

The **CLARION**

Wesley **Methodist** Church 



Wesley Pre-School Jody French 07581 150978

The church concourse is open every morning between 10am and 12 noon for our coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome and you can buy a tea or coffee and a slice of cake and meet your friends, or even make some new ones.

Traidcraft Stall is open 10am till 12 through the week and on Sunday.
Traidcraft gives you the opportunity to buy fairly traded goods.

Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

Housegroup Meetings as advised

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EVERYONE !!! COME
INSIDE. DISCOVER YOUR
NEW LIFE.

MINISTER'S LETTER



I have just come in from Highlands Toddler group where we have been exploring the topic of feelings. There is nothing so intimidating as a group of 2 year olds showing you on mass their “cross face.” They don’t hold anything back and are totally committed to the course of action. Equally, there is nothing more uplifting than a sea of their smiling faces beaming in one accord at you, while they sing, *“If you’re happy and you know it, stamp your feet!”*

My grandma used to say to me that by the time you are 40, you have the face that you deserve! I was always a bit mystified by this as a child, but I think she meant that if experience had made you doubt other people’s motives, or made you cynical about life, it usually shows in your face. If you have found yourself defensive all the time, stress will be written in the tightness of your mouth and hardness of your eyes. If you have been caught in worry, anxiety will be displayed in a hesitant gaze and still face.

If you have been able to smile in spite of everything; if you have learned to tolerate people, and recognise your own failings in others, it will be seen clearly in your face. So maybe there was something in what she said; that our faces reflect our experience. What the saying implies, however, is that when you are 40, you are stuck with the face that you have.

I am not sure that this is true. I have seen people coming together after years of being at odds with each other and seen how forgiveness transformed their faces, with the bitterness being washed away.

I have seen a marriage; late in life and unexpected transform a closed face into one of gentle smiling relaxedness. Whether you are 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90, it doesn't matter. Love or courage, or resilience in suffering, can and does change us at any age.

Prayer also changes us, changes how we think and act. In prayer we draw near to the source of love and courage and call on God to fill us with his Spirit, so that whatever our problems may be, they do not overcome us. Rather we are able to face them, not in weakness, but in the strength of his love and the knowledge that the love of God ultimately overcomes all evil and suffering and even death itself.

So let us pray with confidence this autumn as we say:

Holy Spirit, come down and enter into our being;

To those who are anxious or perplexed, give peace;

To those who are weary, give rest;

comfort those who mourn;

and according to your wisdom and will for us,

heal the sick, strengthen those in need,

so that your love will live in our hearts,

and be reflected in our lives and in our faces! Amen

Rev Julia

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

David Gare

Many thanks to everyone for their prayers over the last months, and their support and kindness which has been very gratefully received by Pat and the family.

Gabrielle Greenway

Use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space

With the parable of the mustard seed in mind, and the idea of a project releasing its potential that the birds of the air might come to nest in its branches, I would like to call a group together to consider the use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining. Our first meeting would be **Thursday 20th October at 8pm.**

Margaret Chipandambira

from Trinity Methodist Church is candidating for the ministry and will therefore be undertaking a placement with me from October to December 2016. When you see her, please offer her a warm Leigh welcome.

Blessings, Rev Julia

WESLEY MONTHLY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Friday 21st Oct "FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS" 1.30pm

Florence Foster Jenkins is the inspirational true story of a woman who followed her dream and lit up the lives of all who came to know her.

A passionate amateur, Florence aspired to be a great singer. Although she could barely hold a tune, her devoted husband and friends delighted in the joy of her performances and protected her from the ridicule of strangers. But when Florence decided to give a public concert to 3,000 people at Carnegie Hall, her husband knew he faced an impossible challenge.

FREE event – Refreshments will be on sale including Rossi ice cream

AND ARE WE YET ALIVE, AND SEE EACH OTHER'S FACE?

The above is the first line of a hymn, which I have sung many times before, but on Saturday July 2 at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster I joined with a huge crowd (ticket only) and sang it at the OPENING SERVICE of the METHODIST CONFERENCE. This takes place annually in different parts of the country and this year was in London. I only found out recently that anyone may go to conference as an observer. I went twice.

The opening service was inspirational. The President for 2016/7, Rev. Roger Walton and the Vice President, Rachel Lampard were inducted and both addressed conference. I first met Roger, when he led our daily bible studies at Methodist Summer Fellowship 2011.

His presidential address was about HOLINESS and he used other terms to explain including SPIRITUAL FITNESS, WHOLENESS AND RESILIENCE.

I went back on the Monday and observed CONFERENCE in action. Rachel Lampard chaired a session on the International Day for remembrance of the slave trade and its abolition. Other speakers spoke of modern day slavery and the need for action. On both days I looked around the Exhibition and engaged with the exhibitors. I had planned out what I wanted to see and do, but I did not complete my list, but did learn a lot. Each day my rucksack got heavier and heavier.

I spent time with the Action for Children team and explained our circumstances at Wesley. I did agree to be our church contact.

I bumped into Jane Leach, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge and talked to her about the 2017/8 Worship Academy programme and she is happy to receive an invitation. If you want some good reading ask me to forward to you their on line magazine; HOLINESS.

I had never heard of OUTCOME, but chatted away to both exhibitors and later walked around London wearing a badge which read: Some people are gay, get over it. This made for an interesting conversation on West Ham station later. The Methodist Heritage staff were wonderful. My Mum grew up as a Primitive Methodist and always thought of herself as a Prim., even after she had joined a Wesley Methodist Church. We want to spend one holiday visiting some of the

Methodist Heritage sites including Epworth and the Englesea Brook museum of Primitive Methodism. We may get to the New Room in Bristol this Summer.

Over two short days I merely experienced a snapshot, but all was time well spent and I was very interested in what I saw. When CONFERENCE returns to London I shall definitely want to go again. You might want to consider it. Do ask me about it if interested.

EILEEN SIMMONS

21.7.16.

**A Trip to the Ballet – Sadler’s Wells
Friday 30 December 2016 – Matinee 2.30pm**

£35/£58 plus Coach

Dear Friends. Following the trip last January to see Matthew Bourne’s “Sleeping Beauty”, his ballet “The Red Shoes” is coming to Sadler’s Wells this Christmas. As it is a new ballet the tickets have been trickier to come by, but I have managed to reserve the following:

25 seats @ £35 in the 2nd Circle

20 seats @ £58 in the 1st Circle

The tickets are being held until 11 October. If you would like come, please sign the sheet available in each church, stating how many tickets and at what price

Rev Julia Monaghan

FUND RAISING AND DONATIONS

The end of year accounts are done and, despite my pleas for more money (or less spending), you should all give yourselves a big pat on the back for the amount of fund raising and donations that have been made during this past year.

You have raised / donated: -

£6689 to various charities

£28,069 towards the building fund

£6000 towards other property projects within Wesley

£1150 for general church funds

Plus, the daily coffee mornings have raised a total of £3,985.66 for church funds.

That's a total of **£41,908!**

You may have seen in the weekly notices that we have reached the **£500,000** mark for the building fund and this includes Grants received in addition to 2 years' worth of local fund raising totally £58,550.

Please don't stop! Not only do we still have £50,000 to raise for the building fund, Wesley is in need of some cosmetic TLC (decorating), we need to increase our reserves for the unforeseen problems and it would still be nice to support as many external charities that we can.

Of course it's not all about the money (hard words coming from a treasurers' mouth!). Some may not have money to give but are able to offer their skills in other areas i.e. stewarding, organising fund raising activities, making coffee and tea, cleaning and tidying up, making sure the church runs smoothly, supporting the youth and older peoples work in the church, lending an ear or a shoulder to cry on. ALL donations of EVERY kind are appreciated.

Thank You!

Tina Gowers
Treasurer

MISSION ENABLER FOR OLDER PEOPLE SUMMER REVIEW

Monthly Movies

Interest for these monthly events is growing in momentum. We regularly have between 15 and 30 people at both Highlands and Wesley. Highlands have taken the proactive initiative to offer soup which has been very well received.

Holidaying at Home

Two very successful events took place at Highlands on 27th July and Wesley on 4th August, bringing a total of 65 people into both churches for a lively nostalgic seaside day. You are welcome to read the compiled feedback report which is available in the concourse at Wesley and at the back of the church at Highlands.

Age Concern Community Club

Age Concern are very happy with their new home at Wesley. They book the Wesley concourse for two hours on a Tuesday afternoon; three out of four weeks a month. We work together to find guest speakers and encourage members to join other activities. They are a small independent local charity that struggles to maintain funding, so welcome church collaboration.

Staying Steady Exercise Classes for Older People

This group has become a valued weekly group that meet on a Tuesday morning in Wesley canteen room. I am hoping we can establish a follow on class to Staying Steady at Wesley for the current Staying Steady group to progress on to.

I have also had it agreed to start a Staying Steady class at Highlands but we are currently waiting for a class instructor to become available. There are a number of Highlands members that I hope will really benefit from having this facility so close to home.

Objectives Q4

Becoming a Dementia Friendly Church

On the 11th June I attended a study day entitled “The Spiritual Needs of the Elderly and those with Dementia”; where I learned the following shocking statistic “1 in 3 people over 65 will go on to develop a form of Dementia” For some elderly people, the church is the only point of contact with the world. As a church we have a tangible ability to reduce isolation and improve people’s health and self-worth. The need for positive affirmation is as important in older life as it is to a child. “I believe; help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24)

Julia and I have a meeting shortly with Nancy Smith, Strategy & Commissioning Officer for Dementia at Southend Borough Council in order to establish how Highlands and Wesley can become Dementia friendly churches? The hope is that we can offer Dementia friend training to all church members who would like to support this initiative. Please do come and have a chat if you would like to be involved in supporting this initiative.

Wesley Age Concern Community Club Christmas Lunch & Carol Service - 21st December

Age Concern are inviting local older people to a Christmas lunch and Carol service at Wesley. There is a plan in place which calls for offers of help with catering, waitressing, Christmas cake making, Father Christmas, cracker making. Please speak to me if you are able to offer your support to this event.

I really appreciate this is a busy time for all of us but here is a great opportunity to extend practical outreach to people who have come into our churches in 2016.

JULIE PEEK

Mission Enabler for Older People

Wesley and Highlands Methodist Churches

WESLEY PRAYER CHAIN

A prayer chain is a way for people to gain God's assistance through prayer for any need by permitting the intercessor to pray as Jesus prayed. It is interceding or praying on behalf of one another.

We use it at Wesley to pray for the needs and emergencies of our church family, friends and those close to us in the community.

Telephone anyone below and they will set off the chain.

Gabrielle Greenway 557071 mob 07554884780

Susan Mthimkulu mob 07454011257

Isobel Wratishlaw 557764 mob 07508164525

Steve Hockett 478772 mob 07952058251

Jane Fulford

Linda Lister

June Childs 711891

Vivien Threadgold

Miriam Gifford 716175

Alison Newnham 621343 mob 07863954388

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5: 17

FLOWER ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

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| 2nd | Flowers given by Rupert Bertie in loving memory of his parents. |
| 9th | Flowers given by Mike Bucke and family in loving memory of Rita near her birthday. |
| 16th | Flowers given in loving memory of Derek Milner and Elsie and Sid Bearley by Joy and the family. |
| 23rd | No donor. |
| 30th | No donor. |

Prayer Diary October 2016

The topics this month are a mixture covering other cultures and beliefs, the refugee crisis from the Book of a Thousand Prayers by Angela Ashwin and the Oxford Book of Prayer by George Appleton.

1 Sat Father, Creator, we thank you for the infinite variety of all living creatures and beings with whom we share the world. We are stewards of the earth and guardians of your creation. We pray that we do not destroy it or lose any part of it though our ignorance or greed.

2 Sun *Angela Ashwin* Loving God, we pray for the unity of all your people. Teach us to enjoy our diversity, healing those who have suffered verbal and physical abuse, and making whole those who have inflicted those injuries. Help us to move towards peaceful coexistence with our fellows.

3 Mon Loving and caring God, whose unfailing compassion is ever present. We ask to spiritually strengthen those who find themselves homeless, having left their countries in order to survive. We pray that they will find liberty, security and acceptance wherever they choose to settle.

4 Tue Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless and give thanks for all those who have responded to providing the necessities for the homeless in Southend. We pray that many marginalised people will find that they are loved and valued and that we care for them.

5 Wed Loving God, we remember the people in our society who do not live by our rules preferring to commit crimes against us, to live immorally and without regard for their actions. We pray for all your people who work tirelessly and voluntarily in visiting prisoners and those in deprived areas providing a listening ear, practical help and a link with Christians who know the presence of Jesus and can explain his love for us all and that his death and resurrection means we may seek forgiveness from God.

6 Thu *From the Eastern Church* Thank you merciful Father for loving and forgiving those who offend you and other people by their actions. We pray, by their grace they are saved even though they hate and mistreat others.

7 Fri *A Muslim prayer from an Ancient Persian Prayer*

All that we ought to have thought and have not thought,
All that we ought to have said and not said,
All that we ought to have done and have not done
All that we ought not to have thought and yet have thought
All that we ought not to have spoken and yet have spoken
All that we ought not to have done and yet have done
For thoughts, words and works, pray we, O God for forgiveness.

8 Sat *From The Frates Book of Prayer* Sometimes I feel lonely,
sometimes I am sad and sick at heart, but when I think of thee, spirit of
perfect righteousness and love, a wonderful joy comes to me, for I know
that thought art guiding me, O Lord God of Hosts, surely though wilt ever
comfort me, blessed be thy name for ever and ever Amen.

9 Sun May we pray unceasingly. We give thanks for a week of assisted
prayer and a week of prayer for world peace. We pray for all of those who
will participate in both of these events, that they will learn to pray
meaningfully in their paired partnerships deriving a deeper understanding
of how to have conversations with you.

10 Mon *From Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)* This is my prayer to
thee, my Lord ó strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart.
Give me strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows.
Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in your service.
Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles.
Give me strength never to disown the poor or bend my knee before
insolent might.
And give me strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.

11 Tue *Rabindranath Tagore* Send me the love which is pure and cool,
like your rain that blesses the thirsty earth. Send me the love that would
soak down into the centre of being, and from there would like the unseen
sap through the branching tree of life, giving birth to fruit and flowers.
Send me the love that keeps the heart still with the fullness of peace.

12 Wed *Rabindranath Tagore* That I want only thee, only thee - let my
heart repeat without end. All desires that distract me day and night are
false and empty to the core - when my rebellion strikes against thy love
and still I cry - I want thee, only thee.

13 Thu *From a Jewish prayer by Bera Koth* Close mine eyes from evil and my ears from hearing idle words and my heart from reflecting on unchaste thoughts, and my veins from thinking of transgression, guide my feet to walk in thy commandments and thy righteous ways and may thy mercies be turned upon me.

14 Fri *From Rabbi Jonathan* May it be thy will, O lord our God, to look upon our shame and behold our evil plight and clothe thyself in thy mercies and cover thyself in thy strength and wrap thyself in thy loving kindness and gird thyself with thy graciousness and may the attributes of thy kindness and gentleness come before Thee.

15 Sat *By Hadith Al Ruqya* Our Father in heaven, may your name be sanctified; your commandment stretches over heaven and earth, may your compassion come upon earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us our sin and wrong doings. You the Lord of all good things, cause your mercy to descend upon us, your healing upon this sickness, and it will be healed.

16 Sun *Christians Against Poverty* Father we thank you for the work of CAP. For the work that is being done to help those who are unable to manage their debt. We give thanks for the founders of the charity and for those who work beside those in need.

17 Mon *A Buddhist Litany for Peace – The Venerable Thich Nhat Hahn* Let us be aware of the source of being common to us all and all living things. Let us pray that all living beings realise that they are all brothers and sisters, all nourished from the same source of life.

18 Tue Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of any suffering to each other. Let us plead with ourselves to live in a way which will not deprive other living beings of air, water, food and shelter nor the change to live.

19 Wed With humility, with awareness of the existence of life and of the sufferings that are going on around us, let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth. Amen

20 Thu *One world week – World Council of Churches* Eternal God, whose image lies in the heart of all people. We live among peoples whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths may be foreign to us, whose tongues are unintelligible to us. Help us to remember that you love all people with your great love. That all religion is an attempt to respond to you. And the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to you. We pray through Christ who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another.

21 Fri *Psalm 18:1* I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my rock, and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust.

22 Sat *St Anselm (1033-1109)* O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart, that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding thee we may love thee; and loving thee we may hate those sins from which thou has redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ.

23 Sun *Bible Sunday* The Bible Society is encouraging churches to celebrate the joy of encouraging Jesus though the scriptures and sharing that experience. We pray that we may keep the message of the Bible by celebrating it and having the freedom to pass it on.

24 Mon *From the Taize Community* Lord we pray, for all Christians throughout the world, that each person may be a servant of Christ, truly and faithfully following His teachings.

25 Tue *Taize Community* Renew your peace in our hearts, give us the courage of faith in our daily life. Lord we pray.

26 Wed *Taize Community* Free us from all prejudice and fear, deepen our understanding and our love, Lord we pray.

27 Thu *Taize Community* May those in authority work to establish justice and freedom in their countries and throughout the world, especially in Syria, Afghanistan and other parts of the world where people have needed to escape warfare and terrorism. We earnestly pray Lord for your intervention to bring about fairness, justice and the desire for unity, into each heart.

28 Fri *Taize Community* Show us, Lord how to bring your compassion to the poor, the sick, the lonely and the unloved, especially for the refugees and dispossessed people looking for shelter and safety and to be accepted by society.

29 Sat *Taize Community* Lord we pray for befrienders of the young and old, for parents, teachers and carers who are responsible for dependant relatives, that they may have the skill of understanding and wisdom to meet their individual need.

30 Sun *Taize Community* God our Father, you care for us and know all of our needs may we find REST in your INFINITE and ABIDING Love.

31 Mon *Margaret Harvey Acorns and Archangels Wild Goose* The world is yours, Lord, in all its wonder and variety. Help us to care for it and live on it responsibly; to hold your gift with careful hands, valuing land and creatures and one another.



Jeremiah 29 vs 11 “For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”

I am Margaret Chipandambira and I am candidating for the Methodist Ministry. I am a member at Trinity Methodist Church which has a multi-cultural congregation, where I serve God as a Steward, and am very involved in the Zimbabwean Fellowship Worship activities i.e. singing and evangelism. Hence preaching and singing are my passions.

I am a counsellor and work for Summercare as a care manager working people with learning and disabilities.

My journey of faith and sense of calling relates to the nature of God. For me God is a God of unconditional love. My journey has been filled with many challenges and different experiences. I thank God, trust in him and I know he has plans for me (Jeremiah 29 vs 11). During my journey I enjoyed Faith and Worship course as it meant studying in a group with Bob Briant and Sue Hockett alongside with our tutor Jane Fulford.

The Faith and Worship course has challenged me and changed me and motivated me to go on another spiritual level. I am feeling and sensing I am called to become a presbyter ministry. I am called to proclaim the good news and confirming my call by going forward testing my call with God's help. I would like to thank my Superintendent Rev Peter Moorhouse and Rev Julia Monaghan for their spiritual support, giving me a placement in Leigh on sea section. The placement is a requirement where I am going to witness, reflect and work with Julia. I will be continually praying and reflecting on presbyter ministry responsibilities. This means I will be accompanying Rev Julia for some or all of the following: -

- The ministry of word (preaching, evangelism, apologetics, theological and prophetic.)
- The ministry of sacrament (in acts of celebration and devotion in baptism)
- Funerals
- Church council meeting
- Property committee

This is an opportunity for me to reflect on what being a presbyter means in a range of situations. If you see me, please introduce yourself and talk to me.

Our God is with us all the time (Isaiah 41: 10) Amen.

Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea

AUTUMN FAIR

CALL FOR CRAFT
STALLHOLDERS

SAT 29th OCTOBER

10am-3pm

£15 per table

INTERESTED?

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by SAT 3rd SEPTEMBER



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Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh Tuesdays
2 - 4pm
Dates for the Diary

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| Tues 20 th Sept | Lunch out Cricketers Pub 12.30 - £10.95 (£5 deposit please)+ Names to Miki £1 |
| Tues 27 th Sept | Quizzes and Games Wesley |
| Tues 4 th Oct | Speaker - Nina Dobson %Ways to Wellbeing+Wesley |
| Tues 11 th Oct | Quizzes and Games Wesley |
| Tues 18 th Oct | Lunch out The Sarah Moore 12.30. Names to Miki + £1 fee |
| Tues 25 th Oct | The Evelyns - Singers Wesley |
| Tues 1 st Nov | Quizzes and Games - Wesley |
| Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed | |

Waitrose Leigh on Sea have kindly selected Wesley and Age Concern Southend as one of the three charities to receive Waitrose Community Matters fund for October.

Please do support us when shopping in Waitrose during October.



Please sponsor Sam Monaghan as he takes on the
Big Barnardo's Bike Ride:14-18 October 2016
Holyhead to Barkingside, Essex: 362 Miles/5 Days

To mark Barnardo's 150th Anniversary and raise funds to support some of the UK's most vulnerable children and young people, Sam will be cycling from Holyhead to Barkingside to follow the tracks of the Charity's founder.

In 1866, aged 21, Thomas Barnardo sailed from Dublin to Holyhead, then travelled over land to London. On seeing the poverty and destitution in Victorian London, he decided to stay to help vulnerable children. Today Barnardo's supports over 250,000 children each year.

Help Sam towards his target to raise £2000 by sponsoring him, either on the forms available at Church, or on his "Just Giving" page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sam-Monaghan>

Thank you





Highlands Methodist Church



90th Anniversary
Weekend Celebrations
22nd - 23rd October 2016

Saturday 22nd October

Church open from 10.00 am for tea/coffee refreshments

Memorabilia on display

Light Lunches

Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm entertainment in the Church Hall (Entry £1.00)

Puppets

Gaudeamus Barbershop

Mencap Showstoppers

Other acts....

A new pantomime

by Trevor Metcalfe

"Return to Pantoland"

Sunday 23rd October

Morning Service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am

with Guest Preacher

Rev. Margaret Millar

All proceeds to church refurbishment fund

CHILDREN & YOUTH WORKER SUMMER EVENTS REVIEW

Through the circuit event held at Benfleet this year, we saw over 49 different children aged 8-14 enjoying skateboarding, a pamper zone, messy games, a disco, cafe, craft and 2 amazing concerts with [Chip Kendall](#) and [Jeremy Jelz Zulu](#)!

Children came from Leigh, Benfleet and Rochford.

I am already planning next summer's event and this will incorporate events and concerts in Leigh schools working towards the major event.

During the holiday club at Wesley we saw over 30 children aged 4-8 hear about Gods love for them, with the help of these two crazy guys Clifford the croc and Tyrone the camel! (see photo below)



We had two movie mornings that had a good number of families attending and many of the families that came to the holiday club support the movie morning and other family events.

The movie mornings provide a good opportunity to have a face to face contact with the community and through this channel, relationships are nurtured and faith is shared.

New for the Autumn - FUSION children and youth

From October Synergy youth club will go by the name of Fusion.

There will be two FUSION groups. Fusion Kids (1) 6pm till 7.30pm, this will be open for all primary school aged children and will run with the same format as the holiday club.

There will now also be Fusion Youth (2) from 7pm - 8.30pm, this will run in the old synergy format and will be for Year 6 children all the way through senior school.

Fusion Kids will use the youth hall and the small room attached and Fusion youth will use the canteen room (when there is a church council the upstairs rooms behind the stage will be used) and the computer suite.

Once the church is finished both groups will start to use the church.

From October Sam Rogers (Sam is a mum from North street and is the vice chair for the PA at North street) Emma Hearn (Wesley Member) Yuki (North street mum and local artist) and Angie Black (Mum from North street) will be volunteering for Fusion Kids. This will make a great difference as we greatly need the volunteers to enable all these plans to happen.

Please pray for the above as we make the next step and develop the two groups and make an even bigger effect on our local community.

Grants

I am waiting for a response from the Leigh Lions that will hopefully be supporting both Fusion groups with a grant for new equipment, as we are in desperate need for board games, craft equipment, bouncy castle, football table, t-shirts for the team members and other equipment.

I have also approached Waitrose who helped a couple of years ago.

Schools work

Schools work including assemblies will continue with some hope to start some work within Belfairs academy later on in the year.

JONATHAN LOGAN
Children & Youth Worker
Tel 07852 905742

SUMMER TIME AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES

OCT 27th 2-4PM CANTEEN ROOM (ROOM 3)

Our last 60+ tea and cake afternoon for 2016 will take place on Oct 27th. We offer a welcome break from shopping in the Broadway or simply a time to chat and meet friends old and new. The cost will be £1.00 for tea, coffee or juice plus a choice of delicious cakes. Stay all afternoon or pop in for a while – bring your friends.

Janet Whiddett

THE GARDEN OF LIFE

Plant 3 rows of peas
Peas of mind.
Peas of heart.
Peas and quiet.

Plant 4 rows of thyme
Thyme for the family.
Thyme for friends.
Thyme for each other.
Thyme for ourselves.

Plant 4 rows of lettuce
Lettuce be kind.
Lettuce be patient.
Lettuce be faithful.
Lettuce love one another.

Plant 3 rows of turnips
Turnip for meetings.
Turnip for appointments.
Turnip to help a friend in need.

When sown with care, watered with patience and cultivated with love your Garden of Life will reap great rewards!

With thanks to Lynda Allan for this item



TIME FOR HEALING

The Time for Healing Prayer Group continue to meet as usual, generally on the third Saturday of each month between 11.30am - 12.30pm. Meetings are typically attended by ten to twelve people with the majority often being from outside our usual church membership. The format usually includes prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, together with a short meditation on the theme of healing and occasional testimony. This is followed by the opportunity for private prayer with one or more of the group leaders.

It is always good to see the meeting of the churchgoers who turn up and those lovely people who just come off the street, as it is open to anyone. So please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. The next meetings are planned for the following dates:

- Saturday 22nd October (please note change of date from 15th)
- Saturday 19th November
- December - date TBA

Please note: because of the building works, the meetings are currently being held in Room 3 (the Canteen Room) instead of the Church.

CAMEO HOUSEGROUP

Cameo will meet on Wednesday 19th October at the home of Joy Milner beginning at 7.30pm and new friends are very welcome to join us.

Please try to bring along a cutting from a newspaper/magazine for discussion detailing something of concern or something which you feel we should celebrate.

Thank you, Joy

WESLEY ART GROUP EXHIBITION

The Art Group is having an exhibition in Room 3 from Wednesday 26th- Saturday 29th October. All are very welcome particularly Thurs 27th October where you are very welcome to join the last Summer-time afternoon tea & cakes for 2016 from 2-4pm.

CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL JUMBLE SALE Sat 18th February 2017

Please keep this date free and start saving your unwanted items and carrier bags; we need them,

Thank you Pam and Viv

HELPING HANDS

The following contacts from our wider church family may be able to help if you are struggling with housework, gardening or odd jobs?

Gardening Services and Odd Jobs
Painting, decorating & Odd Jobs

Steve Hockett
Mark Wiltshire

07952 058251
01702 475089

SUNDAY 2nd OCT

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| | 11.00am | Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan Porch: Geoff Hawkins |
| Mon 3rd | 10.00am | Wesley Art Group. |
| Tues 4th | 2.00pm | Age Concern Community Club |
| Weds 5th | 10.00am | Parent & Toddler |
| Thurs 6th | 6.00pm 7.00pm | Fusion Kids Fusion Youth |
| Sat 8 th | 10.00am 11.30am | Coffee Morning Time for Prayer |

SUNDAY 9th OCT

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| | 9.00am | Communion |
| | 11.00am | Preacher: Rev Brian Gameson Porch: Margaret Cotgrove |
| Mon 10th | 10.00am | Wesley Art Group |
| Tues 11th | 2.00pm | Age Concern Community Club |
| Wed 12th | 9.00 am | Midweek Communion - Belfairs |
| | 10.00am | Parent & Toddler |
| | 2.30pm | Talking Poetry - B / a Ballad |
| Thurs 13th | 6.00pm 7.00pm | Fusion Kids Fusion Youth |
| Sat 15th | 10.00 am 11.30am | Coffee Morning Time for Prayer |

SUNDAY 16th OCT

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| | 11.00am | Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan Porch: Linda Helsey |
| Mon 17th | 10.00am | Wesley Art Group |

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| Weds 19 th | 9.00am | Midweek Communion at Wesley – Quiet room |
| | 10.00am | Parent & Toddler |
| | 7.30pm | CAMEO Housegroup at the home of Joy Milner |
| Thurs 20 th | 6.00pm | Fusion Kids |
| | 7.00pm | Fusion Youth |
| Fri 21 st | 1.30pm | Movie Afternoon “Florence Foster Jenkins” |
| Sat 22 nd | 11.30am | Time for Healing |
| | 10.00am | Coffee Morning |

**SUNDAY 23rd OCT Highlands 90th Celebration United service at
Highlands Methodist Church**

10.30am Service led by Rev Margaret Millar

NO SERVICE AT WESLEY

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| Mon 24 th | 10.00am | Wesley Art Group |
| Tues 25 th | 8.00pm | Informal Worship |
| | 2.00pm | Age Concern Community Club |
| Wed 26 th | 2.30pm | Talking Poetry - C / comedy or colour |
| Thurs 27 th | 2.00pm | Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes incorporating Wesley Art Group Exhibition |
| Sat 29 th | 10.00am | Coffee Morning |
| | 11.30am | Time for Prayer |

SUNDAY 30th OCT

11.00am Preacher: Rev Clifford Newman
Porch: Katherine Devine

FORWARD EVENTS

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| Fri 21 st Oct | 1.30pm | Wesley Monthly Movie "Florence Foster Jenkins" |
| Thurs 27 th Oct | 2.00pm | Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes |
| 9 th -16 th Oct | | Week of Accompanied Prayer |
| 26 th -29 th Oct | | Wesley Art Group Exhibition |
| Sat 29 th Oct | 10.00am | Autumn Fair |
| Fri 4 th Nov | 2.00pm | Table Tennis 60+ resumes |
| Sat 17 th Jan 2017 | | Jumble Sale in aid of Christian Hope International |

NOVEMBER CLARION

Items for the November Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2016**



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