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I've always been one for a good voucher. After all, why pay more for something when you can get it cheaper!

Over the years I've used many different vouchers to save money on different things, from Groupon Vouchers to Tesco Club Card vouchers. But all these vouchers have something in common; they all have terms and conditions!

And with some of them, you just can't seem to win!

- A restaurant voucher; that can only be used on the 6th Sunday in Lent in a leap year!
- Parent go free holiday voucher, as long as both parents are over 100yrs old!
- Children eat free voucher; as long as your child is no taller than 2' 6", but older than 10yrs!

In February we probably think more about love than we do most other months because of Valentine's Day, and we take this opportunity to show our love for our husbands, wives or partners. But how conditional is that love?

Is there something that we could do which would stop that person loving us? Probably!

But with God, love is different. His love for us, unlike a voucher or human love, is totally unconditional. Nothing we can do will make God love us any more, and nothing we can do will make God love us any less.

And scripture tells us of this love. 1 John 3:1 says; *‘See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!’* [NIV]

And Romans 5:8; *‘But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.’*

So, whether you receive a valentine’s card or not this year, remember God’s amazing love for you; His unconditional love!

Every blessing,
Pastor Steve

News from the Pews

Roll up, Roll Up for the greatest Jumble in Leigh, in aid of
Christian Hope International



On Sat Feb23rd 2019, 10am-12pm

Come and join us, Grab a bargain

Enjoy a bacon butty and a coffee.

If you have any jumble please contact on 07971785425.

Thank you, Pam Boughton-Smith,

Fusion Youth & Kids will be selling cakes and sweets in the concourse during the jumble sale from 10am to 12pm. All proceeds for this stall will be going to Fusion to fund new equipment. We would welcome any donations of cakes or sweets. Please contact Emma Hearn if you can donate a cake(s) or leave your donation in the kitchen with a note ready in time for the sale.



Many thanks for your support

Emma Fusion Youth Leader

WESLEY CHARITY NEWS 8.1.19

The decision made at Church Council, September 2018, to concentrate on one charity only for all Christmas collections except Christingle seems to have been welcomed.

Action for Children was the charity chosen and Tina has reported to the following amounts: Action for Children: grand total of **£854.63**. The three services (evening Carol Service, Christmas Eve communion and Christmas morning) raised £503,02 plus another £220 in cheques written directly to AFC.

Carol singing raised **£131.61** (I am not sure, but I think each year the group choose AFC, and this is separate from collections).

The Christingle collection was given for Winston's Wish and totalled **£390.19**. This Charity was chosen by the young people.

Eileen Simmons

PASTORAL NEWS

Margaret Buckey has been a valued member of the Pastoral Visitors' team for a very, very long time and has now decided not to continue. We want to thank her warmly for her commitment and dedication shown over the years.

Members of her Pastoral group have been consulted and reallocated and I want to thank Joy Milner and Adrian Gravatt, who have new members in their groups.

Eileen Simmons

ALLEGRO CONCERT, JUNE 22nd.

2019

The Allegro Choir asked if they could return to Wesley to give another charity fund raising concert, as our sanctuary is a beautiful concert venue and we are so hospitable!

I need to bid for the charities to benefit and Church Council agreed with my suggestions. The bid to Allegro was successful and the profits will be equally divided between **ALZHEIMERS** and Wesley's work among Young People; namely **FUSION**.

The choir are excellent and provide an enjoyable evening's entertainment. We do need to sell lots of tickets to make it a worthwhile evening financially as they have some expenses to cover advertising and their professional pianist.

Please kindly put this date in your diaries.

Eileen Simmons

POSTERS AND BANNERS!

Do you run a church event, and require the use of the poster boards at the front of the church?

We have a number of fantastic events that we run here at Wesley - both regular and one-off. We are also incredibly lucky to have prime advertising space in the centre of Leigh. To ensure that every church event gets equal opportunity to use the poster boards, it would be really helpful if you could indicate when you would like to use one of the boards, in the new 'Poster Board folder' in the Vestry. All you have to do is mark in when you would like the space from and to. This will ensure we all know the available space and can work with each other to plan ahead and keep the boards updated and fresh and avoid any problems at particularly busy times of the year.

There is also space in the folder to indicate when banners will be put up/taken down, so if you use a banner please could I ask that this is marked in the folder too?

Thank you for your help!

Anna Wratishaw

INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Inclusive Church is an educational charity, and a network of churches who believe in church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality; a church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

Following Church Council approval in September, an application was made to register Wesley as an Inclusive Church.

I am pleased to inform you that after a meeting of Inclusive Church's Trustees, Wesley is now registered as an Inclusive Church.

This demonstrates our willingness to be seen as 'inclusive' and open to all.

As we explore what it means to be 'inclusive' and look at our church life from this standpoint, I would encourage you

to please let one of the leadership team know if you have any suggestions on how we can adjust any area

of church life to make it more inclusive - whether practical or theological! This is an exciting opportunity for us all and I hope we grasp it with both hands.

Anna Wratishlaw



Thank you everyone for making my big birthday such a happy occasion. I did try to keep it secret but the Wesley grapevine is very efficient, even spreading to France. I was quite overwhelmed with so many lovely cards and presents, it took me all the morning to open them. I feel very humbled to think of so many kind friends taking so much trouble for me. Thank you so much everyone.

I would also like to thank the Pastoral Committee for the box of Roses chocolates at Christmas. I really don't know what I would have done without the loving care and support of the church family since I moved to Southend.

I do hope to return to Leigh one day when all the legal problems are resolved.

With best wishes to you all. From Jean Turner.



May I through the Clarion express my "Thanks" for not only the past Christmas gift and good wishes, but the many kindnesses shown with Easter Posy's and past gifts of flowers etc.

Viv who so regularly delivers them, knows how much I enjoy them, I have not personally thanked the Church so now with pen to paper I have.

THANK YOU LOVELY WESLEY

Lou Daniels

CAROL SINGING

This year the Carol singing was on Friday 21st December. There were not so many of us, but the singing was wonderful. One couple was very impressed that Paul could play O' Holy Night and the group could sing it without music or words. Needless to say, I was not singing but with the collection tub. For me it is the faces of the children who come out and you see the wonderment of Christmas in their smiles and in their eyes. This year a family heard us and although we do not knock on their door they came, like an adventure to let the children see and hear the Carol Singers.

Many thanks to singers. Many, many thanks to Paul who for decades has played the accordion (weather permitting) and is moving soon to Cambridgeshire

Early warning, this year the Carol Singing will be on Friday 20th December everyone welcome

We raised £130 for Action for Children

Finally, be assured this coming year I will have collection tubs that say Action for Children and not National Children's Homes!

Thank you again for those singers and musicians

Jane

Wesley Christmas Posting Box

This Christmas £145.00 was raised from the Card Posting Box and will be sent to Nkanfoa Methodist School in Ghana to support Ian and Diana Bosman's work with them. Thank you!

Concert Group

“ELVIS” TRIBUTE PERFORMANCE

On Saturday 9th February 2019, The Concerts at Wesley Group presents:

ELVIS PRESLEY

with Michael Glayser as the King of Rock and Roll

Michael will be performing many of Elvis's greatest and most well-known and much-loved songs including gospel songs, all of which helped Elvis to transcend America's centuries old racial divide.

It's still not too late to make your New Year's resolutions, so why not make a resolution to come and support the

Concerts at Wesley events throughout the 2019 season.
Dust off your old blue suede shoes and join the rest of the audience in singing along with Michael's renditions of some of your favourite and most unforgettable songs.

Concerts at Wesley look forward in welcoming you to listen to this wonderful award winning and internationally acclaimed Elvis tribute singer.

CONCERT COMMENCES: 7.30PM

TICKETS – £10.00 (Inc refreshments of tea/coffee, cakes/biscuits)

(under 16 years old free)

Tickets available from:

Rupert Bertie – 07970 081324

Richard King – 07860 947343

Janice Bertie – 07727 022947

Concerts at Wesley –

email address:

wesleyconcerts@outlook.com

COMING UP



TEL: 01702 345373

Age Concern Community Club

**Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh Tuesdays 2 –
4pm**

Tues 5 th Feb	'Rock and Roll will never Die' Round 2 speaker Wesley	
Tues 12 th Feb	Quiz and Games Wesley	
Tues 19 th Feb	Lunch – The Cricketers	12.30pm £11.95 for 2 courses. £5 deposit + £1 admin required
Tues 26 th Feb	Quiz and Games Wesley	
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed		



Friday 8th February “G I Blues”(1960) 10.30am

A 1960 American musical comedy about a tank crewman serving with the US Army in Germany, who happens also to be a talented singer. If that sounds a bit like Elvis then it's no coincidence, as the movie does indeed star The King in his first movie role in 2 years, during which time the real Elvis also served in the US Army in Germany.

Full of classic songs, such as Wooden Heart and Blue Suede Shoes, the movie was nominated for two Grammy Awards in 1960.

This is a FREE event with refreshment available throughout coffee mornings.

So why not come along and get yourself in the mood for
MICHAEL GLAYSHER SINGS ELVIS PRESLEY concert

Sat 9th Feb 2019 7.30pm

(raising funds for the work of the church in the community)



**You Are Invited To
A Time of Worship, Poetry & Testimony**

**Called to Lebanon-The Journey So Far
with Anna Turner**

**Southend and Leigh Circuit Service
At Highlands Methodist Church
Sutherland Boulevard, Leigh, SS9 3PT
Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 4pm
Refreshments After Service
All Welcome**

United Methodist Church

An Easter holiday to Great Yarmouth has been organised by Terry and Jacquie Gallery from Great Wakering, and they would like to invite folk from other circuit churches to share the 5 days with them from April 22nd to April 26th. There is currently 1 single room and a further number of double/twin rooms available.

The inclusive cost is £325 per person with the option of extra single occupant using twin rooms at a further small cost.

For further information please contact

Email: terrygalley@btinternet.com

Tel: 01702-218623 or Mob: 07786916566

Thorpe Bay Methodist Church



THORPE BAY METHODIST
CHURCH

**"the NIGHT
the
MUSIC
SAVED US"**

FEBRUARY 9TH
6:30PM

FREE
(SUGGESTED DONATION £5)

THE BROADWAY, SS1 3HQ

LIVING DISCIPLESHIP LENT COURSE

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IN THIS COURSE WE WILL EXPLORE WAYS OF LIVING OUT DISCIPLESHIP IN THE WIDER WORLD
THROUGH THE LENS OF CHAPLAINCY AND OTHER MISSION-BASED MINISTRIES.

THIS COURSE IS FOR YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP YOUR
CONFIDENCE IN SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS THROUGH CONVERSATION AND
SERVICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Lent starts - Wed 6th March Worship academy
week 1- 13th March- Lent course
week 2- 20th March- Lent course
Week 3- 27th March- Lent course
week 4- 3rd April Worship Academy (lent course paused this week)
week 5- 10th April- Lent course
Week 6- 17th April- Lent course
Lent finishes Saturday 20th April

Venue: Highlands Methodist Church 7:30pm - 9:15pm with refreshments

Please sign up by emailing luke.dobson@me.com

Flower Rota for February

Feb 3rd - Flowers given by Maureen Lewis and family in loving memory of her parents, Eric and Ann Brown.

Feb 10th - Flowers given by Joy Milner and family in loving memory of Derek and Paddy on their birthdays.

Feb 17th - Flowers given by Liz Evans and family in loving memory of her father Alan Moss and his granddaughter Kate.

Feb 24th - 
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.

Gabrielle Greenway 557071 mob 07554884780

Isobel Wratishlaw 557764 mob 07508164525

Steve Hockett 478772 mob 07952058251

Jane Fulford

Linda Lister

June Childs 711891

Vivien Threadgold 713325

Miriam Gifford 716175



TIME FOR HEALING

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 16th February 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. We hope to see you there.

Further meetings are currently planned for the following dates:

- March 16th
- April 13th
- May 18th
- June 22nd
- July 20th
- August - no meeting
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th Terry Harper

REGULAR SERVICES AND

EVENTS AT WESLEY

Sundays

11:00 am 3rd of February 2019 – Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper and Youth Workers Dedication –

Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo

9:00am 10th February 2019 – Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper- Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo

11:00 am 10th of February 2019 – Preacher:: Mrs Danella
Mayo

11:00 am 17th February 2019 – Preacher: Mrs Kathy
McCullough

11:00 am 24th February 2019 – Preacher: Rev Margaret
Deans CTM

Contemporary Worship – Inspire – Every 3rd Sunday at
5:30pm – Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo

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 – 3rd 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 3rd Tuesday Leigh Afternoon WI

Tuesday House Group will resume on the 5th February 2019

8pm - Creative Workshop – Church Space – every 4th

Tuesday in the month – All are welcome

Wednesdays

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

10 am – Parent and Toddler – Canteen room – **Parent and Toddler will not be running during half term (February 20th)**

2:30 pm – Talking Poetry – Canteen room at 2:30 pm –

Dates for February are as follows:

13th Feb – Shakespeare Sonnet

27th Feb – Edward Thomas

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

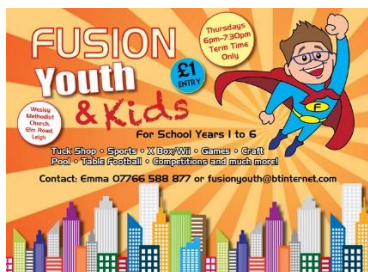
7:30- Cameo House group meets on the 3rd Wed in homes of members, please contact Jane Fulford for more information.

Thursdays

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

6 pm – Fusion Kids (School Terms Yrs 1 – 6)

8pm – Thursday Call – Every 3rd 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)

Table Tennis 60 + will not be running during half term (February 22nd)

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

Editors information

Please could I have all items for the March Clarion by Friday 15th February 2019. 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

**Wesley Methodist
Southend and Leigh**



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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.

