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MINISTER'S LETTER



We are living in a massive time of change! Not only are we coming to the end of the summer with the trees starting to shed their summer coats, but our whole country, and world, is going through massive changes too.

Environmentally, we are seeing changes in our weather; from summers of extreme heat, to winters of extreme cold.

Politically, we are going through a massive time of change, with political parties jostling for power and position, and Brexit just around the corner.

And even at this time of year some of our churches and ministers will be facing change as the stationing process takes place.

And I know that each one of us will have our own list of changes which have affected us personally. All this change can leave us with a sense of uncertainty and can unsettle us. But within the book of Malachi God reveals something

of His character when He says; *'I the Lord do not change.'* [Malachi 3:6 NIV]

And the same is revealed about Jesus in Hebrews; *'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'* [Hebrews 13:8 NIV]

And many of our hymns reiterate this unchanging promise...

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

[51 STF v1]

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

[351 STF v1]

So, as we prepare ourselves for *whatever* the future brings, remember we have an unchanging God. So, step out on His promises for us as these never change.

'We may not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.'

Every blessing, Pastor Steve

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The family of Marjorie Rockley have contacted the circuit to offer several items of mobility equipment/furniture.

It was very important to Marjorie that we all make use of resources and she would have wanted these items to be helpful to others. If you are reading this notice as a pastoral visitor and think you know someone who would benefit from any of the below, please do not hesitate to ring Marjorie's daughter Anne on 07798 783126, or email annepersonalee@gmail.com

- Comfort Plus bed with massage function
- Comfort Plus reclining chair with light, heated back and massage function
- 2 high back wing chairs
- Roma rollator folding walker with seat and shopping bag
- Days wheeled trolley with two trays
- Bed grab rail

(Unfortunately, the family are not able to deliver the 3 large pieces of furniture)

Many thanks, Julie Peek.

Mission Enabler for Older People & Memory Worship facilitator, Highlands Methodist Church.

**CELEBRATION of the
Contribution of OLDER PEOPLE,
September 8 service at
11 am.**



This service will be taken by Pastor Steve and Eileen Simmons.

Thanks, are given to Pastoral visitors, who keep our housebound family members in touch with church life. Offers of people able to give lifts to church for this service, please phone Eileen. 01702 472521

As there will be a communion service on September 1st, we shall not include communion at the 11am service on September 8th but there will be the usual 9am communion that day. 21.8.19 - Eileen Simmons.

WESLEY ART GROUP



Wesley Art Group will restart on Monday 2nd September from 10am until 11.45am. The group meet every Monday except Bank Holiday and the first Monday in January and the month of August.

We would welcome any new member of any ability. We are a relaxed, friendly group and, although we are not qualified to teach, we encourage and support each other. We have

Art supplies and tea and coffee facilities and charge £3.00 per session. Come and visit any Monday morning, no commitment.

Annette Jarvis.

FAMILY NEWS



We extend our sincere Congratulations to Jonathan Charnock and Jenny Deadman who are to be married at Wesley on Saturday, 14th September at 1.30pm. Jonathan and Jenny welcome all friends to the church to come and share in their special marriage ceremony.

Our love and best wishes are with them as they celebrate their Wedding Day.

We wish Jonathan and Jenny a lifetime of love and happiness together.

From both families.

Date for your diary



On Friday, 27th September, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning will take place, and here at Wesley we will be hosting our very own special Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm on that day, in the concourse.

There will be a cake stall, handmade cards, together with the usual Macmillan competitions. Donations for the cake stall would be very much appreciated.

Please come along, bring a friend, and help us raise as much money as possible for this important work. Enjoy a lovely cup of coffee or tea, with a delicious slice of cake. We look forward to welcoming you on that morning. Thank you.

Ruth Lowden and Marjorie Charnock

UPDATE FROM TREASURER

Finance Update: June and July's Figures



Income for June	£11,104.89
Expenditure for June	£3,267.78
Net	£7,837.11+

YTD - June

Income	£88,213.32
Expenditure	£91,265.30
Net	£3,051.98-

Income for July	£9,999.04
Expenditure for July	£2,881.88
Net	£7,117.16+

YTD - July

Income	£98,212.36
Expenditure	£94,147.18
Net	£4,065.18+

These figures are for the church only and do not include charity money, Fusion, memory Worship or Theatre Group money as these are designated funds.

The total year for 2018/2019 should be published in the October Clarion.

I am hoping to publish quarterly figures, for 2019/20 too.

Weekly Offertory figures are not published as many people pay monthly by Standing Order and, therefore, the weekly figure would not be a true reflection.

Our annual circuit assessment, for 2019/2020, is £41,621.00 (quarterly payments of £10,405.25 Nov, Feb, May & Aug). This figure is based on a membership of 73 (as at 1st November 2018) and annual offertory giving of £32,887 (including Gift Aid). This equates to £47.52, per member, per month.

Tina Gowers
Treasure

Gift Aid for Tax Purposes

I have now received the Gift Aid through, for the tax year 2018 / 2019. If anyone would like to know their individual giving, and tax recovered, please give me a ring or email me and I can complete a Gift Aid return card for your tax return.

07713 179111 or TinaGowers@sky.com

HOME INSURANCE



When your home insurance is due for renewal, give Methodist Insurance a ring. Not only should their annual premium be a lot cheaper than your renewal premium, but the church will receive 20% of your first year's annual premium (or another nominated charity if you wish). Tony & I saved over £300 this year, with the church receiving £66.00 and a friend at Belfairs saved over £400.00! It's worth giving them a ring for a quote. Their number is 0345 60 61 331, Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm. Don't forget to nominate Wesley as your chosen charity.

Tina Gowers

SANCTUARY BOOKINGS

There will be a new notice board in the Concourse which will show bookings for the Sanctuary for the Methodist year September 2019 – August 2020.

As at present all bookings are to be made through Alan – please do not add to the board sheet without consulting him.

Geoff Nash (for the Finance Advisory Group)

WESLEY CHARITY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019.

Allegro

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ALLEGRO CONCERT, JUNE 22nd, 2019.

1. This raised £378.50 for FUSION and £378.50 for ALZHEIMERS.
2. Emma Hearn, Fusion leader also raised £124 with the sale of refreshments and was given a donation for Fusion of £80.
3. Over the three years we have been responsible for the ALLEGRO concerts the amounts raised have been as follows:
4. 2017- £425 .50 for Wesley Building funds and £425 .50 for Action for Children.
5. 2018- £568 for Wesley's work among Older People.
6. 2019- as above.
7. We thank ALLEGRO for their wonderful performances. They formed themselves as a choir of friends and exist to raise money for charity. Church council have been asked to approve the bids for charities to support.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN.

AfC Sunday was celebrated on July 14 2019 and our local fund raiser, Laura Hanratty came to Wesley to talk about the work carried out by Action for Children.

We raised a total of £503 of which £228 went through the church accounts and £275 was made out directly to AfC. Thank you for your generosity.

Our treasurer, Tina Gowers keeps very careful records for us of our giving and makes an annual summary for us, which she has included.

Eileen Simmons. 16.8.19



Charity Money raised in **2018/2019**

Thank you for all your hard work in raising money for other charitable causes during 2018 / 2019. This is what was raised.

Organisation	Through Church ACC	Cheques payable to Charity
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£670.00	
Southend Foodbank	£140.00	£200.00
Winston's Wish	£390.19	
Nkanfoa Methodist School	£145.00	
Hope International	£1,515.03	
Christian Aid	£137.00	£75.00
World Mission fund *	£28.53	
Action for Children	£862.63	£275.0
Total	£3,888.38	£550.00

*From Gift Aid on Easter Offering 2017/2018

Total Raised = £4,438.38

Many Thanks
Tina Gowers & Eileen Simmons

COMING UP SOON



CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL JUMBLE SALE 2020

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY at WESLEY

The garage will be **OPEN** on the **1st NOVEMBER**

All help appreciated on Friday to set up from 2pm

All help appreciated on Saturday from 9am

Help at the end of the Jumble Sale to clear **EVEN MORE APPRECIATED**. With that in mind please do not offer any Soiled Clothing, Duvets or Large Furniture. Please be prepared to walk goods to the Charity Shops in Leigh. **We** would be delighted to hear from anyone with a **CAR** (not a van) to go to the tip about 12.30pm on that Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the Past and thank you to you in advance for your offers this next year 2020

REMEMBER THE DATE: SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Please contact:

Pam 07971785425

Linda 479415

Circuit Well - being Services

Programme for 2019/2020

Weds 25th Sept Service of well-being at Benfleet led by Rev. Chris Sandy

Weds 23rd Oct Service at Shoeburyness, with Jessica Wing from Mind led by Jane Fulford

Weds 27th Nov Service of well-being at Benfleet led by Pastor Steve

Weds 22nd Jan Service of well-being at Benfleet led by Colin Turner

Weds 26th Feb Service at Benfleet, Jill Allen-King, The Federation of the Blind led by Jane Fulford

Weds 25th March Service of well-being at Shoeburyness led by Bob Briant



Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd

Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Dates for the Diary

-£2 Admission

Tues 3 rd Sept	Speaker – Demonstration and talk on Bone China Wesley
Tues 10 th Sept	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 17 th Sept	Chalkwell Park lunch 1 – 3pm £18, inclusive of live entertainment tea/coffee to finish
Tues 24 th Sept	Quiz and Games Wesley



World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

Water for Life, Water of Life (based on Sustainable Development Goal 5: Clean Water and Sanitation)

Saturday 26th October 2019 10.00am – 4.00pm Choice of two venues:

Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington Carmel Road South, Darlington DL3 8DJ

Christchurch, Braintree 7 London Rd, Braintree CM7 2LD

Further information and booking form available from or download from: www.mwib.org.uk

Table Sale: Saturday 2nd **November - 10.00-2.30**

Organisers: Jane Fulford & Heather Swain

We're having a table sale in the Sanctuary on Saturday 2 November in aid of Church funds).

Table hire fees (cash only in advance) are as follows:

Trestle tables:

Church members £10

General public £15



Small tables:

Single hire fee: £5

To book your table and for any queries please email - fulford.family@btinternet.com or speak to Heather on 079500 71228.

There will be an entrance fee of 50p for adults (children free). Refreshments will be on sale.

We're thinking that the Church will organise a book table and a cake table. If you can think of anything else, we can do that you'd be willing to be responsible for then please let us know.

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 September

1st - flowers given by Judith Taylor and family in loving memory of her mother, Kathleen Landless.

8th - 

15th - flowers to celebrate the marriage of Jonathan Charnock and Jenny Deadman.

22nd - 

29th - Flowers given by Gabrielle Greenway in loving memory of her father, David Gare.

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

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 21st September 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:

- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th

REGULAR SERVICES AND **EVENTS AT WESLEY for** **September 2019**

Sundays

1st September at 11:00 am United Service and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Wesley – Preacher Rev N Hooks.

8th September at 9:00 am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – Preacher Paster S Mayo.

8th September at 11:00 am Celebration of Older People – Preacher's Pastor S Mayo and Mrs E Simmons.

15th September at 11:00 am – Preacher Miss S Stachan

15th September at 5:30pm – Contemporary Worshp
“Inspire”

22nd September at 11:00 am – Preacher Mrs D Mayo

29th September at 11:00 am – Mrs P Smith

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 – resumes 4th September 2019

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

11th September – Lord Alfred Tennyson

25th Septmeber – Benjamin Zephaniah or Lem Sissy

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=- Resumes 13th

September 2019. (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 October Clarion by Friday 20th September 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.

