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MINISTER'S LETTER



Easter, that wonderful time of the year when we can remember the sacrifice of Jesus for each of us, and celebrate our risen Saviour all in the same weekend! I remember a few years back in one of my previous churches, having an Easter egg hunt in the service for the children.

Before the service, and before people arrived, some of the Sunday school teachers hid foil wrapped chocolate eggs around the church. When it came to the part of the service where the children took part in the hunt, there was much fun and laughter as the one by one the eggs were found. The service then continued.

Some 3 years or so later, the church was having a Spring clean and we used scaffold to reach the high parts of the

church to dust etc. Upon looking down at the church, I noticed quite high up, something shiny on top of one of the pillars, and you've guessed it, it was an Easter egg never found from the Easter egg hunt all those years before.

Strangely though, nobody fancied eating it!!!

But this made me think.

How often have we been given the gift of Jesus at Easter and never unwrapped Him?

How many Easter services have we attended and never tasted the glorious riches He has for each of us because we've never unwrapped Him, or maybe never even found Him?

So, what is this gift?

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'

[John 3:16-17 NIV]

The gift then, is eternal life!

And unlike Easter eggs, the gift of Jesus never goes out of date or perishes; the gift of Jesus lasts forever.

May each one of us unwrap Jesus this Easter and fully experience His love and grace.

Easters blessings, **Pastor Steve**

News from the Pews



A Big thank to team jumble, your hard work enabled us to raise £1,515.03 for Christian Hope International, in there 25th year of working with the Christian Community in the developing world. The money we raised will go to fund nurse projects in Uganda and Rwanda, (a nurse costs £6 a day) Pam Boughton – Smith



Liz, Ray and all the Moss family would like to thank the Church family for their love and support since Molly's passing and would like to thank you for your generosity in donating to Action for Children, Christian Hope International and RNIB - the total amount of funds has raised over £1000.



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Barbara Redman is no longer able to attend Church on a regular basis due to her health, but she would like to send her best wishes to all her Wesley friends.'

Thanks.

Joy (Milner)

LONDON MARATHON

My name is Ian and I was fortunate enough to be given a slot in the London Marathon 2019 through the ballot. I've always done sports but it is only really since 2017 that I have started to run properly and get into some form of good shape.

Although I don't have to raise money for a charity, a few people said they will support me, so I have decided to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. From being Southend United's shirt sponsor, to helping my family in the past, they are a charity I have a close connection with and would like to support them, any way I can.

It will be an important day on the 28th April and I am hoping to do myself, my friends, and most importantly my family very proud, on what should be a great day.

If you wish to sponsor me, it would be very much appreciated, and this is my link for the Just Giving page:-
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-charnock2607>

Thank you.

Ian Charnock

OUR WESLEY STORIES

If you have friends or relatives who would be interested to receive a copy of Our Wesley Stories, then please take a copy from the vestry. A donation towards the cost of this second print run would be very much appreciated. Eileen Simmons

WESLEY CHARITY NEWS

The first point must be a massive thank you and congratulations to all who helped raise such an amazing amount (£ 1500) for *Christian Hope International* from the annual jumble sale. Pam Broughton Smith, Vivian Threadgold, and Linda Forbes and a large team of helpers worked so hard, but the outcome made it all worthwhile.

Action for Children produce a newsletter regularly and as 2019 is their 150th. anniversary year they want to mark it as

very special. Wesley was the first church mentioned in the column headed: '*A massive thank you to*' (see the noticeboard in the concourse).

It is lovely to belong to a generous church. Our Wesley theatre group are busy rehearsing their next play, 'Bothered and Bewildered' to be performed on Friday April 12th. and Saturday April 13th. Tickets can be obtained from members and there will be a retiring collection for the *Alzheimer's Society*. Eileen Simmons

METHODIST SUMMER **FELLOWSHIP**

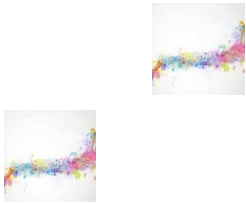
Geoff and I are booked to go to with two grandchildren to the Methodist Summer Fellowship from Saturday August 3rd. to Friday August 9th. It is held at the Swanwick Conference Centre in Derbyshire and this year's theme is PEACEMAKING – a constructive, challenging and contemplative approach to living with conflict in our lives.

The programme includes daily Bible studies, seminars, workshops, worship, games and sport. We thoroughly recommend it for any age group.

Please ask any questions. We would love to have you join us. See the website:

METHODISTSUMMERFELLOWSHIP.ORG Eileen
Simmons and Geoff Nash

COMING UP SOON



Concerts at Wesley

Wesley Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea

Jazz at Wesley

Our Spring Season continued on 9th March with a concert by Southend Jazz Co-operative which was attended by an audience of over 60.

A band of fourteen performed a big band concert featuring a range of jazz standards from Gershwin, Rogers and Hart, and Cole Porter to a variety of jazz classics from composers as varied as Charles Mingus, Miles Davis, Horace Silver and Cannonball Adderley. These included “Little Suede Shoes”, “Boogie Stop Shuffle” and in the

second set “Love for Sale”, “It could Happen” and “Summertime”.



The funds raised go towards the work of the church in the community.

Concerts at Wesley Group would like to express their appreciation for the support of those from the church who attended, but we would love to see more church members at these events enjoying a good night out.

We continue to need help and support from the church particularly for refreshments

The programme continues with a Concert by the The Southend Wind Orchestra with St. Bernard’s Chamber Choir on 23rd March at Wesley. Tickets £8 concessions £7 available on the door.

For further Information contact :
informationwesleconcerts@outlook.com

Concerts at Wesley
Elm Road Leigh-on-Sea

SPRING/SUMMER

23rd MARCH
19.30 p.m.

**THE SOUTHEND WIND
ORCHESTRA WITH ST.
BERNARD'S CHAMBER
CHOIR**

" A MUSICAL JOURNEY
THROUGH THE YEAR-SPRING"
Tickets £8 Concessions £7



27th APRIL
19.30 p.m.

**DA CAPO SINGERS
WITH
THE SOUTHEND BAND**
" THE MEMORIES OF ALL
THAT"

Tickets £8

**The
Da Capo Singers**



25th MAY
19.30 p.m.

**THE SOUTHEND BAND
WITH ALISON QUARRELL**
"WHO COULD ASK FOR
ANYTHING MORE"

Featuring music by Gershwin
and Cole Porter.

A concert of Big Band and swing

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE WORK OF THE
CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY

Tickets £8



Tickets available from the performers, at the door on the
night or ordered from wesleyconcerts@outlook.com



TEL: 01702 345373

Age Concern Community Club

Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Tues 2 nd April	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 9 th April	Speaker (TBA) Wesley
Tues 16 th April	Lunch, shop and enjoy Morleys garden centre, Wakering 1.30pm. Make your own way or go on mini bus/driver list. £7 non-refundable deposit for mini bus. £1 admin. Buy your own food and drink
Tues 23 rd April	Light lunch 2 courses at Wesley .2pm. £1 admin, names to Miki cost £6. Select from menu
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed	

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

Wesley Theatre Group
presents



Bothered & Bewildered

A play by Gail Young

**Fri 12th &
Sat 13th April**
at 7.30pm

Tickets: £7
Box Office:
01702 480968



including a retiring collection for Alzheimer's Society
Wesley Hall | Wesley Methodist Church
Elm Road | Leigh-on-Sea



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SUMMERTIME AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES 2019

Spring has arrived and we begin our tea and cake afternoons on the last Thursday of each month from April until October.

Thursday afternoons 2-4pm

April 25th
May 30th
June 27th
July 25th
Aug 29th
Sept 26th
Oct 31st



Looking forward to seeing you and please invite your friends, families and neighbours too.


All are welcome.

Janet Whiddett

Wesley Methodist Church




Flower Rota for April

7th April - 

14th April – Flowers given by Janet Whiddett and Gillian Price in loving memory of their parents Margaret and Eddie Thomas.

21st April – Easter Sunday

28th April - 

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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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

Time for Healing – the next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 13th April 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:

- 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

.7th April 11am – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

14th April 9am – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

14th April 11am – Preacher: Rev G Bates

21st April 11am – Easter Day – Preacher: Mrs J Fulford

28th April 11am – Preacher: Rev M Deans

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

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 & Toddler will not be meeting on 10th and 17th April. Will resume the week after.**

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

Dates for April are as follows:

10th April – Seamus Heaney

24th April – Cecil Day Lewis (Poet Laureate)

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
18th April- Maundy Thursday@ 7:30pm- United Service at Highlands.

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 not there on 12th and 19th April. Will resume the week after.**

19th April- Good Friday at 11am – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo
-United Service.

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 see. Time for Healing article for dates

Editors information

Please could I have all items for the May Clarion by Friday 19th April 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

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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.

