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*“I lay my requests before you
and wait expectantly”.*

Psalm 5: 3

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
OUR READERS**

*Articles for the February magazine by **Sunday**
17 January, please, to Kath Dunstan.
New contributors will be welcome.*

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Details from
Brenda Sheppard
(See inside back cover.)

Reflections

"I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly". Psalm 5: 3

Expectations

I hope that everyone had a joyous Christmas and that you are refreshed for the New Year.

Just before Christmas Fiona and I had some visitors from America: they enjoyed the Sunday services with us and also the Light up a Life service which was meaningful to them. Thank you everyone who made them feel most welcome, they said that the church had a real "family feel" and was warm, welcoming and friendly, and they were amazed at the history of the church building itself.

I wondered: what they had expected to see when they came to Southminster, having had no real experience of historical buildings and architecture? The area where they live is in California, near the coast and just outside of Los Angeles, where the majority of the buildings are only a few hundred years old, so their experience to date is only of things new and modern.

I think that living in today's culture is very much about things new and keeping up with technology, making sure that everything is as up to date as possible, yet there are some things that need to be kept as remembrances of the past, helping us to appreciate the things we have.

At Christmas time we, as a family, use a cutlery set that was bought for Fiona's grandparents as a wedding present: these items are used and appreciated as we eat together remembering past generations and heritage. There is something about holding on to, and using something that our families have used through the years, perhaps hundreds of years, that has a tangible effect on us.

Having had Paul, Nina and Sophia (our American friends) here to stay has made me think about “expectations” of our own as we venture into new areas and a new year of life. What are we expecting this New Year to bring? It could be easy to be passive and allow the year to ‘develop’ as it will, or we could make decisions to determine how the year will be for us. This will mean offering everything to God in prayer and giving Him free reign to bring His blessing into the year ahead. The message to the Philippian church says much about living in the peace that God brings when we give everything to Him in our prayers. It is a peace not just in our minds but through all of our being; it is a contentment, a knowledge and an expectation that God will hear our prayers and act upon them in His way and in His time. King David understood this principle as he writes in Psalm 5

*In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning
I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.*

When we pray to God with expectation we are not asking for those things that will be to our detriment but we ask for those things for our (and other people's) good. We ask and we petition for the things of the Kingdom; of love, of peace, of joy – of healing and forgiveness, and we pray with expectation, with belief, that God will hear and answer our prayers – as He has done so many times before.

Our God is the faithful One who never changes. He is the one who is our heritage and tradition – the one to hold on to as we start a new year. So, as we pray for ourselves, our community, our town and our church in this year, let us pray expectantly, in faith, that God will hear from heaven, as He always does, and will answer.

Lost in Southminster

One day last month, I was walking home from a friend's house, a journey I had done many times before. It had been raining so I was looking rather carefully at where I was treading. I didn't want to step into puddles, get muddy shoes and certainly not tread on any slugs or snails! After about five minutes I did actually look up and thought - I don't recognise these houses. Thinking this was silly I continued on the path. But then there were no house at all! Where was I? I had no idea, except that I knew I was going the wrong way. The only thing to do was to turn around and go back.

At the beginning of this new year, where am I going? Too often we are looking down at all the things immediately in front of us that we forget to look up and actually see where we are going. We can get so bogged down by the problems of dodging puddles, keeping clean and even the welfare of others that we forget to look where the path leads.

So, as this year progresses, I want to deal with all the problems life faces, dodge any snares and traps and keep looking after those in need. But I also need to look up to God and make sure I'm on the right path which sometimes might need a complete turn around!

Happy New Year

Jenny Pratt

A few years ago I wrote a series of articles for the Church Magazine telling of my involvement in the field of Anti Slavery work. I have been invited to give an update on the subject. I am happy to do this but owing to the diversity of the subject - in a series.

The problem has not gone away and I am as involved as much as ever. One thing to consider, the less said about slavery the better..... No, that is not my thought, but it is the way traffickers like it. They love things, the way they used to be. 10-15 years ago slavery was happening, but very little was said, known or done about it, so traffickers had pretty well, a free (profitable) hand. And that was in the UK!

Nowadays the problem is accepted as being more than three times worse than we were anticipating it to be, 8 years ago. I really hate this air of acceptance. In 2007 around 4000 was the figure everybody was working to for the number of people in some form of slavery here in the UK. Now if I was a country leader or in authority, I would have been mortified that Slavery of this magnitude was taking place in the UK on my watch. Earlier this year details released by the Government suggested the actual figure was now in excess of 14,000. It is of course possible the number could be worse, but it is highly unlikely to be an overestimate.

The same kind of scenario is being played out around the world. In 2007 globally, we were working on figures of 27,000,000 slaves around the world. Today in 2015 that figure, I must say, far more accurately calculated than previously, stands at 35,800,000. Why the change? As I said, very little attention was being paid to slavery of any kind ten years back. So counting, estimating, projecting figures were

very much guesstimates. As very few people were interested, what did it matter? Something in the interim has changed, awareness has grown, some people have developed a social conscience, voices are raised. Questions are being asked, how is it here we are 200 years after slave trading was abolished and slavery unlawful, with a problem far larger now than it has ever been. Ordinary people began to demand of the authorities, of their governments to do something about the injustice of it all. So the movement has grown.

The group that I am involved with began, and our mission statement refers to, working against Child Slavery! Who on earth would make a child a slave in 2015? A question I have asked myself time and time again. If I tell you there are an estimated 14-15 million Child Slaves in the world, that is children under 18, you will see that quite a lot of people are prepared to. Let me just clear something here, We have a lot of people protesting against our work!!, the charge being many of the children are the family bread winner, and we appear to be working to take that source of income away from them.

No, we are talking Child Slavery not Child Labour. The 220 yes 220 million children involved in Child labour, are not in our sights, we just cannot begin to even think about them. Some of course will be being exploited, some paid a pittance, so be it! We are talking Slaves. Slaves do not get paid. Slaves are not free to come and go. Slaves will not be going to school. Slaves could be trafficked. There is a vast difference between the two sets, but our attention is for Slave Children. As of lately we do stray over into Slaves other than children, this is because of the various Anti Slavery groups we work with.

*(To be continued next month -
but speak with Harry if you wish to do so.)*

A letter from Safer Places - written on 23rd November



Dear Rev'd Peter and friends of
Safer Places,

I would firstly like to thank you and your congregation for welcoming me and my colleagues so warmly at yesterday's service. We found it very emotional and it gave me time to reflect on how lucky we are to have all of the support that your congregation has offered us over the years.

As a charity we value your kindness and support which assists Safer Places to continue to offer the excellent service to the families we support.

Once again I would like to offer my thanks to you all.

Sue McAninch, (*Service Manager*)

And a further update from Jacky Griffiths

Mike and I drove to Southend today, 10th December, and the gifts and toys for the women and children at Safer Places in Southend were safely delivered to them.





These gifts were given by people in the Community, staff at the School and members of the Church in Southminster.

Everyone has been so generous that, as you can see, the car was piled high

with bags of toys etc., the boot was full and the back seat was full! They were received with much pleasure and grateful thanks by the representatives of this organisation which does such brilliant work among those women, and sometimes men, who are forced to seek refuge from domestic violence. They sent thanks to us all for our kindness at this time of year and wished us a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A letter from SASRA - written on 23rd November

Dear Rev. Begley,

On behalf of SASRA thank you for the generous gift that was recently passed to HQ from the friends at St Leonard's following your Remembrance Day Service. It is gratefully received and a receipt is enclosed for your records.

Our thanks to you all for your continued prayers and support.

Mark Powell

(N. London & East of England Area representative)



Monday 11th January

Growing up

starts at 3.30 pm

Age range aimed especially for children at

Primary School with Parent or Carer

Bring all the family along and join in the fun!

Next one:

Monday 1st February

Growing Friends

ROTA REPLY SLIP YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR 2 MONTHS

Please cross out the dates when you are **not** available and return this slip to **Paul Lucas** by 17th January

March 6 13 20 25 27

April 3 10 17 24

Name

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR DUTY YOU SHOULD CHANGE WITH SOMEONE AND INFORM THE WARDENS OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

If you would like to be involved with the providing and/or arranging of flowers in church during the year - especially at the major festivals - please contact the churchwardens who will advise you. In the meantime there is a rota which has been produced in conjunction with the Dengie Hundred Flower Club which will ensure that there are 'altar flowers' every week.



Monetary contributions will be needed to cover the costs of the flowers - and especially if a special arrangement is requested to remember someone or some personal event. See the new list at the back of the church on which you can sign to book a 'special' day. Your contribution should be given to a churchwarden or to the church treasurer. The flower arrangers will see to the rest.

PRAY FOR SOUTHMINSTER:

w/b	3 January	North - East
w/b	10 January	Central-North-West
w/b	17 January	Central - East
w/b	24 January	Central - South
w/b	31 January	South - South-West

ROTA FOR JANUARY 2016

Date **3 January**

The Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher
Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6
Matthew 2 : 1 - 12
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Rev'd Peter
Dick Dulude
Celebrant
Tom Fogg

10.45 Holy Communion

Leader/Preacher
Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6
Matthew 2 : 1 - 12
Intercessions
Communion Assistants
Prayer Ministry Team
Projectionist
Sidesperson
Refreshments

Rev'd Peter
Christine Morgan
Christine Morgan
Kath Dunstan
Phil Richards & Paul Lucas
Christine Lucas & Sylvia Adams
Mike Bikhazi
Gwyneth Iffland
Tom Fogg & Sally Culff

Date **10 January**

The Baptism of Christ

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher
Isaiah 43 : 1 - 7
Luke 3 : 15-17, 21-22
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Rev'd Ken Dunstan
Sheila Wright
Celebrant
Paul Lucas

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/preacher
Isaiah 43 : 1 - 7
Luke 3 : 15-17, 21-22
Intercessions
Prayer Ministry Team
Projectionist
Sidesperson
Refreshments

Norman Pratt
Sylvia Adams
Sylvia Adams
Jacky Griffiths
Tom Fogg & Jacky Griffiths
Christine Lucas
Mike Bikhazi
Paul Lucas & Christine Lucas

ROTA FOR JANUARY 2016

Date **17 January**

Second Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Isaiah 62 : 1 - 5

Sheila Nicholson

John 2 : 1 - 11

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Morning Worship

The Hackblock Birthdays' Service

See page 21 for some possible details

Leader

Rev'd Peter

Guest speaker

Steve Kersys

Reading t.b.c

Christine Lucas

Reading t.b.c.

Christine Lucas

Intercessions

Jenny Pratt

Prayer Ministry Team

Brenda Sheppard & Fiona Begley

Projectionist

Christine Morgan

Sidesperson

Lynda Hedges

Refreshments

Bob Perry & Viv Perry

Date **24 January**

Third Sunday of Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Nehemiah 8 : 1 - 10

Kathy Pegg

Luke 4 : 14 - 21

Celebrant

Sidesman/ Communion Asst.

Phil Richards

10.45 Morning Worship

Leader/Preacher

Rev'd Peter

Nehemiah 8 : 1 - 10

Jenny Pratt

Luke 4 : 14 - 21

Jenny Pratt

Intercessions

Fiona Begley

Prayer Ministry Team

Viv Perry & Christine Lucas

Projectionist

Sylvia Adams

Sidesperson

Paul Lucas

Refreshments

Linda Payne & Margaret Curtis

JANUARY SERVICES AT STEEPLE

Sunday	3 rd	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	10 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	17 th	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	24 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday	31 st	10.30 am	United Service at ChristChurch

St Leonard's Church Rota continued

Date **Sunday 31 January Presentation of Christ in the temple**

08.00 Holy Communion(BCP)

Col: White

Leader/President/Preacher	Rev'd Peter
Hebrews 2 : 14 - end	Phil Richards
Luke 2 : 22 - 40	Celebrant
Sidesman/ Communion Asst.	Phil Richards

10.30 United Morning Worship at Christ Church URC

Leader/Preacher	Rev.Jon Morgan/Rev'd Peter
Hebrews 2 : 14 - end	t.b.a.
Luke 2 : 22 - 40	t.b.a.



Please remember to bring all your used postage stamps to church for the Farleigh Hospice collection. Put them into the green shoe-box at the back of church. This is a good time to increase our collection.

*The Charity Shop is open on most days -
across the road from church*

REGULAR MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

PCC meetings and related committee meetings are usually on Monday evenings.

The **Music Group** meets in church on Fridays at 7.45 pm & occasional Wednesdays. See Hazel Richards for details.

Bellringers meet occasionally in the tower.

See Allan Pye for details, since this is not a regular activity.

Henry Club - Church Cleaning Team - meets twice a month at 9.30 am (normally on Fridays)

The January dates are Saturday 9th (clearing up after Christmas Tree festival) & Friday 22nd.

Flower arranging is usually on Fridays or Saturdays.

Please see churchwardens and booking list at back of church.

Working Parties happen on Saturdays, as required.

See Paul Lucas or Phil Richards for details.

Volunteers will be needed for new indoor & outdoor work

There is always a need for people to pick up the litter that is dropped in the church grounds. If you can help please do so; you just need some rubber gloves and a bin bag!

Midweek Prayer services (Mon., Wed. and Fri.)

8:00 am (about half an hour) in the chapel.

HOME GROUPS

Normally they are Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 7.45 pm for 8 pm



Young people and children are always welcome. especially at 10.45 services, and age-appropriate activities are available at the back of church if required.

Messy Church is once a month on Mondays. See page 10.

Next one January 11th

Weekly bulletins and church notice boards list any other events in the Church.

What's On in the Local Area: January 2016

Arrangements in St Nicholas, Tillingham (T), St James, Dengie (D)

Sunday 3rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Rev'd Ken Dunstan</i>)	D
	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)	T
Wednesday 6th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)	T
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>The Ven. David Lowman</i>)	T
	3.00 pm	Evening Service	D
Wednesday 13th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)	T
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)	T
Wednesday 20th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)	T
Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (<i>Canon John Brown</i>)	T
	3.00 pm	Evening Service (Laity)	D
Wednesday 27th	9.15 am	Morning Prayers (Laity)	T
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	Sunday Morning Worship (Laity)	T
	4.00 pm	Candlemas Service (tba)	D

C.H.E.S.S. SUPPORT

We are still collecting items to support the Homeless Shelter in Chelmsford. The tub for your gifts, particularly toiletries and other cleaning materials, is at the back of church. Please see their web site for more information.
www.chelmsfordchess.org

The **SOUTHMINSTER**
HARBOUR Group
 meets in the
 Memorial Hall
 on Thursday mornings
 from 10 am until noon.
 Drop in; you are welcome.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Past and future

Southminster W.I.

January 5th

Puzzles & Quiz Evening

Competition - Favourite Christmas Tree Bauble

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

Mondays at 12.30 pm in
THE MEMORIAL HALL

After a brief
Christmas break
we begin meeting again
on Monday 11th January

Please book in by noon
on the previous Friday.



Olive Branch Opening Hours

Mon - Sat
11 am - 1 pm

ALSO

Mon, Wed. & Thurs.

1 pm - 4 pm

See café window for details
and possible changes.

SINCERE THANKS

have been expressed
(and still are!)

to Kath & Gerry
and their wonderful team
(Jan, Ron, Kay, Sue, John, Bob
& others including Laurence)

for an amazing
Christmas Lunch
at the Memorial Hall
on Monday 14 December.

Father Christmas
dropped in, to the
delight of the children
present, and the whole
atmosphere - even some
carol singing - was superb.

The School Choir
provided some lovely
musical entertainment.
We thank them too.

Webber Street News:

The news from Webber Street is very good as the ministry is going from strength to strength because we have brothers and sisters like you praying for us and standing in the gap for our needy guests.

George, who is one of our guests, we need to thank you for praying for him as he is in phase 3 in Teen Challenge London, he is still going for the Lord, please continue to pray for him.

Ivor, as you know we pray a lot for him but this time he went back home to Latvia to enter a rehab centre to clean himself from his addiction, please keep him in your prayers as we need to see the hand of God upon him and see change in his life.

We have a new wave of guests from Romania and Bulgaria. It is very hard as they are coming to the UK and their English is not very good at all and sometimes it is difficult to communicate with them but we thank Our God that we have a staff member who speaks the Romanian language.

As you know I ran The British 10K on 12 July 2015. My aim was to raise £5500 to buy 5500 t-shirts for our guests. I want to thank everyone who sponsored me to reach my target; the good news is that I bought 4500 t-shirt for our guests, which will supply them for a year.

PS: please don't ask me about the time I took to finish the race! It was so hard for me and I promise myself again that it will be my last one, but after 3 weeks I put myself forward to run again next year on Sunday 10 July 2016.

The good news now is that I will be having a team of 12 people to run the British 10K with me, so if you want to know please contact me A.S.A.P. I would love to see a lot of supporters of LCM to run for a good cause.

We thank our God for our new 2 staff members that joined our team at Webber Street - Benny and Lily.

Please pray for them that God will be with them and give them more of His power.

Personal news:

On July I had an accident where off my rocking chair onto my shoulder after it collapsed. I went to hospital and they took an x-ray to see if I have any broken bones, but thank God there weren't any but I damaged my tendons very badly and I think they need to do an operation to fix the problem.

On November I had another accident where I was cutting the grass in my garden and a piece of metal went under the lawnmower and went and cut into my trainer, went into my big toe. I had a small fracture and I was off work for 2 weeks.

My Deputation:

I was in Wales and Cumbria and God is so good and wonderful that He use me in His mighty power to share about LCM and Webber Street.

Thanksgiving:

- I want to thank everyone who sponsored me on my running to reach my target.
- Thank God for looking after me after these 2 accidents.
- Thank God for every one of you.
- Thank God for my family in London and in Beirut, Lebanon.

Prayers Point:

- Please pray for God's plan and His will in my life.
- Please continue to pray for my Dad and brothers and sisters in Lebanon. .
- Please continue to pray for my wife Margaret and our sons Jake and Daniel.
- Continue to pray for Webber Street, the staff, and more of His Love to continue ministering at Webber Street.

<http://webberstreet.org>
london4christ@hotmail.com

Sheikh Jean-Louis Kassis

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Christmas greetings to us all from distant friends

Details of news from some people well known to many of us are at the back of church. These include

(in no particular order)

Rev'd Gordon and Mrs Rita Anderson

Rev'd David and Mrs Mary Lumb

John and Heather Thain

Rev'd Tim Chesterton

Steve & Johanna Pillinger

CONGRATULATIONS SYLVIA

Following a question from the Editor,
Sylvia Adams answered:



I did the course over three months, January, February and March and took the exam on 1st April and heard at the end of April that I had passed with credit. I took the course with two colleagues, Lesley who also passed with credit and Sarah who passed with a distinction.

The presentation of our certificates took place on the evening of November 12th at the Park Tower Hotel in Knightsbridge which was a very enjoyable but late night, getting home at 1.40 am and having to get up at six to go to work again.

I now have a certificate in Funeral Arranging and Administration and if I wanted to could put the letters Cert. FAA after my name.

THE HACKBLOCK BIRTHDAYS SERVICE

This year we will celebrate on Sunday 17th January at the 10.45 Morning worship. People who have attended in the past will know what an exciting and "different" service this is. Return visitors and people who are coming for the first time are all very welcome.

The Hackblock Charitable Trust helps Southminster's young people and at this service we celebrate the latest help that has been given by hearing from some of the recipients. Peter Hackblock died in 1835 and his will requested that an annual service be held as near as possible to his and his father John's birthday.

Our guest speaker this year will be Steve Kersys who is the Chelmsford Diocese's Children's Work Advisor. All are welcome.

On the subject of the Chelmsford Diocese

Regular readers will know that I (the editor) included the Bishop's Christmas Message last month before I had realised that it was printed, in full, in the December issue of "The Month". This time I'm just guiding you to the Bishop's Letter for 2016 in the centre pages of the January issue of "The Month".

There is also an important announcement on the front page, and page 3, of the appointment of a new Archdeacon of Chelmsford, Rev'd Elizabeth Snowden. She will begin her ministry in late March.

Of course, welcoming her requires us to say farewell to the Ven. David Lowman who has been our Archdeacon for about 15 years. He has been very supportive to us so we wish him well on and after his farewell service on 31 January.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday 19 December from 2 pm - 4 pm

Many trees were admired
There was also entertainment
including the School Choir & small SOCS group.
Light Refreshments were enjoyed.

The trees will still be in the church until after the ICycle Ride
on New Year's Day.

SOUTHMINSTER AND BURNHAM CYCLE PATH ASSOCIATION



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN CYCLE RIDE AROUND
THE MARSHES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY 2016

JUST TURN UP! FREE ENTRY

Registration from 10.45 am. Start at 11.30 am.
from St Leonard's Church

Refreshments and Toilets provided at the Church.

Parking at the George V Playing Field, SOUTHMINSTER

Choice of routes via Asheldham or Tillingham:
route is either 10 or 12 miles long across the Marshes so wrap up warm.

"Wear a fancy hat" competition with prizes.

People taking part should have their own hot drinks and a mobile phone;
they should have fluorescent clothing and wear a safety helmet.

Donations to the Cycle Path Campaign.

Children under 14 must have an adult riding with them.

Riders take responsibility for their own safety.

Contact Mike for further information on 01621 774681

WHO'S WHO

Vicar	Rev'd Peter Begley	772300
	The Vicarage, Burnham Road	
Licensed Reader	Mr Norman Pratt	
Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Linda Payne	
Pastoral Assistant (& i/c Magazine distribution)	Mrs Brenda Sheppard	
Evangelism Enabler (Children's Work Co-ordinator and Child Protection Rep.)	Mrs Jacky Griffiths	
Young People's Work	Mrs Jenny Pratt	
Churchwarden	Mr Phil Richards	
Churchwarden (& Transport to services)	Mr Paul Lucas	
PCC Secretary	Mrs Sylvia Adams	
PCC Treasurer	Mr Michael Bikhazi	
Deputy Churchwarden	Mr Dick Dulude	
Deputy Churchwarden	Mr Pete Adams	
Music Co-ordinator	Mrs Hazel Richards	
'Henry' Club (& church bookings)	Mrs Jacky Griffiths	
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Gwyneth Iffland	
Lending Library	Mrs Christine Lucas	
Bookstall Payments (& Bible Reading notes)	Ms Sarah Prendergast	
Magazine Editor (& Community Liaison)	Mrs Kath Dunstan	
Bellringing: Tower Captain	Mr Allan Pye	

WHAT'S WHAT

Mission Statement

"To be a people offering praise and worship to God and serving him by being the Good News by our words and actions"

Web Site www.stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

Contact: vicar@stleonardsouthminster.org.uk

Sunday Services - normal pattern

8:00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer 1662)

10:45 am Holy Communion or Morning Worship

(Prayer ministry for any needs is available during the communion service or after the Morning Worship.)

Light refreshments are served after the 10.45 services.

On most first Sundays our hymns are accompanied on the organ. On other Sundays our Music Group plays, with occasional organ hymns.

Children and Young people are always welcomed (*See page 15*)



MESSY CHURCH is held monthly on Mondays at 3.30 pm in church. The next one will be on **Monday 11th January**

Midweek Prayer times (Mon., Wed. and Fri.)

8:00 am (about half an hour) in the chapel

THIS MONTH at St Leonard's

Friday 1st ICycle Ride Details are on page 22

Sunday 17th at 10.45 "The Hackblock Birthdays' Service"
Details on Page 21

Sunday 31st at 10.30 No service at St Leonard's because there will be a United Service at ChristChurch

Pray for Southminster (five regions on five-week rota) See p.11

HOME GROUPS: See page 15 and weekly bulletins for details

United Service for the Elderly at 4pm -Thursday 21st January at **Southminster Residential Home** Contact Rupert Killick