

The

CLARION

Wesley **Methodist** Church 


A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

28TH OCTOBER 2017 - 27TH OCTOBER 2018

#Wesley120

120TH Anniversary

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH (1897)

 Leigh Wesley
Methodist Church

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& OPENING OF THE CHAPEL-SCHOOL (1898)
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March
2018

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)
		For enquiries- email marjoriecharnock@icloud.com

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.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

OTHER MEETINGS

Housegroup Meetings as advised

Minister: Rev. Julia Monaghan

1 Oakview Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. SS9 4JN. Tel: (01702) 483827

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

lettings@wesleymethodist.org.uk

Church Steward: Isobel Wratishaw Tel 01702 557764

Church Council Secretary: Judy Taylor ccsec@wesleymethodist.org.uk

The Notices: Trudi Pipe notices@wesleymethodist.org.uk

Communications: Anna Wratishaw email
communications@wesleymethodist.org.uk



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Facebook: Leigh Wesley Methodist Church

MINISTER'S LETTER

Mother Church



On Sunday 11th March, we will be celebrating Mother's Day. In my research for this piece, I found a helpful website that said, *"Mother's Day is the day to shower your mother with cards, flowers, jewellery and luxurious clothing and to treat your mother to a spa day or a fun outing!"* What a good website I thought. I must casually attach it to the next WhatsApp when communicating with the children.

In church, of course, we celebrate the far more inclusive day of Mothering Sunday, where traditionally people returned to the church in which they had been baptised. It is an opportunity to give thanks for Mother Church, and for those who nurtured us in discipleship and faith – who fed our roots.

The most obvious model of this is Mary. She is referenced 20 times in the New Testament and from her story we learn that mothering at its best, is not smothering but fosters strong roots and involves sacrificial love. In so doing the child is enabled to achieve their potential in life, to fulfil their own calling under God. Mary provides a picture of nurture and relinquishment and letting go. Like her, we too may have to abandon our cherished ambitions for those we love, our own ideas about how their lives will unfold. They and their values may not be quite the mirrors of ourselves that we anticipated.

A second picture of motherhood we're offered, as Christians is that of the mother church, which is defined in the Oxford Dictionary as "The Church, considered as a mother in its functions of nourishing and protecting the believer".

This model of the church as mother ensures that no one is excluded from the task of making disciples, because we're all called to use our gifts to enable the flourishing of others. St Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, 'Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.' Witnessing to God's great love for creation and we his creatures, the Church can serve as an example of nurturing, loving service for wider society.

This privilege, however, can be a daunting challenge and to undertake it with integrity, we will need to look forward just one week to Passiontide and the Holy Week liturgies, which lead up to Easter Day.

This short season in the liturgical year reminds us that as repentant sinners, as those acknowledging our need of God, we must die to self and be reborn into the Body of Christ. This process reflects the sacrificial love of Christ on the cross. It is the sacrifice of dying to self, in order to allow others to be reconciled to God, for them to live.

Looking to the church as mother offers us the hope that by following the example of Jesus Christ, by dying to self, we will draw others into the Body of Christ. This is the Good News, that through the Word of God in the Gospels we are nurtured; through his Body on the Cross, we are nourished. His death offers us life, and through the forgiveness of God we, and all his children can be set free. So Mother Church gives us roots, nourishes us for and on our journey, but also, sacrificially relinquishes us to fulfil our calling. As Wesley Methodist Church has sought to do for 120 years may it so continue.

Rev Julia 2018



LENT GROUP: ANOTHER STORY MUST BEGIN

Based on the film and novel *Les Miserables*, and looking at 4 characters from the story, this 5 week course continues into March exploring the grace of God, and asks us to reassess what we can do with our lives for ourselves and for those around us.

It runs at 2pm on the following Tuesdays @Wesley

6th March, 13th March, 20th March & 27th March

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leo and Holly on the birth of their baby daughter Primrose Parry. Granddaughter for Linda and Mike Parry, first Great Grandchild for Joan and Geoff Hawkins. We send our love and best wishes to all the family.

To all my friends at Wesley

Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off you gave me in the service on Sunday 4th February prior to my move to Mumbles, South Wales. It was also wonderful to see Jill Campbell received back into membership on the same day. I have settled well into my flat, the storage boxes arrived plus various items of new furniture this week so I'm almost fully unpacked and straight. I have also seen all the family since I arrived.

It is a big move for me but know it is the right thing to do, a real guidance from God, having the mindset to make the most of this opportunity to make a life here near my family; a result of life changes which have helped me to re-evaluate and reflect on my life.

I am loving the sea views, the nearness of my daughters and grandchildren, the friendliness, but I shall never forget my friends in Leigh and Wesley in particular. Thank you for all your cards, good wishes, messages, flowers, gifts that I have received and look forward to seeing you all on my visits to Essex.

With love, Alison

Ps I made a typing error on my mobile phone number in the February Clarion - the correct version is: 07863 954388 and I now have a new landline number which is: 01792 423889.

My address is : Flat 44, Mumbles Bay Court, Mayals Road, Blackpill, Swansea, SA3 5BS. Tel: 07863 954388 (land line to follow). Email: newnham406@aol.com

New Home

Rupert and Janice Bertie have recently moved to:

89 WARREN ROAD
LEIGH ON SEA
ESSEX
SS9 3TT

New telephone number is: 01702 551948

London to Paris 24Hr Cycle Ride

On the 5th/6th May, I am taking part in the 24 hour cycle ride from London to Paris. The starting time is 3pm from Greenwich on Saturday, and hope to finish by 4pm on Sunday, at the Eiffel Tower, Paris. This is the first time I will have cycled such a long distance, so it is an enormous challenge for me. My aim is to raise as much money as possible for Research into Pagets Disease which my Grandad, Keith Charnock, suffers from. The Pagets Association is a small charity and relies solely on donations. Please would you kindly sponsor me, which will be very much appreciated. There will be a Sponsorship Form in the concourse at the beginning of April. Thank you for all your support.

Zoe Ager-Lowden

Wesley Parking Permits

Parking Permits are available now – please see Peter Lister.

THANK YOU - Christian Hope International Jumble Sale 2018

At the 2018 Christian Hope International Jumble Sale we raised £1157.62.

Thank you to everyone that made this possible.

Ian, Paul and Carmen from CHI are off on their travels again on 26th February, this time to visit projects in Rwanda. You will be able to follow their trip via www.christianhope.org.uk and we ask that you keep them in your prayers as they travel.

So thank you all,

Viv and Pam

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OUR WESLEY STORIES.

As part of our 120 celebrations we are publishing a booklet called OUR WESLEY STORIES.

The invitation to write your story is to everyone, young and old, those of you who have recently joined our Wesley family and those who have been around for many, many years. In both cases, age and length of belonging; all the in-betweeners are included. I think we are still fairly new. The deadline for submission is March 31st 2018.

Please send contributions as an attachment to an e mail if possible to geoffnash99@yahoo.co.uk

Geoff will type up your story if you prefer to write in long hand and send it to 92, Thames Drive, Leigh on Sea SS9 2XE

We plan to publish at the time of the annual gift day in June with a copy for us all. We are interested in your story. Please join in. Do please let me know if you are going to take part.

Eileen Simmons

Eileen.kester.simmons@gmail.com

01702 472521

Wesley **Methodist** Church
presents

THE *show* CHOIR

Saturday 10th March at 7.30pm

A concert of popular music and songs, including songs from the shows, to celebrate
Wesley's 120th Anniversary

Tickets £10, including refreshments, available from 07970 081324 and 07860 947343 or
communications@wesleymethodist.org.uk

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Show Choir are helping us to celebrate our 120th Anniversary through their generous offer to put on a concert on behalf of Wesley Methodist Church toward the valuable work the Church carries out in the Leigh community and further afield. This is an opportunity not to be missed, as Show Choir are gaining great local reviews and an increasingly strong and growing following for their singing of many of the most popular and well known songs from some of the best known and best loved musicals throughout the years.

This event promises to be a night of fun and nostalgia. Why not come along and listen to your favourite musical hits from Broadway and the West End. Join with us to relive songs and music from your childhood and teen years, right up to the present day in our newly created multi- purpose worship and performance space. Tickets available from the Church at: communications@wesleymethodist.org.uk

Rupert Bertie – 07970 081324

Janice Bertie – 07727 022947

Richard King – 07860 947343

Also, payment on the door will be accepted - subject to availability.

Ticket price £10.00

Children under 16 – Free of charge

Do get in touch if you can help. Or if not, please remember all the shelter volunteers, and especially all our guests, in your prayers.

Activate, a programme of refreshment for women

We warmly invite you to our 2018 events.

Lunches are held in The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea at 12.30pm

Weds 21st March (lunch £12)

ANDY GOODLIFF – from Southend Food Bank. His talk will inform us about the needs in our borough and how the bank operates.

For all chargeable events, please pre-book (by the Monday morning prior to the event) with Margaret (474922) or Mary (710893)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Maundy Thursday 29 March 2018

Fish Supper at Highlands Methodist Church 7:00 pm

You are all invited to a fish and chip supper at Highlands, followed by an informal service. There is no charge for your meal but we will take a collection – please pay what you think is appropriate.

So that we can get the numbers right, please sign up on the sheet that will appear in the Wesley concourse early March.

If you're not a fish eater for health or any other reason we'll try to come up with an alternative – just put a 'V' in the third column. Otherwise leave it blank.



TEL: 01702 345373

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

Tues 27 th Feb	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 6 th March	Speaker – Mindfulness Wesley
Tues 13 th March	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 20 th March	Lunch out – Arlington Rooms Fish and Chip lunch £15. Per tkt. Live entertainment 1 – 3.30pm
Tues 27 th March	Easter Tea at the Wesley £6
Tues 3 rd April	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 10 th April	Speaker – Sovereign Wills and Estates Wesley
Tues 17 th April	Lunch out Cricketers London Rd. 12.30 £5 deposit. £1 admin. Fill in menu.
Tues 24 th April	Quiz and Games Wesley
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed	



TIME FOR HEALING

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 24th March 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 21st April

We hope to see you there.

Terry Harper

WESLEY MONTHLY MOVIES

Friday 2018 "A DOGS PURPOSE" 10.30am

A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar). As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

FREE EVENT



FORTY ACTS OF KINDNESS, 2018.

Lent starts on February 14th this year and if you wish to do the 40 acts of kindness during Lent that would be great. Last year the Zone did it as did the Pre School and individuals and at least two House Groups. It was very helpful to those who took part.

The Head of North Street wants to do it again this year and I said I would help in any way I can.

Eileen Simmons



LEIGH SOCIETY MEETING

On Weds 21st March at 7.30pm in the Church the Bishop of Chelmsford Stephen Cottrell will give a talk on his pilgrimage along the Santiago de Compostela Way.

All welcome, members £2, Visitors £3 on the door

Margaret Buckey
Tel 01702 473628

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
Dog walking	Freya	07771 643665

from Wesley volunteered we could create a rota. If you feel called to help, please contact either Isobel or Anna Wratlaw.



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 Wratlaw 557764 mob 07508164525

Steve Hockett 478772 mob 07952058251

Jane Fulford

Linda Lister

June Childs 711891

Vivien Threadgold

Miriam Gifford 716175

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5: 17



This month I want to thank those of you, who regularly support our FOODBANK collections. The need seems to be growing all the time and for families who receive our gifts they are a lifeline. Please be encouraged to continue to give, knowing that you are providing support at a time when it is so badly needed. If you have not as yet become a supporter then may I invite you to consider this practical way of showing your concern.

There is a labelled container in the concourse and Anna gives details of what is needed every week in our notice sheet. Do not worry if you have put in other items. We do ours monthly and as long as what you give has a good shelf life then items like tinned meat, long life milk, tinned puddings are always welcomed.

Remember that in the Bible there is the reference to the widow's mite; whatever you are able to give helps.

May we thank Anna for leading this initiative, Marjorie and Keith for doing the rota for delivering to the foodbank and Terry, Geoff N and Marjorie and Keith for doing the deliveries.

Eileen Simmons



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FLOWER ROTA FOR MARCH

- 4th Flowers given by David Norman in loving memory of his parents, Vera and Leslie Norman.
- 11th No Donor
- 18th Flowers given by Rupert and Janice Bertie, in loving memory of Rupert's father Edwin, his brother, Charles and Janice's brother Adrian.
- 25th Flowers given by Annette Jarvis and family in loving memory of her husband, Arthur.



For those of you that havnt as yet attended a Memory Worship Service I would like to share with you, a window into Februarys service. The theme of Feb service was "In God we praise"

Psalm 113

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you his servants;
praise the name of the Lord.

2 Let the name of the Lord be praised,
both now and forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heaven

The writer of this Psalm really understood how vital it is to take every opportunity to praise God and to always be thankful. For although God is so holy, mighty and glorious, He understands each of us as individuals and despite our failings and flaws, he loves us deeply and longs for us to be in relationship with him. Purely by grace, God gave his only son to die in a barbaric way on a Roman cross, so that through Jesus we might turn away from sin and find eternal life with Him.

As we think more about our faith during this season of Lent, let's never miss a chance to praise God for the things that bless our lives every day. From the big things to the small, let us be a thankful people and praise and exalt the Lord!

Prayer Corner

Lord God, you are my strength. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so I can be stronger than the challenges in my life.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Useful Information...

Dementia Community Support

Tel: 01702 534772

Southend Memory ClinicTel:

Tel:01702 435555 x 6146

Southend Alzheimer's Society

Tel: 0771 8421902

Wesley Theatre Group

Presents:



By David McGillivray, Walter Zerlin Jr.

At Wesley Hall on Friday 13th and Sat 14th April at 7.30

Every drama group has experienced the horrors of what can go wrong on opening night, and the ladies of the F.A.H.E.T.G. Dramatic Society are no different, with the possible exception that almost everything that could happen does! The scenery collapses, cues are missed, lines forgotten, and the sound effects take on a strange note at times, as the ladies present their ambitious evening's entertainment with the cunning whodunit, "Murder At Checkmate Manor." And just in case the audience should get bored there's a Fashion Show and Murder Mystery Quiz. Unfortunately, the hall has been double booked so we rely on Mrs. Reece (Gaye Greenway) doyenne of the group, to rise above the slings and arrows of outrageous dramatics, save the situation and provide the final inventive twist.

Tickets £7.00 (£5.00 concessions) Tickets from: Isobel, Judy, Anna, Geoff, Jane, Gaye or Mrs. Reece or ring: 01702-480968

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

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UNITED SERVICE

	11.00am	Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
Mon 5th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 6th	2.00pm	LENT COURSE "Another story must begin"
	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
Weds 7 th	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
Thurs 8th	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Fri 9th	2.00pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 10th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 11th MARCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

	9.00am	Communion
	11.00am	Preacher: Mrs Jane Fulford Porch: Margaret Buckey
Mon 12th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 13th	2.00pm	LENT COURSE "Another story must begin"
	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
Weds 14 th	2.30pm	Talking Poetry – "Spring"
Sat 17th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 18th MARCH

Preacher: Eileen Simmons
Porch: Helen Boyd

Mon 19th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
	2.00pm	Memory Worship, Worship for those with and without Dementia
Tues 20 th	2.00pm	LENT COURSE "Another story must begin"

Weds 21st	9.00am	Mid-Week Communion
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
Thurs 22nd	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth
Fri 23rd	10.30am	Wesley Movie "A DOGS'S PURPOSE"
	2.00pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 24th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	11.30am	Time for Healing

SUNDAY 25th MARCH

	11.00am	Preacher: LA Porch: Richard Faraway
Mon 26th	10.00am	Wesley Art Group
Tues 27th	2.00pm	LENT COURSE "Another story must begin"
	2.00pm	Age Concern Community Club
	8.00pm	Creative Worship
Weds 28th	10.00am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30pm	Talking Poetry – "Easter"
Thurs 29th	6.00pm	Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth

Fri 30th

10.30am

GOOD FRIDAY

Belfairs, Highlands & Wesley meeting at Wesley for Hot Cross Buns followed by Joint Service at Wesley.

Sat 31st

11.00am

10.00am

11.30am

Coffee Morning
Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 1st APRIL

8.00am

11.00am

EASTER SUNDAY

SONRISE SERVICE with the Salvation Army on Strand Wharf, Old Leigh

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher: Rev Gordon Bates
Porch: Linda Lister

FORWARD EVENTS

Sat 3 rd March	4.00-5.00pm	Next FUSION Family
Sun 4 th March		#WESLEY120 Anniversary Service
Sat 10 th March	7.30pm	#WESLEY120 "Show Choir "
		Anniversary Concert
Sun 15 th -22 nd April		Annual Week of Accompanied Prayer
Sat 19 th May		Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea
Sat 19 th May		Salvation Army Band Concert
Sat 9 th June		Allegro Concert

APRIL CLARION

Items for the April Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2018**



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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 contribute to community life.

