.

We need people who only came for the first time 'last Sunday,' as well as those who have been in the church for years. Whatever your age, whatever your experience, whatever your interest (or lack of it) up to now, this is a meeting you really need to be a part of. It will be held at Benfleet Methodist Church from 10 am to 3pm and lunch will be provided. Don't worry about being able to get there because we can provide lifts - and if we run short of car spaces we can always hire a mini-bus if necessary (my driving licence allows me to drive one with 12 passengers aboard)! But we will have to charge about £6.50 to recover the cost.

You really have very few excuses not to be involved - **'can't be bothered' is not acceptable!** Nor is 'but I always go shopping/swimming/fishing/for a walk, etc, on Saturdays' - do it on another day for just this once.

Talking about interest in Circuit events. . .

. . . here's a different type of service. On October 18th at 3.30pm, there is a service for all ages. It starts with tea and then from 4-5.30 you have a choice of activities. A 45 minute service follows at 5.45 followed by a meal if you wish to stay after 6.30pm. Oh yes, it's at Hadleigh Methodist Church.

**Prayer List for Churches Together in Rochford, Hockley,
Hullbridge, Hawkwell, Ashingdon, Canewdon, Paglesham,
Sutton, Shopland, South Fambridge and Stambridge**

Prayer Day	Prayer Sunday	Church	Minister
1st 16th	Oct 4th Jan 17th	Ashingdon Elim Church	Rev David Redbond Simon Law Keith Maynard Tony Tween
2nd 17th	Oct 11th Jan 24th	Hawkwell Baptist Church	Rev'd Richard Iles
3rd 18th	Oct 18th Jan 31st	St Teresa RC, Rochford; St Pius X RC, Hockley	Fr Gerry Drummond
4th 19th	Oct 25th Feb 7th	Emmanuel Church; St Mary's Church	Revd Peter Howard Smith
5th 20th	Nov 1st Feb 14th	Bramerton Road Community Church	David Sebley
6th 21st	Nov 8th Feb 21st	St Thomas of Canterbury C of E, Hullbridge	Revd Harvey Reed
7th 22nd	Nov 15th Feb 28th	Hockley & Hawkwell Methodist Church	Revd Brenda Gutberlet
8th 23rd	Nov 22nd Mar 7th	Hullbridge Free Church	Rev'd Brian Gibson
9th 24th	Nov 29th Mar 14th	Rochford Community Church	Tony & Helen Thomas
10th 25th	Dec 6th Mar 21st	Rochford Methodist Church	Revd Brenda Gutberlet
11th 26th	Dec 13th Mar 28th	St Nicholas, Canewdon; Ashingdon St Andrew with South Fambridge All Saints C of E	Revd Timothy Clay
12th 27th	Dec 20th Apr 4th	Hockley SS Peter and Paul	Fr Jeff Woolnough SSC Fr Bob White
13th 28th	Dec 27th Mar 11th	Rochford St Andrew; Sutton with Shopland All Saints; Stambridge St Mary & All Saints	Revd Christopher Cousins
14th 29th	Jan 3rd Mar 18th	Rockdene Christian Fellowship	John Stanton
15th 30th	Jan 10th Mar 25th	Rochford Congregational Church	Rev David Saunders Rev Andrew Leach

The above Prayer List has been provided for use by the churches in the Rochford area. You are invited to use it in your daily prayers, praying for the needs of the churches and those who minister to them on the days shown in column 1, with additional prayers on the Sundays shown in column 2.