

Focus on Programme

Monday 20th March	12:00 Luncheon Club 14:00 Silver Service (Over 55's) Club. Entertainment: Southend Harmony Singers (Choir) 20:00 Corps Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st March	10:00 Parent & Toddler Group 12:30 Lunchtime Bible Study 20:00 Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 22nd March	11:00 Prayer meeting led by Major Margaret Stewart 14:00 Home League 19:30 Songster rehearsal
Thursday 23rd March	14:00 Ladies Fellowship – Hillside Animal Sanctuary with Rob Paxton 17:30 Little Voices 18:00 Singing Company rehearsal 19:00 Young People's band rehearsal 19:00 Bible Study 20:15 Senior Band rehearsal
Friday 24th March	10:00 Parent & Toddler Group 19:30 Alpha Course (session 13) 19:30 Timbreltastic
Saturday 25th March	18:00 Young People's Cabaret Evening

Sunday 26th March	09:20 Prayer meeting led by Major 10:00 Young People's Prize Giving led by Jonathan Searle 18:00 Evening Worship – Praise Night; with guests Max & Enid Weaver
<u>Mother's Day</u>	

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Hadleigh Temple Corps

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our weekly newsletter.

Sunday 19th March 2017

10am & 6pm

Our Worship Meetings led by Major David Woodman

“Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *Him*, O ye servants of the LORD”
 (Psalm 135: v1)

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Focus on People

Thank you for the flowers:

The flowers today have been given by Hilary & John Houlding. Thank you both for your kind gift of flowers. Our flowers next week will be given by Betty Sadler.

Anyone for coffee?:

Coffee and tea following this morning's meeting will be provided by Kath Jacob and Jenny Levey and this evening by Avril Bird and Norma Paul. Next Sunday morning our coffee and tea will be provided by Jean Bryant and Joanne Poole and in the evening by Mavis Bays and Derek Daines.

Alpha Course

We are excited that our church here at Hadleigh Temple is hosting an Alpha Course. Don't worry if you have missed the previous sessions, you will be welcome to join us this coming Friday for the next session. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith, comprising of eleven sessions. Each session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. There is no charge for Alpha, although we would appreciate a donation to cover the cost of the meal.

Young People's Musical Evening

Our Young People's Corps will be presenting an evening of musical entertainment next Saturday (25th March) at 6pm. The evening will be in a relaxed cabaret style format There will be refreshments and a cake sale following the concert. There will be charge for entry, but there will be a retiring collection.

We want to hear from you!

The Hadleigh Temple leadership team is committed to ensuring that our Corps continues to flourish during the period when we will be without officer leadership. We pray that our whole fellowship will work together for the good of God's kingdom here in Hadleigh. In order to prepare for this period we want to obtain the views of as many as possible from our fellowship so that ideas can be garnered and questions or concerns can be addressed. A form is enclosed with this week's newsletter (copies also available in the foyer of the hall) so you can provide your feedback on specific aspects of our Corps ministry. When you have completed this document please place it in the box provided in the foyer of the hall by **Sunday 26th March**, latest. The information provided will remain confidential and the results will be analyzed by the leadership team. Feedback will be provided during the meeting of our fellowship on **Friday 28th April**. Thank you for sharing.

Welcome Ministry

Did you know that the most important person for a visitor to talk to feel at home in our church is you. If you are interested in becoming involved in welcoming people to our Sunday Worship meetings, then please speak to CSM Wayne Johnson who will pleased to speak to you regarding this important ministry.

Focus on Prayer

Our Corps Prayer Subject for this week: We pray for the Baden-Powell sections associated with our corps, the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. We thank God for all the children who are members of these groups and the leaders who have the responsibility to train the young people to become self-reliant citizens

Those linked to our fellowship who especially need our personal Intercessory prayers this week:

Marjorie Kimberley	John Skeet	Adam Whitehead
Doris Wyatt	Ted Cockerton	Major Joan Stubbington
Rae Chapman	Betty & Arthur Oliver	Yvonne Thorn
Ruby Edwards	Marjory Hickman	Major Alice Graham
Jecelda Allen	Jane Sanders	Major Audrey Whitehead
Don Watson	Betty Cannon	Major Brian Stubbington
Lily & Bill Webb	Greet Gadsden	Kath Hart
Major Berta Draper	Becky Hicks	Gareth Whitehead
Trevor Thorn	Mildred Watson	Connie Felstead
Hilda Monk	Charles Whyman	Desiree King
Conner Purchase	Doreen Cox	
Dave Munday (Victoria Whitehead's Dad)		

Be Empowered!

Empowerment is one of those fairly modern words that are used more and more in our day to day lives, but for a lot of people there is still some uncertainty as to exactly what it means. I wonder what the word conjures up in your mind. One the best definitions I've read is " Enabling human beings to reach their full potential and taking away barriers that prevent them from being all that they can be". This is a very broad statement, but one that can be applied in so many aspects of our everyday lives, and through our interaction with everyone we meet. Each conversation, each smile, each acknowledgement of other people has the ability to change the course of someone's day, and we can influence in a positive or negative way. When we empower others it can be one of the most important acts of kindness we can do. Empowering others means giving them the feeling that they are needed, not being judgemental, but connecting with the best they have to give. Over the coming weeks while we transition to the period during which we will not have officers, we are going to be exploring more about what being empowered means for us all individually within our fellowship here in Hadleigh. This will particularly look at how we can equip, support, motivate, and mentor individuals, enabling them to become what God wants them to be. We must of course remember that we are already an empowered people. Jesus's final words to His disciples declared, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). After the Day of Pentecost, we read in Acts 2: 41-47 that the Holy Spirit's power allowed the disciples to effectively serve their world and each other. The same Holy Spirit who empowered the early disciples for service empowers us to service and ministry today. So be empowered! (WJ)