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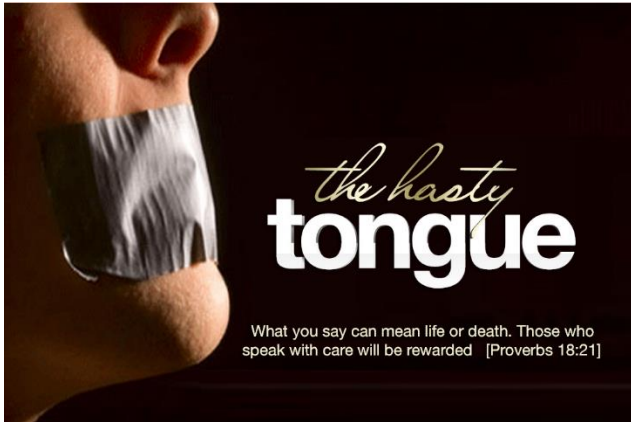
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MINISTER'S LETTER



I have been reminded recently about the power of the tongue. James says in his book, in chapter 3:3-6; ³ *When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.* ⁴ *Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.* ⁵ *Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.* ⁶ *The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.* [NIVUK]

Our tongues can cause a huge amount of damage not only to those we come into contact with, but also to the wider church. Small negative, derogative comments can cause huge pain and division even though the tongue is one of the smallest parts of the body. James refers to the tongue as a ship's rudder or a horse's bit, able to affect a much larger object.

This portion of scripture is usually used to warn us about the damage our tongues can have when we use them unwisely. But what if we were to flip the coin, so to speak, and consider the massive amount of good that can also be achieved with the tongue.

Passing on positivity to others not only benefits them, but also gives us a sense of fulfilment and well-being.

Stopping for a moment when we are about to respond to someone, and considering the consequences, may enable us to build others and the church up, rather than demolishing!

“Pick your words carefully as it has the power to make the sentence beautiful or ugly.....” [Adil Adam Memon]

May God give each of us the wisdom and strength to control our tongues when necessary.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

News from the Pews

Local news – Open Top Bus Service 68 now operating



The much-appreciated Open Top Bus service - Number 68 - from Leigh along the Seafront to Southend makes a welcome return for this Summer.

The **Low Season** service commenced on **22nd June** with a broadly hourly frequency. Services depart from the Leigh Rectory Grove stop at the following times: 10.21, 11.21, 12.21, 13.21, and then at 14.51, 15.51, and 16.51.

Return services from Southend Pier operate at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, and then at 14.30, 15.30, and 16.30.

The **High Season** service runs from **27th July to 31st August*** with half hourly services departing from the Leigh Rectory Grove stop at the following times: 9.51,10.21, 10.51, 11.21, 11.51, 12.21, 12.51, 13.21, and then at 14.21, 14.51, 15.21, 15.51, 16.21, and 16.51.

Return services from Southend Pier operate at 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00, 12.30, 13.00, and then at 14.00,14.30, 15.00, 15.30, 16.00, 16.30, and 17.00.

A full timetable and other details will be found on the notice board in the Church concourse and at main bus stops.

(*- Excludes Bank Holiday - Monday 26th August when Low Season services applies.)

WESLEY CHARITY NEWS

The recent Christian Aid collection raised £ 254. Thank you to all who contributed and to Adrian Gravatt, who organised it.

David Johnson's family have told us that his funeral service donations totalled £ 403.75p for Action for Children, also called AfC.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY



Action for Children Sunday takes place on July 14th. 2019 is a VERY SPECIAL YEAR, as it is their 150th. anniversary. “This July marks 150 years since The Reverend Thomas Bowman Stephenson gave the very first ‘gift of childhood’ through The Children’s Home as AfC was called then. He offered a home, hope and love to children deprived of a safe and happy childhood”. The first two homeless boys, who lived in the home were Fred and George.

This legacy of kindness and care continues today.

Wesley will celebrate this anniversary on July 14th. at a service led by Sue Hockett. I have arranged for our own AfC representative, Laura Hanratta, to come to Wesley and join in the service.

I shall arrange for their AfC gift envelopes to be available for three weeks so everyone, who chooses to, may have the opportunity to give.

When I joined Wesley, I was so pleased that Action for Children was so special to our congregation, as it always has been to me.

Do put your envelope in our collection bags along with your usual offering. Please be as generous as you can be.

Eileen Simmons

20.6.19

Concerts at Wesley

Press release– Clarion Summer 2019

Since our last article we have held the following concerts

Portraits in Song Saturday 25th May by The Southend Band performed a concert “Who could ask for anything More?” with the acclaimed soloist Alison Quarrell.

The programme included well known modern classics “Baby its cold outside” “Under the boardwalk and music from Mary Poppins.

After the interval the enjoyment continued with a programme including “You are the sunshine of my life and I only have eyes for you “

The concert raised funds for the work of the church in the community.

On 15th June Southend Wind Orchestra organised another of their concerts with the return of Alumnae a choir of ex St Bernard’s pupils

On 22nd June Allegro sang “Songs for all Seasons” an evening of music from traditional and new choral arrangements to popular modern composers and hit musicals.

As the title suggests the concert was divided into four. Spring included works by Gilbert and Sullivan and Rodgers and Hammerstein Summer included “Too Darned Hot” and “Bring me sunshine”. The second Half commenced with. autumn included classics like” Fields of Gold”,” Autumn Leaves”. The concerts conclude with Winter and less well known works such as Good Ale and Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind.

The concert raised funds for The Alzheimer’s Society and Fusion Youth and Kids



Concerts at Wesley



Press release- Clarion Autumn 2019

The autumn season starts on 21 September with **The Waterside Choir** who will be singing contemporary songs such as “Desparado”, “Happy”, “Because we believe”, “Georgia on my mind”, etc

They are an award-winning choir many times over and Dave is a Grammy nominated arranger, so all the arrangements are wonderful. There will also be solos/duos.

Tickets £8 . Profits will go to the work of the church in the community

This is followed on 28th by a Concert organised by **Southend Wind Orchestra with Trilogy**

On 19th October our organist Ashley Thorpe brings his **Triple H** choir to Wesley with a concert entitled Music Theatre 190-1940 including music from Wizard of Oz, Showboat, and Anything Goes. to raise money for the work of the church in the community

Ticket Price £8

On the 9th November the Vox Choir is giving a concert in aid of the Charity **Music Man** and the work of the church in the community. They aim to provide a fun evening
Ticket Price £10

The 13th December sees the return of **Gaudeamus** giving their concert

The season finishes on 14th December with a concert organised by **Southend Wind Orchestra with Alumnae**

UPDATE FROM ADVISORY FINANCE GROUP



May 20019

Income	£7,150.14
Expenditure	£15,023.79
Net	-£7,873.65

Year to end of May 19

Income	£77,108.43
Expenditure	£87,997.52
Net	£10,889.09 (Minus)

Tina Gowers



Southend Talking Newspaper is a FREE, weekly, audio record of local news for blind and partially sighted people who are unable to read a newspaper.

Each week our volunteers read and record about an hour of local news. It is posted, “first class”, to our visually impaired listeners, keeping them up to date with local events and matters of interest. There is also a regular audio “magazine edition” with local and more distant articles.

We record on CD or special USB memory sticks and can provide a USB player, at no cost to the listener, if necessary. Do you know someone who is unable to read the paper and who might welcome this FREE service? If so please contact:

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Secretary Eric Quarmby on 01702 554536 or
Chairman Nigel Gayner on 01702 305064

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Southend Talking Newspaper was originally formed as a community project by Southend Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs.

It became an independent charity in 1980.

COMING UP SOON



Fusion Youth & Kids Summer Special

Thursday 4 July 6pm to 8pm school years 1 to 6

£2 entrance

Lots going on from go karts, beat the goalie and knocking down the buckets competitions, circus training, craft, tuck, food, music, awards & prize giving for our year 6's and more! Something for everyone.

We would like to invite our Church Family to join us in Church from 7.20pm until 8pm to watch the children's Greatest Showman showcase, and the award & prize giving (for our year 6's who will be leaving Fusion this term). It would be chance to see the work of Fusion and join in our end of year celebration. Hope you can make it. Emma

FUSION +

New Youth Club for secondary school age group

Meeting Tuesday 9th July 7.30pm in the Sanctuary

Pastor Steve and I would welcome anyone that is interested in becoming a volunteer for a new and exciting youth club for the older children to attend a meeting on Tuesday 9 July.

Fusion Youth & Kids has flourished over the last year and we regularly see 80 to 90 children on a Thursday night. The age range for this is primary school – years 1 to 6. This September we will be saying goodbye to around 50 year 6's some of whom have asked can they stay on! There is clearly a need for an older youth club for these young people.

The work of Fusion runs solely on fantastic volunteers and in order to run a **Fusion +** we need the commitment and support of further volunteers. **Could this be you?**

At the moment we are looking at running **Fusion +** after **Fusion Youth & Kids** on a Thursday night from 7.30pm to 9pm. The younger ones would go out one entrance and the older ones arrive through another. We need all sorts of volunteers from someone to take the register as the young people arrive and collect admission fee, man the tuck shop

and drinks to sitting and chatting with them, playing a game of pool or organising a game of football etc....

All ages of volunteers welcomed – it's about being a support on the night, an extra pair of hands in whatever capacity you can.

If you're interested in helping out but can't make the meeting please contact me as I would love to hear from you.

Many thanks

Emma

Fusion Youth Leader

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Wesley Methodist Church

Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd
Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Dates for the Diary

–£2 Admission

Tues 2 nd July	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 9 th July	Speaker Lin Boulter CEO Age Concern Southend. (All about Age Concern Southend and the latest information on ‘The Haven’.
Tues 16 th July	Lunch at Sunflower Bistro Southend 12.30pm. £11 + £1 admin (£5 deposit required)
Tues 23 rd July	Quiz and Games
Tues 30 th July	SummerTea at the Wesley 2pm. £6 plus £1 admin. Names to Miki please
Tues 6 th Aug	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 13 th Aug	Quiz and Games Wesley

Tues 20 th Aug	Lunch at Affinity Restaurant, Leigh On Sea. £11.00 + £1 admin – names to Miki please.
Tues 27 th Aug	Fish and Chips at Wesley 2pm. £6 + £1 admin.
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed	

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 July and August

7th July – Flowers given by Adrian Gravatt in loving memory of his wife, Patricia

14th July – Flowers given by Audrey Bundy in loving memory of her mother, Kathleen Morgan.

21st July – Flowers given by the Chandler family in loving memory of Winnie and Wally Chandler who were married at Wesley, July 1939.

28th July – 

4th August – Flowers given by Pam Boughton-Smith, in loving memory of her father, Frank Fance.

11th August – No service.

18th August – No service.

25th August – No service.

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.

Time for Healing – the next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 20th July 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:

- August - no meeting
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th

REGULAR SERVICES AND **EVENTS AT WESLEY for JULY** **and AUGUST 2019**

Sundays

July

7th July at 11:00 – Preacher Pastor Steve Mayo

14th July at 9:00 – Preacher Pastor Steve Mayo for the
Scarament of the Lord's Supper.

14th July at 11:00 – Preacher Mrs S Hockett

21st July at 11:00 – Preacher Mr P Saunders

21st July at 5:30 – Contempory Worship Inspire

28th July at 11:00 – Local Arrangement

August

4th August at 11:00- Preacher Pastor Steve Mayo, to
include the Scarament of the Lord's Supper.

11th August at 9:00 – Preacher Steve Mayo for the Scarament of the Lord’s Supper.

11th August at 10:30 United Service at Highlands to include the Scarament of the Lord’s Supper.

18th August at 11:00 United Service at Rochford to include the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

18th August at 5:30 Contempory Worship Inspire

25th August at 11:00 United Service at Belfairs to include the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

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 – **(Not meeting in August)**

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 – 25th June led by Jane Fulford.
All are welcome

Wednesdays

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

10 am – Parent and Toddler – **(will finish on Wednesday, 17th July and resume on Wednesday, 4th September.)**

2:30 pm – Talking Poetry – Canteen room at 2:30 pm –
(Not meeting in July and August, resumes September)

6pm – St John Ambulance – Youth Hall and Room 2 (**Not meeting in August**)

7:30- Cameo House group meets on the 3rd Wed in homes of members, please contact Jane Fulford for more information. **(Not meeting in August)**

Thursdays

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

6 pm – Fusion Kids (School Terms Yrs 1 – 6) (**Not meeting in August**)



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 will finish on Friday, 26th July and resume on Friday, 20th September.)

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 September Clarion by Friday 23rd August 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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