

The **CLARION**

Wesley **Methodist** Church 



**Sept
2016**

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS AT WESLEY
Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SJ

SUNDAY SERVICES	9. 00am	Holy Communion - second Sunday in the month
	11. 00am	Morning Worship - Communion as advised
	11. 00am	The Zone on Sunday
MONDAY	10. 00am	Wesley Art Group
	8. 00pm	Wesley Theatre Group
WEDNESDAY	9. 00am	Midweek Informal Communion on the 1st Wednesday in the month
	10.00 – 11.30am	Parent and Toddler (School terms)
	6.00 - 9. 00pm	St. John Ambulance
THURSDAY	6.00 - 7.30pm	Synergy Youth Group (School Terms Yr. 5, 6 &7)
FRIDAY	2. 00pm	Table Tennis 60+ (School Terms)



UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Wesley Pre-School Jody French 07581 150978

Daily Coffee Mornings.

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.

There is always someone on duty as a listening ear, so if you need some advice they will be able to point you in the right direction, or just simply listen to what you have to say.

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

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

OTHER MEETINGS

Housegroup Meetings as advised

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MINISTER'S LETTER



The Bible in a Tweet

'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?'

Jesus answered, 'You must love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Matthew 22: 36 – 40

I have been meeting with a young person recently, to begin to talk about faith and the journey of navigating the bible. We came to the conclusion that if you wanted to sum up the bible in one paragraph, then the one above would do nicely. And if Jesus had wanted to tweet, the Old Testament Scriptures could be distilled down to *'You must love.'*

If we look at Matthew 22 closely, we find that although it contains two commands to love, it holds 3 important instructions on love. We should love God, we should love others and equally we should love ourselves. This last one of loving ourselves can often get left out of the equation, but it is inextricably caught up in the other two. If we draw near to God, then we begin to expose ourselves to God's love and we learn to experience and understand that we are loved. It is like the baby receiving their parents loving smiles and gaze, gradually they begin to take in and understand a parent's love.

When, in our walk of faith, we come to experience God's unique love, then we can begin to accept and love ourselves. This is a huge step forward in loving, because then we not only reciprocate God's love, but turn towards others in love. It's an odd thing really, but every time we can accept ourselves, we are freed from preoccupation about ourselves to really turn and see others as they are. We can look at them for the first time to see their struggles and challenges as well as their joys and happiness. The more we can accept ourselves as we are, the more we can accept everyone else. It's all about learning to receive God's love and finding the worth in ourselves that will free us to love others. As Charles Wesley captures it, we are transformed into all that God would have us be, through being *"lost in wonder, love and praise"*- surely a tweet distilling the New Testament to its essence.

*Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Charles Wesley 1747

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Thank you

Thank you all for coming to Reg's Funeral service. It was nice to see so many friends, Reg would have been pleased to see so many people, as was I. Thank you also for all the cards of condolence that Marissa, Elizabeth and I received. Our thanks also to the ladies who prepared the refreshments.

Mrs Kitty Hardy

David Gare

We are sorry to announce the death of David Gare. His funeral will take place at Highlands Methodist Church at 12 noon on 5th Sept with refreshments at Affinity after the service.

Change of address

Joy Watson is very pleased to advise she has finally moved and is settling into her new home.

317 Central Ave

Southend on Sea

Essex SS2 4EF

tel 01702 619230

Cameo Housegroup

CAMEO will meet on Wednesday September 21st at the home of Maureen Hall.

Commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Rev. Julia's sermon at Belfairs on Aug. 14th has provided me with a Subject for this meeting. If you are able please bring along a print of a picture of Jesus that is meaningful to you, and feel able to share with us your thoughts and feelings about it. Maybe you don't agree with the artist as to how he has portrayed the subject matter. It can be either a painting or statue, sketch etc.

New friends are welcome.

Thanks, Maureen



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday, 30th September, from 10.00am to 12.30pm, we will be hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning. This is an annual event and part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We hope you will be able to come along and support this very important charity which touches many hearts.

There will be a Cake Stall and donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.

Please do your best to come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake, with your friends. If you could spread the word, we would really appreciate it, as the more the merrier.

We look forward to seeing you on the morning.

Thank You

Ruth Lowden, Jane and Geoff Fulford

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS - Part 1

After much discussion and heart searching within the church, as Sue Hockett put it in a recent service "the decorators arrived".

On 4th July the contractor started work on the project to conserve and update the church. First the pews were removed and thanks to the work of June and Alan quickly disappeared from the car park. Then they put up the hoarding and we are very grateful to Mary Lister who with help is turning it into a work of art.

Specialists came and carefully removed the memorial window to take it away to be incorporated in the new lobby screen. Then followed the dusty work of enlarging the memorial window opening to create the new entrance. Consistent with our wishes to respect the history of our church by keeping the entrance porch work will soon start on the creation of the new steps and ramp. A base has been cast to relocate the font under the gallery in the south east corner.

Already we are beginning to see emerging the beautiful simplicity that impressed many of us when we visited Avenue Road Baptist. The beauty of our stained glass windows is standing out and making an even greater contribution to the quality of the church. As you walk up the steps the enlarged opening allows you to see the strength of the roof in a way that has not been possible before.

As we go to print work is proceeding on the installation of the new heating and electrical services together with infilling the aisles to create a level floor and once complete work will move to installing the new lighting systems.

An order has been placed for the manufacture of the chairs by a specialist in Thirsk Yorkshire so that they are ready for the end of November. The colour chosen picks out an element of the stained glass

Alan and Mick the site manager are working well together to minimise disruption both to the church and the building contract-there will always be some.

There is still a long way to go but for now we can say that we are on programme to deliver a refreshed and enhanced church capable of seating the largest number of people in central Leigh.

On **21st September**; just over halfway through the contract period, we are proposing a half hour visit to the works with the architect.

If you wish to attend please let Alan or I know by two days before the event so that we can make sure safety requirements are met.

Richard King

WORSHIP PLANS DURING THE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

4th Sept	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
11th Sept	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
18th Sept	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
25th Sept	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Harvest	
2nd Oct	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
9th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
16th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
23rd Oct	10.30 am	HIGHLANDS CHURCH	HIGHLANDS 90TH CELEBRATION
30th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
6th Nov	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
13th Nov	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
20th Nov	TBC	St Clements	Joint @ St Clements TBC
27th Nov	11.00 am	Canteen Room	Toy and Gift Service
4th Dec	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
11th Dec	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Nativity	Extraordinary Christmas

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING, 10.8.16

Instead of an evening meeting we tried an AWAY MORNING AND LUNCH. We discussed ways of working more effectively as a team and identified our strengths and shortcomings. We need to communicate more effectively and consult more.

We looked at a pattern of working over the coming Methodist Year, which runs September 1 to August 31. Fortunately for WESLEY Rev. Julia will be with us until August 2018. We have produced an outline diary of meetings for approval.

We looked at some of your suggestions from the ENVISIONING SERVICE, and subject to CC approval, plan to implement a PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING TO DEVELOP THE DEVOTIONAL ASPECTS OF VISITING. Rev. Sue Sayers will lead and this will be open to the rest of the circuit, but held here at Wesley, probably next Summer in our redeveloped sanctuary.

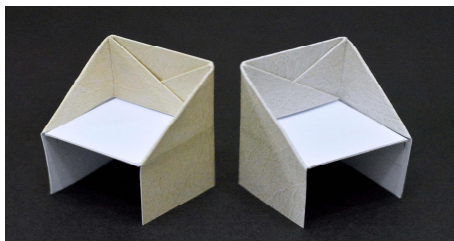
We also hope in LENT to adopt the 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS. Everyone will be invited to join in.

Eileen Simmons



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 can join in Summer-time afternoon tea & cakes from 2-4pm.



Are You Sitting Comfortably - Wesley's Chair Appeal

We are currently in the process of redeveloping Wesley Methodist Church, to make it a more welcoming place to the local community and to improve its disability access. The pews have therefore been removed, to be replaced with chairs; the heating and lighting are being renewed; the sound system improved and a ramp installed at the entrance of the church.

In order to link the old with the new, we are asking all those with links to the church, if they would like to purchase one of the new chairs in their own name or in the memory of a member of their family. Names would be recorded and remembered within a commemorative book placed within the sanctuary area.

If you would like to be part of this project then you can donate either by cheque made payable to 'Wesley Methodist Church,' or bank transfer. Bank details can be found on page 23 of the Clarion. For further details please contact Paul McDowell at the Church Office by phone 711851, or email: admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk

If you can Gift Aid your donation please include your name, address and postcode.

We are purchasing 3 types of chairs: standard wooden - cost £174.00; wooden with upholstered seat and hymn book shelf - cost £198.00; and upholstered with arms and hymn book shelf - cost £252.00.

If you wish to have your name, or a family members name, in the commemorative book please pass on these details when making a donation.

Many thanks - Wesley Church Council

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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| 4th | No donor. |
| 11 th | Flowers given by Doreen Wheeler and family in loving memory of Derek. |
| 18th | Flowers given by June Childs and the family in loving memory of her brother, Malcolm, and her parents, Ben and Stella. |
| 25th | Harvest Festival including flowers given in loving memory of Katherine Landless by Judy and the family. |

Prayer Diary September 2016

The topics this month are a mixture of new beginnings, local events, Harvest, Autumn and occupations we do not usually pray for.

1 Thu New beginnings O Lord we ask you to guide us when we are uncertain of the way ahead. We think of new ministers in other circuits, children and teachers moving schools, university students beginning their courses or returning to their studies. We think of their parents and the gap they leave behind. Change is ever with us but you O Lord are constant in your love and care. You O Lord are ever with us and give us hope for the future, with faith in Christ. Amen

2 Fri Holidays Dear Lord we give thanks for the holidays. We pray that all those who have away are refreshed and renewed in mind, body and spirit. We pray that we can all look to the future with open minds and not be afraid. Help us to do your will through Jesus Christ. Amen

3 Sat Artists Loving creative Lord, we pray that all artists recognise the beauty of your world and the skill you give them. We give thanks for the stain glass windows on the hoarding, the fun painting them and the conversations that it stimulated about the church and the Good News of Christ. Thank you Mary

4 Sun Decision Making Loving Holy Lord, thank you for giving us the freewill to think for ourselves. We thank you for our minds, our ability to discern what to do and our hearts which help us to act in love. Help us to think carefully and choose wisely. Amen

5 Mon Young People We pray O Lord for our young people. Those who attend Zones on Sunday and Thursday here at Wesley, the Fusion Youth Clubs at Wesley, Benfleet and Hadleigh. As their lives change so fast with new technology so they adapt and change with it, sometimes to the bewilderment of parents and grandparents. Help us all to be a part of your family caring for each other. Amen

6 Tue Worship Leaders Dear Lord we pray for worship leaders as they prepare services and elements of services for all of us to share. They plan with care, love and faith wanting to spread the Good News of life in Jesus Christ. Amen

7 Wed All those who work with children and teenagers Dear Lord be with all those who work with children and teenagers in our church and other churches. May the families and children come to learn of your love for them through the kindness and activities prepared by the leaders. Be at the Young at Heart event for all those who work with children, may it make them feel valued and inspire them to be even more creative and loving with the children in their care through the love of Jesus. Amen

8 Thu Electricians Light of the World, Jesus Christ, we pray for all those electricians who bring us light when we are in darkness, who can restore warmth when we are cold and who can create greater light from gloom. May their skill allow us to know the true light of the world. Amen

9 Fri Plumbers and Water Companies Dear Lord we pray for all plumbers and water companies. We take for granted the supply of water to our homes. We moan at the price of water in our bills and we moan at the cost of repairs. Help us not to take water for granted and remember those who thirst. Help us to appreciate the skills of others to supply and mend our pipes so we may drink from a tap. Help us to remember that we have been baptised with water as a sign of being a member of your family through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen

10 Sat Christopher Sandy Dear Lord, we pray for Christopher Sandy and his family beginning his ministry at Benfleet. May he know he is welcomed, supported and loved for all he will be doing. May his welcome service be joyous and warm the hearts of all those in Benfleet. Amen

11 Sun Racial Justice Sunday Loving Holy Lord, we all get things wrong but may we never put any one down because of the colour of their skin or ethnic group. May we accept all peoples and all races as human beings needing food, shelter, love, respect and a sense of purpose through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen

12 Mon Bus Drivers Dear Lord we pray for the bus drivers who travel their same route, getting to know their regular travellers but only knowing them to say hell and goodbye. Wondering about them but concentrating on the traffic and keeping his passengers safe and able to reach their destination. Lord you know us all, keep us safe as we travel. Amen

13 Tue Everyone Yesterday, today, for ever, Jesus is the same; All may change, but Jesus never, Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! All may change but Jesus never, Glory to His Name! (294 Junior Praise)

14 Wed Babies and Toddlers Loving Creator, we recognise you in a baby's eyes, and smile before we have thought; we hear you in a child's cries and feel your pull in our heart; we know your delight in children's jokes and laughter, and relax in their spirit of joy. (Steve Pearce) Loving Lord, we pray for our preschool and toddler group may all children come to know your love.

15 Thu City Bankers Dear God, you love us all, rich or poor. You do not shun wealth, only the misuse of it. We ask your blessing on all city bankers who can create wealth so quickly but also run the risk of so much to lose. Help us to acknowledge the work of banks and investors. Help us and guide us O Lord to be good stewards of your world. Amen

16 Fri Hospitals Caring Lord, we pray for all those in hospital as patients. May they be treated with respect and love. We pray for all those who work in hospitals from the highest administrator to the volunteer, the most qualified and skilled consultant to the newly trained nurse on the ward and all those behind the scenes in the wards, cooks, porters and cleaners. May all be valued and share their caring skills so that others are made well. May they know you are beside them helping them in very difficult and emotion times. Amen

17 Sat A fishing community As a fishing community we remember our links with the sea through the traditional Leigh Regatta on Sunday. May God be with all those who have prepared for the weekend, with all those visitors who come to enjoy themselves and with all those local people young and old who have taken part in the past, now and who will in the future. Amen

18 Sun Peace Sunday Dear Lord may we remember that peace begins with us, in our being, in our relationship with Christ, in our relationships with those around us, in our thoughts and in all our actions so we do not annoy or hurt others. May all governments strive for national peace and for peace with those on our borders. O Lord help us to be still and know you are God.

19 Mon Shop Assistants O Lord we pray for shop assistants who have to answer all their customers' questions with knowledge and diplomacy. May they know that you are there with them, may they know you resourced the world so that we all can share in whatever is on offer.

20 Tue Traffic Wardens Dear Lord it is a wonder that all those who park illegally always think they have a reason not to be given a ticket by a traffic warden. We pray that you will be with them as they try to keep our roads safe and enable more people to park. Be with them when they have to face abusive people. Help them to know you are with them in all they do. Amen

21 Wed Local Preachers Meeting Dear Lord we pray for all local preachers especially those who are on trial or who are on note. Be with them as they are responding to a call to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. Be with the local preachers as they make decisions at their meeting and renew their commitment to preach the Word of God. Amen

22 Thu Sportsmen and sportswomen O Father, the Olympics are over, football and rugby seasons begin. Help each sports person to know their talent is a gift from you. Help them to nurture that talent, to train with purpose and thought but to know your love is constant whether they win or lose. For youngsters help them to be patient and listen to advice from coaches and trainers but let them also listen for your word. Amen

23 Fri Everyone O Lord we ask to be reminded to listen for your word from others, to see your work in the actions of others and to enable us to speak of you and act as you would wish us to, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

24 Sat Actors Dear Lord you made us all, and more, you gave us the ability to empathise and to become other characters for an audience. We pray for amateur and professional actors who seek to perform other parts, may their stage characters be successful and may their own lives be purposeful and loving in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

25 Sun Harvest We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain.
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain. (HP 352)

26 Mon Sign Makers Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life. We pray for all sign makers who give us directions and show us signs to tell us we have arrived. So often Lord we do not know where our lives are going and we do not recognise when we have arrived. We pray for guidance and the knowledge that doing your work means we are alive in Christ.

27 Tue Autumn As the harvest crop is gathered in so the leaves are changing colour from green to amber, red, orange, yellow and brown. The temperature cools and the nights draw in. The seasons are changing our lives are moving on. As we journey we travel with Christ learning love and fellowship.

28 Wed Cleaners O loving God, we pray for all cleaners, church cleaners, street cleaners, domestic cleaners and professional cleaners. May they work dutifully and with care. They help us to see the beauty of our churches, our streets, our homes and offices. May we see the beauty of our God uncluttered and shining. Amen

29 Thu Fundraising for those with Cancer We pray that God may touch us with His grace that we may live and work for Him. We pray for the work of our local hospices ó Fair Havens and Little Havens. We pray for all the Macmillan Coffee Mornings We give thanks for the generosity of those who give of their time and finances to enable charities to support those in need in the local community.

30 Fri Everyone O Lord we have created busy lives, we have forgotten to make time for you. Help us to make space to pray to you, read about you, sing your praises. Help us to always consider the views of others, to understand their busy lives and to always glimpse that part of Christ in all we meet. Amen



Southend Talking Newspaper is a FREE, weekly, audio record of local news for blind and partially sighted people who are unable to read a newspaper.

Each week our volunteers read and record about an hour of local news. It is posted, “first class”, to our visually impaired listeners, keeping them up to date with local events and matters of interest.

There is also a regular audio “magazine edition” with local and more distant articles.

We record on CD or special USB memory sticks and can provide a USB player, at no cost to the listener, if necessary. Do you know someone who is unable to read the paper and who might welcome this FREE service? If so please contact:

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Secretary Eric Quarmby on 01702 554536 or
Chairman Nigel Gayner on 01702 305064

southendtalkingnews@gmail.com

Southend Talking Newspaper was originally formed as a community project by Southend Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs.
It became an independent charity in 1980.



Age Concern Community Club

Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Dates for the Diary

Tues 6 th Sept	Speaker – Sheila Appleton local artist Wesley
Tues 13 th Sept	Speaker – Lynn Carol on History Wesley
Tues 20 th Sept	Lunch out TBA
Tues 27 th Sept	Quizzes and Games Wesley
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out	

RESPONSIBILITIES OF WESLEY CHURCH COUNCIL

Every year we hold the ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING during which, among many issues, we confirm who is on CHURCH COUNCIL, which is the decision making body of the church. Members are elected at ACM. Currently it meets three times a year and there is full representation of the congregation. Judy Taylor is our secretary and Rev. Julia is the Chair. All the members of the Leadership Team are on Church council. There is a list in the concourse of the CC members and every member of CC is also a trustee of the church, having legal, corporate responsibility. This includes all the budget and finance issues.

The next CC meeting is on September 15 and one agenda item from me, is our Christmas Charity giving. Last year we raised nearly £2,000, which was divided between Malapascua and a contribution for the showers at the Nightshelter. Geoff and I have seen what a tremendous difference the showers make. If you have any idea about which charity you would like CC to choose please speak to a CC member. Unfortunately I have to send apologies but Geoff Hawkins will speak to my agenda item.

Eileen Simmons.

HIGHLANDS METHODIST CHURCH
90TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 22nd October we commence our celebrations with coffee morning commencing at 10.00 am and a display of memorabilia from the past 90 years.

{If you have anything that you would like to show during the weekend please talk with Ros Bryant to arrange a display.}

There will also be ploughman lunches available, especially for those who may have travelled from afar. During the afternoon tea and cakes will be served.

At 5.00pm there will be entertainment in the Church Hall; the original Church, including some "Barber Shop" music from Gaudeamus, "Songs from the Shows" by the Mencap group that meets on our premises, contribution from our uniformed organisations, monologues and a special "Pantomime" written by Trevor Metcalfe for our "old" pantomimers. This will last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. You can imagine how difficult it might become to fine tune this, but we hope to be finished by 7pm.

Interest is growing for an old pantomimers reunion on the Saturday, some are happy "to tread the boards", others who would just like to attend. Please contact Jean or Frank at : - frank66thecroft@sky.com and spread the word to your fellow pantomimers to come and celebrate our 90th birthday.

On Sunday 23rd October our morning service of Holy Communion will be led by Rev Margaret Millar and we will be joined by our friends from Belfairs, New Road and Wesley.

Following the service a buffet lunch will be available in the Church Hall supplied by "Affinity". Please sign up on the list in the Jubilee Room if you would like to partake.

We will need much help to make our celebration a success. Please contact Frank and Jean if you can help in any way and come to our meeting on 19th September at 8pm.

Thank you



The 2016 Week of Accompanied Prayer

From Sunday 9th – Sunday 16th October, the Leigh Section will be joining with St Clements to hold a Week of Accompanied Prayer.

Why are we having a Week of Accompanied Prayer (WAP)?

The purpose of such weeks is to encourage people in their prayer lives by providing an opportunity to reflect each day on their prayer, in the company of a prayer guide, or companion. What an individual participant experiences, over the course of the week, will be unique to them. For example, one may learn different ways in which to pray, another be helped to overcome a difficulty they have with prayer and someone else may simply begin to pray regularly for the first time. Often people experience a new or deeper meaning in their prayer and a greater awareness of God's presence in their daily lives.

It sounds like a retreat. If I take part, do I have to go somewhere special for the whole week?

A WAP is like a retreat but it doesn't involve going away for the week. Each day you will meet with your guide for thirty minutes either at one of the section churches or at St Clements. You will be invited to set aside thirty minutes to pray on your own each day. For the rest of the time the activities of your day continue as they would normally whilst feeding into and being fed by prayer.

Who are the Prayer Guides?

The team of prayer guides may include women and men of various denominations, some lay, some ordained and possibly some members of religious orders. All will have received training in helping others in their prayer. The role of the guide is mainly to listen: to accompany the participants during the week, encouraging each person to honour his or her own prayer and to be aware of how it may be developed.

Does the WAP cost anything?

Although the WAP is free to join, the week will cost in the region of £500 to put on and therefore we suggest that you consider making a donation of £5 to £10 to contribute to these costs.

Where can I get more information?

Between June and the beginning of October more information is available at both St Clements's and Wesley Methodist churches.

If you are uncertain whether the WAP is for you, please feel free to talk with Rev Julia.

Some feedback from participants in the WAP last year:

Before the WAP I was nervous and not sure if I was doing the right thing for me. I am grateful to the WAP for making me aware of the benefit of a dedicated time for prayer. Before the WAP my feelings and expectations were that something suitable for me and my needs was being offered. It helped me to become more aware of the presence of God within and around me.

I am grateful to the WAP because it has cleared my head of unnecessary "gabbling" at prayer and has shown me the value of silence and how God really speaks to me in the silence!



DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that our annual circuit assessment for 2016/17 is £41,939? This equates to £36.00 per member, per month.

Do you know that our circuit assessment helps to pay for our Minister, their home, expenses, training, goes towards circuit grants (which Wesley have done very well out of for the youth worker post over the past 6 years) and many other expenditure items?

Do you know that our annual offertory income for 2015/16 was just over £24,000?

As you can see our offertory giving does not match our circuit assessment by nearly £18,000!

The circuit assessment is the first call on our resources, before salaries, repairs and maintenance and general expenses but, without money for these other expenses, the church wouldn't be able to function and fulfil its Mission of proclaiming the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, and helping people in their search for God. Our income from the many outside lets we have help with some of these costs, but not all. This is why we have to fund raise during the year and also ask for your help at our annual Gift Day.

With the building redevelopment going on, I appreciate that you are being asked to contribute financially and fund raise more than ever before but, Please, Please could you look at how much you are able to give each week / month and increase your giving if possible. Also, if you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your offertory as we can then claim back a further 25% which costs you nothing.

If anyone would like to set up monthly giving by bank standing order, then the details you need are below. Think, no more trying to find change for the offertory bag on a Sunday or to put in your envelope – you will know exactly what is going out

and when it's going out and you can be like royalty, never having to carry money with you to church (unless there's a fund raising event of course!)

Our bank details are:- Sort Code 09-01-52, account number 15898702, name Wesley Methodist Church

Just in case you are wondering, all the churches in our circuit have a circuit assessment of approximately £36.00 per member, per month, not just Wesley.

Many Thanks

Tina
Treasurer

SUMMER TIME AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES

CANTEEN ROOM (ROOM 3)

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4PM

September 29th

October 27th

Our 60+ tea and cake afternoons continue. 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

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

Steve Hockett

07952 058251

Painting, decorating & Odd Jobs

Mark Wiltshire

01702 475089



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 17th September
- Saturday 15th October
- 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.

WESLEY BUILDING FUND TEAM NEWS - An update on recent events

We held lots of events in May, the Cookery Demonstration at Waitrose raised £100, and was much enjoyed. A very interesting Stained Glass window afternoon with Rev Julia and Sam was given and £150 was raised. Eileen Simmons and Geoff Nash had a Sunday lunch at their home, raising £218.

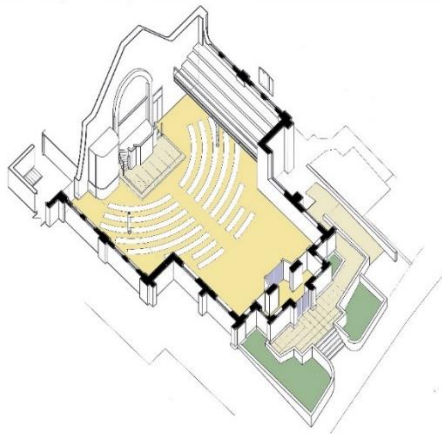
At the end of May we had a very enjoyable evening making patchwork hearts, which involved a great deal of concentration! Think “The Great British Sewing Bee” – well it was nothing like that! Thanks to Alison and her team as well as Jane Cheshire, who instructed us. £130 was made for the Building Fund.

In June we had a lovely Queen’s 90th birthday tea where we sang, we ate, and we made £289. Thanks to June and her team for all their work. There was even a Royal visit which was lots of fun!

Money has continued to come in for the Wesley Wander – thanks to Geoff Fulford who organised this, he will be announcing the amount made soon.

We are planning a late summer **Tea Dance** and in October a **Craft Fair**. Please contact Heather Swain, via the office, for a table at the Craft Fair, on Saturday 29th October.

Please watch the notice sheet for other events, including a **curry night** in the autumn. Let us know your fundraising ideas; we’d be delighted to try them. Thank you for your continued support.



SUNDAY 4th SEPT

	11.00am	Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan Porch: Eileen Simmons
Mon 5 th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group.
Tues 6 th	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
	8.00pm	Worship planning – Quiet room
Weds 7 th	9.00 am	Midweek Communion at Wesley – Quiet room
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
Thurs 8 th	7.00pm	Fusion Youth
Sat 10 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning

SUNDAY 11th SEPT

	11.00am	Preacher: Eileen Simmons Porch: Anne Dray
Mon 12 th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 13 th	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
Wed 14 th	9.00 am	Midweek Communion - Belfairs
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
Thurs 15 th	7.00pm	Fusion Youth
	8.00pm	Church Council meeting
Fri 16 th	1.30pm	Movie Afternoon “EDDIE the EAGLE”
Sat 17 th	10.00 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Healing

SUNDAY 18th SEPT

	11.00am	Preacher: Rev Gordon Bates Porch: Linda Lister
Mon 19 th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Weds 21 st	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
	7.30pm	CAMEO Housegroup
Thurs 22 nd	7.00pm	Fusion Youth
Sat 24 th	10.00am	Coffee Morning

SUNDAY 25th SEPT

HARVEST FESTIVAL

	11.00am	Service led by Worship Leaders Porch: Joy Milner
Mon 26 th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 27 th	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
	8.00pm	Informal Worship
Wed 28 th	9.15 am	Midweek Communion – Fishermen’s Chapel
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30pm	Talking Poetry recommences
Thurs 29 th	2.00pm	Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes
	7.00pm	Fusion Youth
Fri 30 th	10.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Sat 1 st Oct	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Prayer

FORWARD EVENTS

Thurs 15 th Sept	8.00pm	Church Council meeting
Fri 16 th Sept	1.30pm	Wesley Monthly Movie "Eddie the Eagle"
Thurs 29 th Sept	2.00pm	Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes
Fri 30 th Sept	10.00pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning
9 th -16 th Oct		Week of Accompanied Prayer
26 th -29 th Oct		Wesley Art Group Exhibition

OCTOBER CLARION

Items for the October Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **SUNDAY 18th SEPT 2016**



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