

# THE CLARION



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# MINISTER'S LETTER



I meet people every week who don't feel that they have anything to offer to the church in way of gifts and talents; disheartened people who have very little hope and positivity about their role within God's church. I think its probably human nature to look at others and wish we had their gifts or talents. But God's has made us all as individuals, all different, all for a purpose and necessary for the smooth working of the church. We are all cogs in the workings of the church.

1 Corinthians 12:14-22 tells us; <sup>14</sup> *Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.* <sup>15</sup> *If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body.* <sup>16</sup> *And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body?* <sup>17</sup> *If the whole body*

*were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?*

*<sup>18</sup> But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup> How strange a body would be if it had only one part! <sup>20</sup> Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." <sup>22</sup> In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.' [NLT]*

So, if you're feeling that you don't have a role or don't seem to fit in anywhere in church, then think again. YOU are important to God and to the smooth working of His church. You are a cog! Vital and important.

Take strength and encouragement from the reading above from 1 Corinthians, and find where you fit in your church.

Every blessings,

**Pastor Steve, May 2019**

## News from the Pews

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year the week begins on 12<sup>th</sup>. May and ends on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes for contributions will be placed on chairs and they should be returned to the church on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or 26<sup>th</sup> May. I hope you feel able to support this worthy cause with as much as you feel you can afford. Many thanks.

Adrian Gravatt



### THANKS

Barbara Davison would like to thank all the kind people who have visited and sent cards to her while she has been staying in Adalah. Annette Jarvis goes regularly and is our main source of news. When I went to see her, she was anxious that her thanks went into the Clarion.

Eileen Simmons 13.4.19

## **WESLEY CHARITY NEWS**

The Wesley Theatre Group raised £80 for Alzheimer's from a retiring collection after their recent performance.

## **News from Fenland**

Paul and Kate are settling in to their new home in the Fens, in a small town just east of Peterborough. Our address and phone number are:

The Lindens, 4 Gracious Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1AP. 01733 350088.

We were so grateful for your farewell gifts and we've put them to good use, with curtains, chairs and a new TV. We still seem to be living out of boxes, with no idea where all the books will go! However, a room at a time is being carefully prepared and the living room and 'music room' look really good.

Paul has joined a local choir, the St Peter's Singers in Peterborough, and has already been involved in a recording

session for some Christmas music (nothing like getting in early). Kate has completed a commission of ceramic pieces for a school in Basildon and will look forward to getting her studio properly up and running. We've been to a couple of local churches, the Anglican and the Methodist/URC, and haven't yet settled on which one to join.

It's only 15 minutes off the A1, so any time you're travelling north (or back south) and you fancy a break do give us a ring and drop in for a cup of tea or coffee. We'd love to see you! Paul McDowell



## **Dementia Action Week 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May**

Almost all of us know someone affected by dementia. But too many people living with dementia report feeling cut off from their community, losing their friendships and facing dementia alone.

Having dementia shouldn't mean an isolated life. And it doesn't have to. Simple actions from us all can create supportive communities - where people living with the condition can continue to socialise with others, hop on the bus, go to their favourite shops or take part in local activities for as long as possible.




We all have a role to play in making the UK a dementia-friendly place to live and that's what Dementia Action Week is all about.

At Wesley our May Memory Worship takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> May with the theme of our service being "The Lord's my Shepherd", so why not come along and see how you too could make a difference.



.....  
Worship for those with  
and without Dementia  
.....

2 PM - 4 PM  
3RD MONDAY  
OF THE MONTH



Working to become  
**Dementia  
Friendly**  
2018-2019



# COMING UP SOON



## 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](mailto:wesleyconcerts@outlook.com)

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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 May**

May 5th 🌸🌸🌸

May 12th Flowers given by Jane Fulford in loving memory of her mother.

May 19th Flowers given by Ann Dray in loving memory of her husband Peter.

May 26th 🌸🌸🌸



## **ACM!!!!!!!!!!!!**

In church from 29<sup>th</sup> April you will find in the foyer and the back of the church, the following documents for the Annual Church Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- Annual Church Meeting Agenda
- Annual Church Reports 2019 included audited accounted for 2017-2018
- Minutes from meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018



# **Annual Church Meeting**

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 12:30**

### **Agenda**

Opening Prayers

Attendance and Apologies

Remembering the Saints in Glory.

Molly Moss

David Johnson

Minutes from the last meeting & Matters arising

Thank you to those who have served

National Lottery Grant Applications

Election of New Officers and Existing Officers for re-election.

# 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

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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 18<sup>th</sup> May 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:

- June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- July 20<sup>th</sup>
- August - no meeting
- September 21<sup>st</sup>
- October 19<sup>th</sup>
- November 16<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup>

Terry Harper

# **REGULAR SERVICES AND** **EVENTS AT WESLEY**

## **Sundays**

.5<sup>th</sup> May at 11am – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo and Rev M Rutterford – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

12<sup>th</sup> May at 9am – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and

12 May at 11am-Preacher: Mr J Phillips

19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am – Preacher: Rev C Newman

26<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am - US at Highlands

## **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 (**There will be no Parent and Toddler on the 29<sup>th</sup> May**)

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

**Dates for May are as follows:**

15<sup>th</sup> May – Emily Dickinson

29<sup>th</sup> May – Gillian Clarke

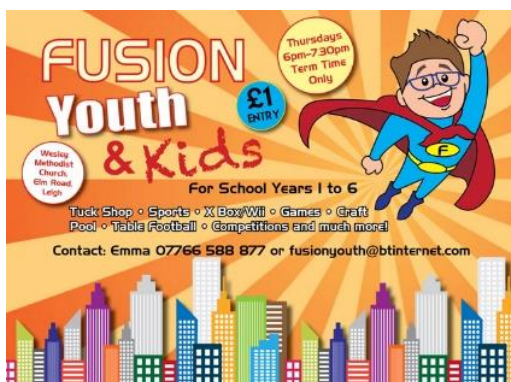
6pm – St John Ambulance – Youth Hall and Room 2

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

## Thursdays

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

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



## 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) **(There will**

**be no session on the 31<sup>st</sup> May)**

## **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 June Clarion by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto:ukspud@talktalk.net)

**Wesley Methodist  
Southend and Leigh**



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**Circuit**

[www.southendandleigh.org](http://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.

