

Hailsham Methodist Church Update

Week beginning Sunday 6th September 2026

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This Sunday, our Morning Service at 10.00am will be led by John Berryman. The Sunday Evening Zoom/Telephone Service at 6.00pm will be led by Rev'd Barbara Evans-Routley.

(For Zoom and telephone access details see below)

The following Sunday, 13th September, the Morning Service will be a Harvest Festival Service led by our Worship Group. (See below)

The Evening Service on Zoom will be at 4:00pm. It will be an Area Service from Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne, to welcome the two new Ministers working in the CSUA; Rev'd Jonathan Gaylord based at Emmanuel Church and Rev'd Karl Rutledge at Haywards Heath Methodist Church.

Lectionary Readings, Hymns and Psalms

Here are the lectionary readings for each day of this week, along with a reading from the Psalms and a hymn from Singing the Faith, as listed in this year's Methodist Prayer Handbook. *The Week's Theme: The Life of Faith*

Sun 6 th	Matthew 18:15-20	StF 620	Psalm 149
Mon 7 th	1Peter 3:13-22	StF 327	Psalm 119:17-32
Tues 8 th	1Peter 4:1-6	StF 520	Psalm 119:33-48
Wed 9 th	1Peter 4:7-11	StF 706	Psalm 119:49-64
Thu 10 th	1Peter 4:12-19	StF 490	Psalm 119:65-80
Fri 11 th	1Peter 5:1-14	StF 493	Psalm 119:81-96
Sat 12 th	2Peter 1:1-11	StF 492	Psalm 119:97-104

Prayer for Peace:

Almighty God, let there be peace in our hearts and peace in your world. Amen

Thought for the Week: Be Strong and Courageous!

We all have times when we fear or dread something. Hospital appointments, new situations, etc.

Whatever our age or ability we seek some courage. True courage and strength comes from the promise that God is with you wherever you go. (*Joshua 1:9*)

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The Week Ahead:

Mon 7th: Toddlers Group meet in Church Hall, 9:30-11:30am
Bible Study session on Zoom, 7:00-8:00pm (see below)
Wed 9th: Afternoon Tea & Chat on Zoom, 3:30-4:00pm (see below)
Sat 12th: 'Coffee & Chat' in main Church Room, 10:00-12:00noon (see below)
'Knit & Chat' in the 'Coffee & Chat' space, 10:00-12:00noon (see below)

Bible Study Zoom Group

Our on-line Bible Study group meets on Monday from 7:00-8:00pm.

Led by Rev Barbara, each session looks at some of the Lectionary readings for the following Sunday, so you can join any session, without feeling that you have to sign up for every meeting.

Lectionary Readings (for Sunday 13th Sept) include: Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 18:21-35. (Alternative related reading: Genesis 50:15-21)

Zoom Meeting ID: 413 058 0228, Passcode: barbara (all lower case)

Wednesday Afternoon Tea and Chat

Our social Zoom meetings continue each Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.00pm. There is no formal agenda or planned content but there is the opportunity to see one another and exchange any news we may have. You can access the meeting with the same Zoom ID and Passcode every week:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72398358201?pwd=cEVjZFI5cGR2eUw5MGdsT1BnNnNGUT09>

Meeting ID: 723 98358201, Passcode: 9Yp0Sk

'Coffee & Chat'

On Saturday 12th, the second Saturday of the month, our Church doors will open from 10:00 to 12:00noon to host another 'Coffee & Chat' session. There will be coffee (and biscuits), there will be chat and, of course, there will most importantly be a warm welcome for all. Do drop in – and bring a friend!

This 'Coffee & Chat' will be the last of the sessions held through the summer months to keep the 'Warm Welcome Space' flame alight. See below for news on the return of the very similar (but with added toast!) Space.

'Knit & Chat'

In the 'Coffee & chat' setting on the 2nd Saturday of each month (i.e. this coming Saturday morning) you will also find our 'Knit & Chat' group; knitting, possibly crocheting, certainly chatting. Whatever your level of skill with a needle you will be made welcome.

Harvest Festival, 13th September.

The long, hot summer has meant that harvesting has taken place on farms very early this year and our Harvest Festival service will also take place quite early in the traditional Church 'Harvest' season.

There are two requests relating to this Service. If able, could you please bring a Harvest donation of tinned/dried/preserved food, which will be passed on to Hailsham Foodbank. Click on this link to see which food items they are most in need of at the moment:

<https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The other thing we need your help with is the decorating of the Church for Harvest. This will take place on the Saturday morning, 12th September, from 9:30am. Please bring flowers, foliage, berries, sheaves etc. (and your non-fresh food donations) – refreshments will be provided by the 'Coffee & Chat' team.

Health & Safety Checks

a message from Barbara Edwards, Property Secretary

Health and Safety checklists are due to be filled in by my courageous volunteers by the end of September. All sheets are kept in the kitchen with the red A4 Faults Reporting Book.

Many thanks, Barbara

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Anita Killeen's annual Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan will take place on Friday 25th September from 2:00-4:00pm in Anita's garden (weather permitting) and house – which is 11, Summerfield's Avenue, Hailsham.

There will be coffee (other beverages also available), there will be fabulous cakes, there will be raffles and games of skill, and there will be collection boxes to raise money for a wonderful charity.

Warm Welcome Space

Warm Welcome Space will return from its summer break in a slightly new form in October. We will be opening our doors on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, rather than the weekly openings we have offered for the past few years. This is a compromise – providing a warm welcome to all as often as possible without exhausting the good will and energy of the small group of volunteers who make it possible. (Fresh helpers welcome, obviously!!!)

Keeping In Touch

If you have any news or up-coming events you want to share via this Update sheet, you can phone John O' on 01323 486961, or email johnoreilly876@btinternet.com

On-line and Telephone Worship Access Details

Sunday Evening Service at 6.00pm

Each week on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 413 058, 0228, Passcode: barbara (all lower case)

Each week by telephone:

Dial any of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode (given below) when prompted:

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240, 0203 901 7895 or 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 413 058 0228, Passcode: 419861