

# THE CLARION



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# **Minister's Letter**



## **Minister's Letter – October 2018**

Having only just moved house yesterday and having moved house ten times in my adult life, I am still amazed by the amount of 'clutter' we accumulate in a very short space of time. Much of the 'stuff' we moved to our new home seemed to go straight back into the loft, but all seems to be things we once loved, or might just use again!

This got me thinking about the clutter we carry around in our own lives, thoughts and feelings from past mistakes or failures. We often make new starts in life including times of repentance and forgiveness, yet we often carry baggage forward from our previous situation onto the next one.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says; *‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!’* [NIV-UK]

So, let us, as a forgiven people, not let the burdens of the past weigh us down in the present and the future. What God has forgiven, He has forgotten.

C.S. Lewis once said; *‘If God forgives us we must forgive ourselves otherwise it’s like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.’*

If you are struggling with past burdens then take heart from the words of 553 from our Singing the Faith hymn book;

*I am a new creation,  
no more in condemnation,  
here in the grace of God I stand.  
My heart is over-flowing,  
my love just keeps on growing,  
here in the grace of God I stand.*

[Dave Bilborough]

Every Blessings,

Pastor Steve

# News from the Pews



## FOR HOPE INTERNATIONAL FEBRUARY 2019

It's that time again so please give anything you feel you would recycle/donate. The storage garage is now available, But please NO ELECTRICALS, DUVETS, PILLOWS

For more information please contact Pam Boughton – Smith on 07971785425

Thank you



The Leadership Team would love to start having periodic Sunday lunches at Wesley. We need to know who would like to come and eat and who would be willing to join a team of helpers to be called upon occasionally. If you are interested in either (or both!) please let Gabrielle Greenway or one of the Leadership Team know or sign up on the sheet in the Concourse. If there is enough support, we will take the idea forward through the Church Council.

Gabrielle Greenway



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning, in so many ways. For all the donations received, the delicious cakes made by our wonderful bakers for the cake stall, cards, competitions, and those in the kitchen. The concourse was busy with a warm atmosphere of friendship and fellowship given to all who came. There was a buzz around the place. Our total raised is £670.00, an amazing amount. It takes a lot of hard work on the day and we would like to thank all our friends at Wesley for the support given. A great team effort.

Again, thank you for your continued support and kindness for this vital work.

Ruth Lowden

# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Southend and Leigh Circuit Worship Academy celebrated their fifth birthday recently. The District Chairman, Rev. Dr. David Chapman opened the 2018/19 programme with an inspiring address, which he called **Worship and Holiness**. David is an amazing speaker and held everyone's attention.

Worship Academy is a training programme for leaders of worship in the Methodist Church in our circuit but is open to everyone.

Our Presbyters, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders attend as do individuals from local churches. Some come every month and others less frequently. The printed programme for the year allows people to plan ahead.

We meet monthly October to July starting with a meal and on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2018 we had a fifth birthday celebration cake, lit by David Chapman and the single candle sparkled dramatically and continued to sparkle as the fire alarm went off! Oh, dear!

A quote from a new attendee *"I really enjoy Worship Academy. The sessions are fun and each month I am excitedly challenged by a new topic regarding our worship life. The themes and sessions are always thought*



*provoking and insightful. The guest speakers are also generous with their time, skill and teaching. It is also a great way to get to know other local preachers and worship leaders in the circuit. It's a relaxed environment, perfect for continued learning, shared experience, conversation, creative ideas and worship with my brothers and sisters in the Methodist family"*

Later in this year programme we have:

Testimony in Worship

Worship in Tough Times and Politics from the Pulpit

We also have Worship Academy on the Move and will visit Wesley's Chapel when our speakers will be The Rev. Canon Dr. Jennifer H Smith, Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel and Rev. Dr. Calvin Samuel, Principal of the London School of Theology.

We believe that regular training is vital with excellent speakers and great fellowship together. After five years we go forward in good heart.

Eileen Simmons

Programme Organiser

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# NEWS FROM THE CIRCUIT

Dear Friends,

The current Plan shows that we have a Circuit service on 4<sup>th</sup> November with details “TBA” – so herewith an update – The service will be a celebration of preaching and will be **at our Rayleigh church at 4pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. Further details will follow shortly.

**Kathy**

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## Wesley Stories- Ken

### Cheeseman

Although I now live some 90 miles away in a little village, called Piddinghoe, of about 250 people I still consider Wesley in Leigh on Sea my spiritual home.

I was born in the terrace off Church Hill in 1930. I remember as a child going to Sunday School in Leigh Road Baptist Church. When war broke out in 1939 and the area of Leigh and the neighbourhood, and there the big

evacuation, particularly of children, my mother decided that I should stay with her in Leigh-on-Sea. So here I was a young lad of nine or ten years old let loose in the area now occupied by the military and the occasional dog lying in the middle of the London Road, undisturbed by traffic.

For about a year or more, I together with three other lads roamed the streets, possibly getting into mischief! My Mother said that I must look for something worthwhile to do. Slowly people drifted back in 1941 or thereabouts. Tom Parrinder decided to restart the Scout Troop. I, together with Steve Bates turned up to that first meeting. We were instantly made Patrol Leaders of Scouts not yet joined. Numbers soon swelled, and we had the makings of a scout troop at Wesley, closely linked to the church.

Through being a Kind's Scout in 2<sup>nd</sup> Leigh Wesley Troop, I was chosen with Tom Parrinder to be an usher at St. Paul's Cathedral at the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. I was lucky, and my job was to usher dignitaries to their seats near the altar. During the ceremony I stood behind a column nearby. Therefore, we can claim that a representative of Wesley was at the Royal Wedding!

The Youth Club started under the leadership of Ephraim Barney Levy, known as EBL. Name I can recall are: Ann Verinder, tea lady and Sunday School Leader of the Primary Dept, Cyril Hibble, Leader of the Fellowship, Mrs

Fraser arriving on her bicycle, Elsie Clackett teaching leather work ( I still have the wallet made under her guidance), Phil Reader who started Wesley Drama Society with the Student Players for younger members, Rev.d Greville P Lewis ( known as GP) who, with his family, lived in the Manse next to the Church. GP was a heavy smoker and one rarely saw him without a cigarette. David Buckey and I used to persuade Mrs Lewis to let us have the key of the hall so that we could play table tennis. Members of the Youth club were strongly urged to attend Church on Sunday evenings, the “Youth Gallery” almost full of rather noisy young people, on one occasion they had to be quietened by GP in the middle of his 45-minute sermon.

In 1945 at the tender age of 15 I was approached by EBL as to whether I would accept a note to preach, I said, “yes”. Under the leadership of Ann Vender, I became a Primary dept Leader. It was here that I met Beryl Love, another teacher. Our friendship deepened and in 1951 we got married at Wesley, living in Undercliff Gardens, Chalkwell, we continued our involvement with Wesley.

In 1952, when beryl’s father died, we moved to Park Road and we took up membership at Highlands Church, where we got deeply involved with the young people. In 1959 now being a qualified architect, I was asked by the trustees of Wesley to act for them in extensions of the

premises with, enlarged Wesley Hall, a new youth hall and general refurbishing of other parts of the building.

One day in the late 60's I received a letter inviting me to become a Justice of the Peace, I shall never know but I think that it was Edith Bell who put my name and that of Nicholas Low forward, whilst we were in church. We joined the many officials who worshipped at Wesley – Mayors, Borough treasurer, Councillors etc.

In 1984 we moved to Piddinghoe but still maintained contact with Wesley through Margaret Buckey who suggested that I should write this article for the clarion. As I now have Parkinson's disease which limits my movement and nibbles away at my 'little grey cells', I find it very difficult to come to visit Wesley. It is still my spiritual home and I welcome news of life and events there.

## **Beryl Cheeseman nee**

### **Love**

How did I join the Wesley Family?

My life has been through several stages; My parents were Anglicans – I was baptised at St Michaels in Westcliff, I

was put on the Cradle Roll of Highlands Methodist Church by my Godmother, then I was taken to the High Church of St. Margaret's by my piano teacher.

Then came the war and children were evacuated from Leigh-on-Sea. I was not and was introduced to Wesley by going to the Small School Phyll Reader and her friends organised.

My family moved to Warwickshire – my mother was ill and I lived at sometime with my Aunt who took me to the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Later when war was coming to an end we came home and one week my father decided he would go to Leigh Wesley as they had been so welcoming to the troops who had been stationed in the town. The Revd. Greville Lewis was preaching and I started going weekly with my father who was a great admirer of him.

My friend Mary Blanch from Westcliff High School for Girls persuaded me to go with her to Church regularly and the two of us were invited to join the choir under Will Clackett. When Mary thought the sermon was too long she always had a need for smelling salts! With Mary I was asked to become a Sunday School teacher with Ann Verinder – and then I met my fate!!

One Sunday, after service Mary asked if I had dates during

the week, I said, No- so Mary dared a young Sunday School teacher and 'on note' Local Preacher, Ken Cheeseman to take me out – He accepted the dare and we went to the Palace Theatre Westcliff to see, 'The Ghost Train' and then walked all the way to my home in The Highlands in Leigh.

We were married in 1951 at Wesley Church with Mary as one of my Bridesmaids. She remained one of my dearest friends – now as Mary Bentley – until her early death. After several addresses in the Leigh-on-Sea area we started going to Highlands Methodist Church. Our four children were baptised there, followed by Sunday School membership. Ken was involved in youth work at Highlands and our home was open to all who needed it.

The family got older – I did more voluntary work: I became District Organiser of WRVS in Southend, District Chairman of Inner Wheel of District 24 (Formed from Southend to- in those days – Norwich- the borders of Hertfordshire and part of London east) and I must admit was one of those women who can't say 'no'! I have discovered the more you do the better your life. I have been very lucky all my life, but now I find I am 'falling to bits' and can do fewer jobs.

The spirit of Wesley Church is still my anchor and, if only as spectators, Ken and I are involved in as much as we can be and still value the ongoing help of family and

friends.

Our good wishes to all those who can remember us.

Beryl



## **Concerts at Wesley**

Autumn comes and here we are at the beginning of Year 2 of our Concerts at Wesley Programme.

The first concert was one of Celebration and Remembrance to commemorate 120 years of Wesley and the end of World War 1

What better way of starting our Autumn season than with the return of a band of 35 instruments from the combined bands of Leigh and Southend Salvation Army and this time over 90 singers from The Orpheus Singers? From the start with a march and then Charles Wesley's "And can it be that I should gain" the evening was set for a stirring rousing, spirit lifting experience.

The first half continued with the choir singling classics like "Ye Banks and Braes" and "Danny Boy" moving on to "Ave maria" and "You are so beautiful" finishing with the march "Victor Acclaimed"



Highlight for many in the second half was the band playing and a choir of 90 and audience of over one hundred singing "Songs of the Trenches"- all that you would expect, continuing with two renditions of "In Flanders Fields" and concluding with the March "Goldcrest". As ever it was wonderful to share an evening with our friends from the Salvation Army whose origins have much in common. Planning is already under way for next year.

All of that enjoyment and in the process, we raised £160 each for the work in the community of each of the Churches

The season continues 17th November at 19.30 with a concert by James Lewys featuring Songs from the Golden Era of the 40's and 50's. Tickets on sale now!

In the December edition of The Clarion look out for details of not just one but three Christmas concerts covering a range of musical tastes from an evening of baroque music, A newly arranged celebration of the Christmas Celebration and The Show Choir Christmas Concert.

Concerts at Wesley Group

# **WESLEY CHARITY NEWS,**

## **NOVEMBER 2018.**

- The new Methodist year started superbly with the Macmillan coffee morning. Ruth Lowden and her amazing team of helpers celebrated 25 years of the World's largest coffee morning and Wesley has done this for all of the 25 years. This column simply thanks the team for this opportunity to show our support to raise £670, which was UP on last year. It was a wonderful event.
- Tina has kindly provided figures showing the record of Charity giving by WESLEY over a few years, at my request as I was pleased to note an increase in the budget outcome of 2017/8 over 2016/7.
- 2013/4                      £5,228
- 2014/5                      £5,084
- 2015/6                      £6,689
- 2016/7                      £4,092
- 2017/8    £5,135    rounded up or down to the nearest £ in the conventional way.
- In recent years we have organised Christmas Charities by choosing a charity to support for a specific service, but this year

Church Council decided to support ONE CHARITY and next year another charity will be chosen.

- The congregation were consulted and ACTION FOR CHILDREN was suggested. Church Council decided to support. So, at our CAROL SERVICE ON DECEMBER 16 and at CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION the collections will go to AfC. If you are not able to be at either service, then there will still be a chance for you to give.
- Traditionally the ZONE chooses the Charity for CHRISTINGLE and this will happen and be published.
- An earlier Church Council decision was to confirm the choice I made in my bid for the ALLEGRO CHOIR concert. ALLEGRO only exist to enjoy their singing and to raise money for charity. It will be their third concert here at Wesley, at their request, as we are so hospitable. The concert is on Saturday JUNE 22 and funds raised will go to ALZHEIMERS and WESLEY'S WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, which we will give to FUSION. Allegro do all their own publicity and we help sell tickets etc then they will send us two cheques. This year we raised money for Wesley's work among older

people. We do invite the congregation and all our many local contacts to put the date in your new diary and buy tickets for a great evening of music and so support these charities.

Eileen Simmons 15.10.18



## **PASTORAL NEWS.**

- The annual PASTORAL VISITORS DEDICATION will take place on December 2nd as part of the service.
- The Pastoral visitors' meeting will take place at Wesley on Wednesday, November 21st at 10 am.

Eileen Simmons, Pastoral secretary. 15.10.18

# COMING UP

Wesley Theatre Group presents  
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# BAZAAR & RUMMAGE

A comedy by Sue Townsend

**FRI 7TH +  
SAT 8TH DEC  
AT 7.30PM**

Tickets £7  
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Elm Road,  
Leigh-on-Sea



The illustration features a tall, white, ornate lamp with a pink lampshade. To the left of the lamp are several open cardboard boxes, some with pink ribbons. A yellow-gloved hand is shown reaching into one of the boxes. A white bucket is positioned to the right of the lamp. The background is a solid pink color.

 

**Wesley**  
THEATRE GROUP

Age Concern Community Club  
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh

Tuesdays 2 – 4pm **TEL: 01702 345373**

**Dates for the Diary**

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Speaker 'My Life In Hats' <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Quiz and Games <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lunch – Regatta Restaurant, £9.95 Leigh Road. 12.30- £5 deposit + £1 Admin
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Quiz and Games <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Speaker 'London tour Guide' <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas afternoon tea – names to Miki to reserve your place. <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch – Sarah Moore – Christmas Menu – 12.30. £10.99 + £1 admin
<b>Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed</b>	



On the evening of **Leigh Lights Friday 30th November 2018** at Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road between 5.30pm – 7.45pm there will be a range of Christmas Trees on display. The making of Christmas trees is open to all Church activities and all hirers if you wish to take part. In 2017 you were wonderful. Here is a reminder of the details:

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| Size     | Anything up to 3 feet or 90 centimetres and must be fire resistant   |
| Lights   | We can accommodate and would like some electric lights, but they must have a modern safety cut out device. We would like a mix of lit and unlit trees.   |
| Card     | At the base of each tree I would ask you to type out your main activities, a contact number or email and the time you meet for display.  |
| Assembly | To make it more accessible for you may I suggest that at your meeting before Leigh Lights Night you create the decorated tree and either put it in the gallery or lobby of the church. Only a few Christmas Trees may be |

put up before Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November as there is an event in the church but on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November the church will be open all day for assembly.

Dismantling The trees will remain up on the Saturday and for Sunday morning worship. At the time of assembly, it would be advantageous if we could arrange a mutually convenient time for you to take the tree down.



For more information please contact Jane on 01702 714213

## **Film Dates for your Diary**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – “Warhorse”

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – “G.I.Blues”



## **Flower rota for November.**

4th-   

11th-   

18th- flowers by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her friend, Margaret.

25th-flowers given by Barbara Redmond.

Thank you

Annette Charnock

## **WESLEY PRAYER** **CHAIN/PRAYER FOR YOU**

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.

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Steve Hockett 478772 mob 07952058251

Jane Fulford  
Linda Lister  
June Childs 711891  
June Childs 711891  
Vivien Threadgold 713325  
Miriam Gifford 716175



## **TIME FOR HEALING**

**Time for Healing** – the next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 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 the 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:

- December 8<sup>th</sup>

We hope to see you there.

Terry Harper

**Be sure your sins will find you out!** – I can't remember where I read this poem now, but it has always struck me as both amusing and thought provoking.

They say, don't they?  
"Be sure your sins will find you out."  
This, then is the question,  
Why does sin,  
So very often,  
Find us in!

Terry Harper

# **REGULAR SERVICES AND**

# **EVENTS AT WESLEY**

## **Sundays**

4<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am Preacher Rev H .Bucke  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Baptism are part of this service.

11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00 Preacher Pastor S Mayo – Early Morning Communion.

11<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am Preacher Mr P. Saunders – Remembrance Sunday.

18<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am Preacher E.Simmons

25<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am Preacher - LA

## **Mondays**

10am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome

10 am – Wesley Art Group in Room 3

2pm – Memory Worship, Worship for those with and without Dementia – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in month. – Church space

8pm – Wesley Theatre Group – Wesley Hall – All are welcome

## **Tuesdays**

10am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome

2pm - Age Concern Community

1:30pm – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Leigh Afternoon WI

8pm - Creative Workshop – Church Space – every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month – All are welcome

## **Wednesdays**

10 am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome

10 am – Parent and Toddler – Canteen room 2:30 pm –

Talking Poetry – Canteen room at 2:30 pm – Dates for November are as follows:

14<sup>th</sup> Nov – W.W.1 poet

18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children's poem

Choose any poem by the gift poet or subject – All are welcome.

6pm – St John Ambulance – Youth Hall and Room 2

7:30- Cameo House group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed in homes of members, please contact Jane Fulford for more information.

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## **Thursdays**

10 am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome  
6 pm – Fusion Kids ( School Terms Yrs 1 – 6)  
8pm – Thursday Call – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month



## **Fridays**

10 am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome  
2pm – Table Tennis 60+ - Wesley Hall ( for further details please email: [marjoriecharnock@icloud.com](mailto:marjoriecharnock@icloud.com))

## **Saturdays**

10am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome

11:30 am – Time for Prayer – Vestry – All are welcome

11:30 am – Time for Healing – Church Space – All are welcome ( Dates are in Terry's new's flash)

# Editors information

Please could I have all items for the December Clarion by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. If you would like to donate towards to cost of The Clarion, there will be a plate out during the Coffee Shop mornings and on a Sunday morning, should anyone wish to donate.

Judy Taylor – [ukspud@talktalk.net](mailto:ukspud@talktalk.net)

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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.

