

# This Week

## 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**HIGHBURY**  
Congregational Church

A place to share Christian Friendship, explore Christian Faith and enter into Christian Mission with Christ at the centre and open to all



Text for the Week: *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26*

Welcome to our services today and a special welcome to any worshipping with us for the first time. Since the end of January we have been sharing a diary of Prayer for our church here at Highbury. This week is the fourth of those weeks of prayer ... and it leads us up to our Annual Church Meeting on Thursday evening. It's an important meeting as we will be receiving reports of the life of the church, electing Deacons and making appointments in the life of our church. We also be making plans for the future of the church as Felicity and Richard will be retiring and moving in July. Do remember the life of the church in your prayers and join us for the meeting on Thursday. If you haven't already, please take a look at the Giving for Growth leaflets and see if you can fill them in so that we can see what gifts of time, talents and money people are able to share. In the run up to Easter we are looking at what is at the heart of the Christian faith. We began with faith in a great big God who helps put the problems of the world in some perspective. We went on to see how Jesus Christ not only opens up a window on to the God who is Love but draws us in the closest of relationships with God our Father. Today we recognise that we cannot follow Jesus in our own strength but need to draw on that unseen yet very real power he promises in the Holy Spirit.

### Useful Information

To use the loop system switch to the T setting on your hearing aid. There are wheelchair accessible toilets through the right hand door at the front.

**There are gluten-free wafers available at the Lord's Supper, on request from your Server.**

Large Print versions of this sheet are available from the Welcome team.

There is a Baby Change facility in the toilet to right off the Hall.

### Morning Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Praise with Hy-Spirit  
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 145 – the Congregation  
Be Like Me! Open the Book  
A Hy-Spirit Song  
Communion Collection  
for Open the Book  
Activities for all over 3  
Facing Temptation  
Reading: Matthew 4:1-11  
A Hy-Spirit Song  
The Spirit's Power  
596 Breathe on me, breath of God  
Prayers of Concern  
622 We sing a love  
Words of Blessing  
**Retiring Collection for Highbury**  
Music: Hy-Spirit

### Midweek Activities

#### Explore

Tuesday 7:30 to 9pm  
Courses and Crafts as advertised.

#### Toddlers@Highbury Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesday 9:45 to 11:30am  
(Term-time only)

#### Messy Church

Monthly on a Tuesday 5:00 to 6:30pm  
– All Age

#### HyTec

Sunday 7.15pm – For 11's and over

#### Prayer Meeting

Wed. morning at a member's home

#### Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 12:30pm  
Two course meal for £4

#### Community Café

Thursday 10:00 -11:30am  
Fresh Coffee and Homemade Cake

#### Family Film Club

Monthly on a Saturday 3:30pm

#### Hy-Speed

Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
6:30 & 8:30pm

### Evening Prayers

Welcome and Call to Worship  
519 Love divine  
Prayer and the Lord's Prayer  
Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10  
63 All people that on earth do dwell  
Psalm 100  
Reading: Romans 8:18-30  
583 Spirit divine  
The Power of God  
595 O Breath of life  
Prayers of Concern  
**Offering & Dedication**  
223 All praise to thee  
Words of Blessing  
Music: Frank Guppy

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# EXPLORE

**Tuesday  
nights 7.30pm at  
Highbury Church.  
EXPLORE is an**

**opportunity to socialise and learn with others.**

## **Children's Groups**

**0 – 2 years** are welcome to remain with parents in church or you can take them to play in the porch.

**Bubbles & Splash! 3 - 7 years** in Room 3 led by Elaine, Angela or Laura. **X:Stream 8 - 11 years** in Room 1 led by Judi. **M:Ocean**, in Morton Brown Room led by Louise and **Hy-Tide** in Dining Room led by Mary for young people **aged 12+**

## **This month's charity is Open the Book**

### **EXPLORE Evenings in February**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – A singing evening with Richard Sharpe

### **For Children, Families & Young People**

Messy Church – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> February  
5 - 6.30pm

HyTec – Sunday evenings from 7.15pm

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

At Highbury on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1-45.  
The theme is "All God's Creation is very Good!"

Please look in this month's Highbury News regarding requests for help with this event.

### **General Knowledge Quiz Evening Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7 – 10pm**

At Highbury Church Hall. Tickets £7.50 (inc. Jean's Ploughmans Supper) available from Judi Marsh or Sue Cole.

Proceeds for the education of Cecilia in Zambia & sponsored Chiks children.

### **Regular Giving to Highbury**

If you would like to consider making a bank standing order to the Church, please contact Roger Gregory, who will be delighted to hear from you.

### **Social Time**

Coffee, tea, squash & biscuits will be served after the morning service **in the Church** today.

## **Events this week**

**Tuesday 9-45**

Toddlers

**5-00 – Messy Church**

**7-15 for 7-45 Explore**

Singing with Richard Sharpe

**Wednesday 9-30**

Prayer Meeting – see Katherine Stanley for venue

**Thursday 10-00 to 11-30**

Community Café for Coffee and Home Made Cakes

**Thursday 7-30**

The Church Annual Meeting

**Friday 1-45**

Women's World Day of Prayer Service with St John's School

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7-10 pm**

**General Knowledge Quiz Evening**

**Next Sunday 10-00 and 6-30**

### **Sharing God's Love**

Please contribute to the CCP Food Bank by leaving items in the baskets at the back of the church.

The flowers are distributed after the evening service. Today's flowers are "In loving memory of my parents & grandparents" from Sue Sillence.

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