

The **CLARION**

Wesley **Methodist** Church 



**Nov
2017**

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 3rd 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	Fusion Kids (School Terms Yrs 1-6)
	6.00 - 7.30pm	Fusion Youth (School Terms Yr 6 plus)
FRIDAY	2. 00pm	Table Tennis 60+ (School Terms)

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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.

On some days there is someone on duty as a listening ear to offer help and support, 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.

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

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

OTHER MEETINGS

Housegroup Meetings as advised

Minister: Rev. Julia Monaghan

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Email: revjuliamonaghan@gmail.com

Children and Youth Worker: Jonathan Logan Tel 07852 905742

Mission Enabler for Older People: Julie Peek Tel 01702 479804

Lettings: Alan Severne Tel 01702 711851

Church Steward: Isobel Wratishaw Tel 01702 557764

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MINISTER'S LETTER



AUTUMN LEAVES

I think one of my favourite times of year is the autumn, when the leaves turn and start to fall. Autumn's an oxymoron really, as it's the 'end' of a 'never-ending' circle of life, as we await the spring and the new life it brings.

For us too, life can sometimes seem to go in stages or seasons. We can go through times of joy and times of sadness, times of great excitement and times of apathy, times when life seems to be rolling down hill and we don't have any cares, to uphill sections when life is tough and we sometime struggle to see the summit.

And all this change in life can, and does, give us a sense of unease and instability.

The Prophet Jeremiah, lived one of the most dramatic lives in the Bible. But he never learned to like his role. Through all the excitement he remained reluctant, unsure, and often unhappy. His life sounds very much like ours at times; excitement, reluctance, insecurity, unhappiness etc.

But throughout Jeremiah's life *and* ours, there *is* something that we can rely on that is *always* the same and *always* there, that is our Father God. So, no matter our circumstances, no matter our problems *or* joys, we have a consistency in Him; we have something to bed ourselves on.

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 says; ⁷ *'Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.'* [NIV-UK]

In this reading we're not promised to be protected when the '*heat*' comes, but we are promised that we have nothing to fear when it does, and that we can still '*bear fruit*' even when times are difficult. This was Jeremiah's experience.

So, whatever you're feeling or experiencing today, remember to sink *your* roots into the Rock of Ages and you too, will always bear fruit, in season, and out.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve Mayo, October 2017



Rev Julia is currently on a 6 weeks sabbatical from 1st October to 11th November and is back in time for Remembrance Sunday.

In her absence Pastor Steve Mayo is currently providing pastoral cover and his contact details are

pastorstevemayo@gmail.com

Phone: 01702 549977

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

RUBY -LEE' s Sponsored Cycle ride, 3.12.17

Sarah Dawson has registered Ruby-Lee to take part in *WINTER WONDERWHEELS*.

She will use her special trike and go around the lake. This is a sponsored event and having paid to register we can now sponsor Ruby-Lee and raise money for her private Physiotherapy treatment, which is helping her to make really good progress. Our lovely Dawson family are working so hard to raise money in order that this treatment can continue for Ruby-Lee.

Do please join in. Sarah will put out forms or details to contribute on line in the concourse during November.

Eileen Simmons

WESLEY NOTICES FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support and generosity, in so many different ways, given to us for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 29th September. The final total is £665.00, an amazing result. This will be sent direct to be included in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Ruth

Lowden

Christian Hope International

Charity Jumble Sale for Christian Hope International - February 17th 2018.

Please start saving your unwanted items for this worthy cause.

Thank you Pam and Viv

The Zone Needs You!

At Wesley, we are incredibly blessed with a great group of children and young people, who inspire, engage and challenge us as leaders. The Zone runs a range of activities exploring various aspects of faith and Christianity. This requires at least 2 leaders per week – and we are currently running the rota with just 5 leaders. This simply isn't sustainable in the long run. On behalf of the Zone, could I ask you to consider how you may be able to support us? Whether this is leading a one-off session, or more regularly, there are a variety of ways you can be involved, so please do give this some thought. It is a great privilege to work with our children and young people, and an incredibly important part of the churches work.

Many thanks, Anna Wratishaw

FUSION FAMILY

Fusion family is a new monthly initiative that is open to all people that want to experience church life in a new and relevant way.

The first Fusion family will be 4th November 4pm till 5pm and will have food, fellowship, contemporary worship, various activities for all ages and a relevant talk with object lessons with a biblical application, led by Jonathan and Michele Logan.

Feel free to join us

Jonathan and Michele Logan



LEIGH CHURCHES TOGETHER NOTICES

Activate, a programme of refreshment for women

Lunches are held in The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea at 12.30pm
Weds 29th November (Christmas lunch £12) In Nov we have moved our usual third Wednesday slot back a week so we can enjoy a 'different' Activate event – 'PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS' This time together will lift our spirits as Advent season approaches.



LEIGH LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

On the evening of **Leigh Lights Friday 24th November 2017** at Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road between 5.30pm – 7.45pm the Christmas Trees will be up so please do drop in for a drink, a simple tree activity, a chat and of course a look at all the Trees. I am expecting a LEGO Tree so that will be different.

Do also volunteer to chat to people as we usually get a crowd especially if it rains. We are also collecting for the Foodbank that evening so bring something to start us off.

Looking forward to seeing you all

God Bless

Jane



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?

Painting, decorating & Odd Jobs
Dog walking

Mark Wiltshire
Freya

01702 475089
07496 129385



Southend Schools Festival of Remembrance

Thursday 9th Nov to Saturday 11th Nov 2017

Blade Education are currently working with schools in Southend, Leigh, Shoeburyness and Westcliff to build a Children's Poppy Exhibition in November.

The exhibition will be held at the Rose Garden below the Southend Cenotaph the week before Remembrance Sunday.

Project Artist Mary Lister is leading the poppy making lessons with children of all ages and the aim is to make around 3000 clay poppies before the day.

www.blade-education.org.uk www.ssfr.org.uk ssfr@blade-education.org.uk

WESLEY MONTHLY MOVIES

Friday 10th Nov "TESTAMENT of YOUTH" 10.30am

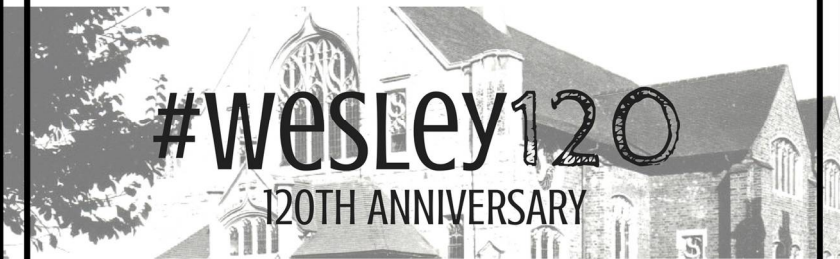
So close to Remembrance Sunday this month's movie is "Testament of Youth" the film depicting poet, Vera Brittain's 1933 World War I memoir.

Vera and the other major characters are real-life figures who faced the horrors of the First World War and "Testament of Youth" Is a necessary reminder of the impact and horror of war.

FREE event – Refreshments will be on sale.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

28th OCTOBER 2017 - 27TH OCTOBER 2018



CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH (1897)
AND OPENING OF THE CHAPEL-SCHOOL (1898)

Details of upcoming events to mark this
anniversary year coming soon!



Leigh Wesley Methodist Church



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CHARITY AUCTION

in aid of

Wesley Church Funds

On Thursday 16th November, Wesley will be holding an auction at Affinity Restaurant in aid of church funds (please see poster for full details). In addition to auctioning a fantastic variety of lots, we will also be holding a raffle!

Whilst the raffle will be drawn on the night of the auction, raffle tickets will be sold in advance. We have some great prizes, including:

- Fitness Tracker
- Aftershave and Perfume
- Smart Exercise Bracelet
- 2 Travel Document Holders
- Powerbanks

Raffle tickets can be bought during the week from Jody French in preschool, or available from Rupert Bertie or Anna Wratishlaw on a Sunday. Don't miss out on these fantastic prizes!

CHARITY AUCTION

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Wesley Church Funds



Thurs 16th November at 7pm
at Affinity Restaurant

Tickets £20

3 course meal, raffle & auction

- fantastic range of lots pledged -

Limited numbers so book ASAP - Tickets available from Isobel,
Gaye or Anna, or leave a message on 01702 711851



TIME FOR HEALING

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on November 25th between 11.30am - 12.30pm. Meetings are typically attended by six to ten 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 open to anyone, so please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. Future meetings are planned for the following dates:

- Saturday 9th December (provisional date – to be confirmed)

The meditation used at the October meeting was as follows:

Oh God why haven't you healed me? Luke 4:40

"At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of illness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them"

(Taken from The Holy Bible – New International Version)

This week has included the feast day of St Luke (October 18th) and this was celebrated on the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship programme on 15th October which focussed on the work of hospices all around the world. Whilst the word hospice is an ancient term, the hospice movement we see today, offering a place of respite and palliative care, is essentially quite modern and the first purpose built hospice opened as recently as 50 years ago, in 1967, in South London.

The gospel writer Luke was himself a physician and his gospel contains many instances of Jesus healing the sick. Luke seems to emphasise that Jesus spent his time with the afflicted and the suffering rather than the powerful and the elite of his day. He was "deeply moved" by the suffering of those he saw and became involved in their lives and healing at the physical, psychological and spiritual level.

Don't we often wonder why God in his infinite mercy has not healed us or the person we are praying for? It is something which is very hard to understand and we can only continue with our prayers and help for those who are suffering illnesses or afflictions of whatever type. We trust and hope that healing will come.

Professor John Wyatt, Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics, University College London and a member of the ethics advisory committee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, said the following as part of in an address he gave during the Radio 4 broadcast on 15th October.

"I have no easy answers for the painful realities which many of us face in our lives. There is something deeply mysterious, strange and inexplicable about the suffering which we meet, both in our own lives and in those we are called to help. An anonymous quotation from the hospice movement has been a source of strength and wisdom for me.

"Suffering is not a question which demands an answer, it's not a problem which demands a solution... It's a mystery which demands a presence".

So those of us who are carers are not called to give answers and explanations, we are called to 'be there', to be a presence with those who are facing suffering, loss and pain." Later in the address he went on to say:

"In fact it seems to me that this is the deepest mystery of the Christian faith. Suffering and evil and pain can be transformed, can be redeemed by God's grace and turned into something unexpected and wonderful. It seems that God's plan for this age is not to abolish human suffering, but to redeem it – to bring blessing and healing out of evil and pain. This is a deep mystery, but I have experienced it in my own life, and I have seen it in the lives of many others."

Professor Wyatt later ended his address by referring to the Book of Revelation: *"Before I finish I can't talk about the mystery of suffering without looking to the future. In Christian thought suffering is always shot through with hope and longing for the future."*

Revelation 21:3b-4

"Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people and he will dwell with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

(Taken from The Holy Bible – New International Version)

He concluded with the following:

"I've always been struck by this image. This is not a picture of a terrible and fearful holy God. No. This is a mother's lap and a child whose face is streaked and blotchy from hours of crying, and gentle fingers are stroking away the tears. This is our God, the motherly father, the one who inspires every gentle and compassionate carer, the one who promises that one day there will be no more mourning, no more crying, and no more pain."

(The full text of Professor John Wyatt's address and indeed the whole of the service can be found on the BBC I player Radio 4 Website for 15th October – Sunday Worship – 8.10 am.)

Terry Harper



FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

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| 5th | No donor. |
| 12th | Remembrance Sunday. |
| 19th | Flowers given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her friend Margaret. |
| 26th | Flowers given by Joy Watson in loving memory of her parents, Stella and Leslie. |



WESLEY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS

Sleeping Beauty

A full-length
traditional pantomime
by Claire Scott

**FRI 1 DEC
7.30PM
SAT 2 DEC
2PM & 6PM**

WESLEY HALL, ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA
TICKETS: £7, CHILDREN: £5
FAMILY TICKET (2A & 2C) £20
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SPOTLIGHT PUBLICATIONS





- We have made an excellent start to the new Connexional year
- Shelterbox received £381 from a retiring collection. Shelterbox was chosen as it was working in the disaster regions of the South Asia floods, hurricane zones and Mexican earthquake area. Thank you for your generosity.
- An amazing £665 was raised by Ruth Lowden and the team for the McMillan coffee morning. Congratulations and thanks for all your hard work.
- Harvest was generously supported with a wonderful range of goods given for the Food Bank. Please continue to give regularly to the Food Bank, Harp and the Night Shelter. Details as to what is needed are in the weekly notices. The baskets are in the concourse.
- Please see the note about Ruby-Lee.
- At Church Council decisions were taken about the charity collections to be taken at the special Christmas services:
Christingle 24.12.17 Zone to decide
Carol Service 17.12.17 and Christmas Eve Communion collections will be combined and divided equally between Barnardos and Shelterbox.
- As last year, Geoff and I will not send church Christmas cards but will increase our giving to these charities

Eileen Simmons



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 713325

Miriam Gifford 716175

Alison Newnham mob 07863954388

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5: 17

YOUR CLARION

Time flies when you are having fun and my first Clarion as Editor was back in March 2016, so time has whizzed by. Since then the communications team have tried hard to move with changing times. In addition to the Clarion, Wesley also have a website www.wesleymethodist.org.uk, Facebook page and Twitter feed. We have where ever possible tried to adopted a cohesive style across all these forms of communication using consistent features and adding a little colour.

Cost of printing:

Currently the Clarion is printed by Wesley in order to keep costs to a minimum. You will have noticed a pot appear by refreshments in the concourse. Donations for your copy of the Clarion would be gratefully received and will go directly to cost of printing.

Compiling

We have a band of Clarion compilers some of whom have been collating for many years and others who have recently come forward. If you are able to join this team on a rotation basis the leadership team would be really pleased to hear from you.

The Clarion is also available to download from www.wesleymethodist.org.uk

Saving on cost of postage; the Clarion is also emailed out to a growing list of "friends of Wesley", furthest of whom is in Scotland – Greetings Ken, when you read this paragraph. This initiative was particularly poignant after the Rededication service when several past ministers expressed pleasure at being able to keep up to date with Wesley news simply on line. If you are in a position to, I would encourage anyone to email a copy of the Clarion to "friends of Wesley" that you think would enjoy to catch up.

We have increased the number of large print copies of the Clarion available and would ask if pastoral visitors can keep an extra few copies for people who might welcome larger print.

Lastly, I would like to politely request that any contributions for the Clarion are emailed to me by the deadline date on the reverse of the Clarion. Everyone including myself involved in ALL Wesley communications does this on a voluntary basis. Please be kind to us as it becomes very difficult to meet deadlines when this date is not adhered too. Thank you

Julie Peek, Clarion Editor

BUSY HANDS – part 2

I would like to extend a really big thank you to everyone who has already responded to last month's BUSY HANDS feature.

- Thank you for the wool you have donated.
- Thank you for the Twiddle Muffs you have knitted.
- Thank you for the donations for refreshments at Memory Worship.

And just in case you would like to knit a Twiddle Muff I have included the pattern again.

HOW TO MAKE A TWIDDLE MUFF



Materials needed for TWIDDLE MUFF : A selection of leftover and odd balls of wool. Needles: 8mm circular or 6.5mm straight needles

Cuff: Cast on 45 stitches using 2 strands of double knitting wool or 1 strand of chunky wool (one plain colour works best). Work in stocking stitch (knit a row, purl a row) for 11 inches.

Muff Body: Continue with stocking stitch, but use up oddments of various textures of wool such as chunky, mohair, ribbon etc. until the work measures 23 inches (two strands of double knit for two rows each gives a lovely assortment of colours) Cast off.

Finishing: If working with straight needles, lightly iron the long strip, then neatly join the sides together using edge to edge stitch (with the knit side facing out). Turn inside out and push the one colour cuff up inside the muff body. Sew the two ends together, again using a neat edge to edge stitch.

Decoration: Now you can decorate the muff, inside and out, with ribbons, beads, flowers, zips, loops, pompoms, buttons, etc. You could even knit a separate pocket for a favourite photo. Be creative, but make sure each item is securely attached!

Julie Peek,
Mission Enabler for Older People,
Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches

TEL: 01702 345373

**Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh
Tuesdays 2 – 4pm**

Dates for the Diary

Tues 31 st Oct	Quiz and Games	Wesley
Tues 7 th Nov	Bee Keeping Talk	Wesley
Tues 14 th Nov	Ploughmans lunch £5	Wesley
Tues 21 st Nov	Cricketers lunch 12.30. £1 admin fee to Miki. £5 deposit. Fill in menu	
Tues 28 th Nov	Speaker – Stibbards Funeral Service Wesley	

**Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out
Club closed**



AGE CONCERN COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

2.30pm Tuesday 12th December

All are welcome to attend our community carol service.

Please join us after for festive refreshments.

Kind regards,
Miki, Age Concern Southend
tel: 01702 345373

SUNDAY 5th NOV

COMMUNION SERVICE

	11.00am	Preacher: Rev Clifford Newman Porch: Linda Lister
Mon 6th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 7th	12.30pm	Age Concern Community Club
Weds 8th	9.00am	Midweek Communion – Belfairs
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30pm	Talking Poetry – “Remembrance”
Thurs 9th	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Fri 10th	10.30am	Wesley Monthly Movie “TESTAMENT of YOUTH”
	2.00pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 11th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 12th NOV

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

	9.00am	Communion
	10.45am	Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan Porch: Margaret Buckey
Mon 13th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 14th	12.30pm	Age Concern Community Club
Weds 15th	9.00am	Midweek Communion – Wesley
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
Thurs 16th	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Fri 17th	2.00pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 18th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 19th NOV ALL AGE WORSHIP

	11.00am	Preacher: Pastor Steven Mayo Porch: Annette Jarvis
Mon 20th	10.00am 2.00pm	Wesley Art Group Memory Worship; Worship for those with and without Dementia
Weds 22nd	10.00am 2.30pm	Parent & Toddler Talking Poetry – “T. S. Eliot”
Thurs 23rd	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Fri 24th	2.00pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 25th	10.00am 11.30am	Coffee Morning Time for Healing

SUNDAY 26th NOV

	11.00am	Preacher: Mrs Eileen Simmons Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
Mon 27th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 28th	2.00pm 8.00pm	Age Concern Community Club Informal Worship – Sue Hockett
Thurs 30th	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Sat 1 st Dec	10.00am 11.30am	Coffee Morning Time for Prayer

FORWARD EVENTS

Sat 4 th Nov	4.00-5.00pm	FUSION FAMILY
Thurs 16 th Nov	7.00pm	Great Charity Auction Affinity Restaurant
Fri 24 th Nov	5.30pm-7.45pm	Leigh Lights & Christmas Tree Festival
Fri 1 st Dec	7.30pm	Wesley Theatre Group presents Sleeping Beauty
Sat 2 nd Dec	2.00pm & 6.00pm	Wesley Theatre Group presents Sleeping Beauty
Tues 12 th Dec	2.30pm	Age Concern Community Carol Service
Sat 17 th Feb 18'		Christian Hope International Jumble Sale

DEC CLARION

Items for the Nov Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **SUNDAY 19th NOV 2017**



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www.southendandleigh.org

and part of the

Beds, Essex and Herts District the Methodist Church

A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can

