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MINISTER'S LETTER



I attended a Memory Worship (dementia friendly service) at one of my churches this month, where some very young children from the pre-school nursery, joined us to sing their rainbow song.

Seeing these children sat there waiting for their performance, reminded me of what the Bible says about children and faith.

Children accept things as truth, without question, whether that's the existence of Father Christmas, or a simple belief in the existence of God.

But as we mature in age and spirituality, we seem to lose that simple form of faith that children have. We start to question, and at times we can become very sceptical of what we read and hear about in the Bible.

Now, I don't think it's right for us to have a totally '*blind faith*', but we do need to understand that we will never fully

understand the mysteries of our God this side of heaven. 1 Corinthians 13:12 says; *'For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

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We see total awe in the faces of children as they learn something new and as they soak up the environment around them.

We too, need to keep that sense of awe as we too learn more about our Heavenly Father and the plans he has for each of us as His children.

My prayer for each one of us is that God would invigorate each of us in future days as we journey with Him through life.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

News from the Pews



I was delighted to find a very pretty plant on my doorstep when I returned home yesterday.

Thank you everybody for continuing to remember me.

With best wishes from. Vanda R Brockway



I just wanted to take a couple of lines to say a huge thank you for your support with my first London Marathon! The amount I raised is an amazing £855 for Prostate Cancer, which will go towards doing some fantastic work for the charity. I completed the run in 4:38:17 and, although a difficult day, it was one I will not forget. It was full of excitement and emotional. My knees have just about recovered, and now time to find the next challenge. Once again, thank you. Ian Charnock

COMING UP SOON



Church Family Celebration Weekend – June 8th and 9th, 2019

This June is to be our Gift Month.

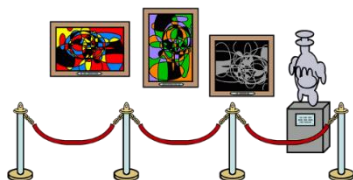
On Saturday, 8th June 2019 we shall have a special coffee morning to raise some funds for the Church and welcome the community into the Church. We would like to have a cake and plant stall on the steps of the church and therefore if you are able to make a cake or small cakes this would be much appreciated. If you are a keen gardener and can supply any plants for sale these would be much appreciated too. I should be grateful if you could let me know so I that I can make sure I have enough on the morning. We will also be organising a treasure hunt for the children in the church and other activities. We will serve tea and coffee in the church. I shall be co-ordinating this coffee morning and would be grateful if you could let me know if you are able to help in any way.

On Sunday, 9th June 2019 we will hold our celebration service followed by a bring and share lunch. Next week I will put a sign-up sheet in the concourse for those wishing to attend and those able to bring along sandwiches etc. Watch this space.

I do hope that as many people as possible will support this weekend.

Any queries please contact me sue-hockett@sky.com or 07525071023

Sue Hockett on behalf of the Leadership Team.



LEIGH ART TRAIL 2019

Wesley will again be hosting an exhibition for the Leigh Art Trail following the showing of Mary Lister's work last year.

This year it will be the artwork of West Leigh Infants School. The school will set up their exhibition in the church on Friday 7th June. It will be open to visitors from 10am to 4pm. each day from Saturday 9th until noon on Friday 14th. (excluding

Sunday 9th June). The exhibition will be stewarded by teachers and governors from the school.

Donations will be requested, which will be split equally between Wesley and the children's chosen charity which this year is the Children's' Ward (Neptune) in Southend Hospital. We also hope that there might be a boost to the coffee takings during the week!

Do come and have a look before or after the service on the 9th if you cannot visit during the week.

Geoff Nash



ALLEGRO CONCERT, JUNE 22 **at Wesley. 7 30 pm**

We now have the tickets for this concert.

Cost £10 each with free places for primary age children.

The profits are to be divided equally between:

FUSION and ALZHEIMERS.

As always, we hope to sell lots of tickets in order to have a great concert and to benefit the charities.

Any profit from the refreshments will all go to Fusion, as the helpers all come from that team.

Tickets can be bought at the door, but for organisational purposes it is better if we sell as many as possible in advance.

Previous concerts have been much appreciated.

This year they are SINGING SONGS FOR ALL SEASONS.

Eileen Simmons and Geoff Nash

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

Dates for the Diary

£2 Admission

Tues 28 th May	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 4 th June	Speaker “The 60’s Mod” Wesley
Tues 11 th June	Folk Music - A group of 6 musicians – The Yardarm Folk Orchestra. Contributions welcome. Wesley
Tues 18 th June	Lunch – Sara’s Tea Garden in Old Leigh, £10. £5 deposit + £1 admin – Light bite + homemade cake and a drink. 12.30pm
Tues 25 th June	Speaker – Stain glass making and crafts. Wesley
Tues 2 nd July	Quiz and Games Wesley
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 June

June 2nd - 

June 9th - Flowers given by Betty Bambury in loving memory of her husband, Alan.

June 16th - Flowers given by Michael Bucke in living memory of his wife, Rita.

June 23rd - Flowers given by Gerald Harnden in loving memory of his mother, Ivy and her friend Ethel Butler.

June 30 - 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.

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June Childs 711891
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Time for Healing.

Time for Healing – the next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 22nd June 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:

- July 20th
- August - no meeting
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th

The following piece (source unknown) was used as meditation for our May meeting and may be of use to others too:

The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years, this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke

to the water bearer one day by the stream. “I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you”. The bearer asked, “Why? What are you ashamed of?” The Pot replied, “For these past two years I am able to deliver only half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master’s house. Because of my flaws, you don’t get full value for your efforts”.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, “As we return to the master’s house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.” As they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, “Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you’ve watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master’s table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house.”

REGULAR SERVICES AND **EVENTS AT WESLEY**

Sundays

11am – 2nd June – Preacher – Mrs F Fulford.

9am – 9th June – Preacher – Pastor Steve – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

11am – 9th June - Preacher – Pastor Steve – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Church Anniversary.

11am – 16th June – Preacher – E. Simmons.

16th June – Inspire Worship at 5:30pm in the Church Space.

11am – 23rd June – Preacher T Strachan.

4pm – 23rd June – Circuit Service.

11am – 30th June – United Service @ Belfairs.

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 – 25th June led by Jane Fulford.

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 June are as follows:

12th June – Summer

26th June – W H Auden (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)



Fridays

10 am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome
2pm – Table Tennis 60+ - Wesley Hall (for further details
please email: 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 see. Time for Healing article for dates

Editors information

Please could I have all items for the June Clarion by Friday 21st June 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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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.

