

# THE CLARION



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# MINISTER'S LETTER



I'm really not a big fan of this time of year. The days are getting shorter, the weather colder, trees are losing their leaves and the outlook is pretty bleak as we tumble on towards the shortest day of the year.

I think sometimes life can leave us with very similar feelings; darkness can seem to surround us, and the cold reality of life comes upon us as a harsh winter, sometimes even cutting us to the bone.

But in creation there is a promise of new life. Even as the trees drop their leaves, already we see evidence of new life in the form of fresh buds.

And as we look forward in our lives, we also have a promise of new things to come. Isaiah 43:18-19a says; <sup>18</sup> *'Forget the*

*former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing!* [NIVUK]

Here we have the opportunity to either look back at what has been, or to look forward with a freshness to what could be.

And as we step out into this new fresh future, we don't step out alone. Jesus Himself says in Matthew 28:20b; <sup>20b</sup> *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* [NIVUK]

So, let us step out in confidence knowing that our Saviour walks with us into a bright, new tomorrow.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS



At our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning on Friday, 27th September, we raised the fantastic total of £615.00. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us, in so many different ways, donations, delicious cakes and the wonderful Wesley team who all worked hard to make the morning such a success.

The atmosphere of friendship, fellowship and a warm welcome was enjoyed by all who came. We couldn't have done it without you. Ruth Lowden

# **REMEMBRANCE**

Wesley, over many years, has on display at the time of Remembrance, a typical Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. On the model are crosses in memory of people from Wesley who failed to return home from both World Wars.

Each year I try and add to the display with various items researched during the previous year. In the Second World War we lost 10 members, 8 of whom were attached to the RAF (air crew).

The addition to our display this year is a painting depicting the RAF Memorial Flight returning home over the White Cliffs of Dover. These priceless artefacts of our national heritage fly over 100 displays and around 700 flypasts each flying season, to commemorate those who have fallen. However, what is not common knowledge is that each year these aeroplanes are repainted with the markings of a pilot/crew who excelled themselves beyond the call of duty.

With this in mind we have changed the personnel markings on our Wesley Memorial Flight painting to match those

which our members would have had but failed to return home. The picture is called “Homeward Bound” and shows the Flight flying home by our Spiritual brothers.

I was quite young during the war years, but I can still visibly remember nights spent in the underground shelters.

To make this picture possible, my sincere thanks go to Gwen Hardy, artist and to John Whiddett for his technical expertise. Thank you.

Keith L. Charnock.

Clarion readers may well remember Gwen Hayes. The markings on the Lancaster (hard to see on the copy) are those belonging to her brother.





# **WESLEY CHURCH ROLL OF HONOUR.**

**To the glory of God and in grateful memory  
of the men of this church who made the  
supreme sacrifice: -**

**1914 – 1918**

H. Blaker, John W. Bonallack, H.W.  
Chinnery,

Alec F. Collins, Claude Draper, Arthur G.  
Dyer,

George Emery, Robert Feakins, Richard  
C.L.Filby, Leonard A. Galer, G.W. Harrison,  
Herbert C. Hibble, Victor O. Hulbert,  
Reginald B. Moss,

W. G. Nokes, Stephen John Osborne,

Alfred Steed, J. Waller, William H.  
Sutherland,

James Risby Wilder.

**1939 – 1945**

Gerald Edward Blandford, Arthur Thomas Cole,

Ronald Thomas Hayes, Douglas Ernest Hipsey,

Victor A. R. Langford, Dennis Arthur Rawlings,

Kenneth Henry Ray, Eric Wickens Roberts,

Leslie A. M. Williams, William Frederick Worsley.

**When you go home, tell them of us,  
and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.**

# UPDATE FROM TREASURER



Income for September    £8,730.20

Expenditure                                £3,222.44

Net for September                        £5,507.76+

Tina Gowers

**COMING UP SOON!!!!!!!**



## **Healing and Well-being Service**

Wednesday evenings at 7.45p.m.

at

**1** Benfleet Methodist Church  
67 High Road, Benfleet SS7 5LH

**OR**

**2** Shoebury Methodist Church  
St Andrews Road, Shoebury SS3 9HX.

Holistic healing service of Prayers  
and talk on health and well-being.

**FORTHCOMING SPEAKERS:  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 Service of Well-being at  
Benfleet**

**Pastor Steve Mayo**



# **CHRISTIAN HOPE**

# **INTERNATIONAL JUMBLE SALE**

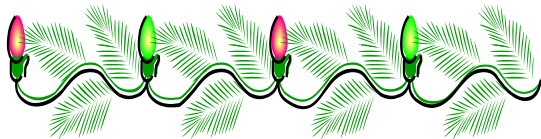
## **2020**

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY at WESLEY**

The garage will be **OPEN** on the **1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**Please contact: Pam 07971785425 Linda 479415**



## Leigh Lights Friday 29th November 2019

At Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road between 5.30pm – 7.45pm there will be a range of Christmas Trees on display. The making of Christmas trees is open to all Church activities and all hirers if you wish to take part. In 2018 you were wonderful.

Here is a reminder of the details:

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| Size     | Anything up to 3 feet or 90 centimetres and must be fire resistant  |
| Lights   | We can accommodate and would like some electric lights, but they must have a modern safety cut out device. We would like a mix of lit and unlit trees.  |
| Card     | At the base of each tree I would ask you to type out your main activities, a contact number or email and the time you meet for display.   |
| Assembly | To make it more accessible for you may I suggest that at your meeting before Leigh Lights Night you create the decorated tree and either put it in the gallery or lobby of the church. Only a few Christmas Trees |

may be put up before Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November as there is an event in the church but on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November the church will be open all day for assembly.

Dismantling The trees will remain up on the Saturday and for Sunday morning worship. At the time of assembly, it would be advantageous if we could arrange a mutually convenient time for you to take the tree down.



For more information please contact Jane on 01702 714213

## Age Concern Community Club

### Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd

### Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Quiz and Games <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Quiz and Games <b>Wesley</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lunch Sarah Moore 12.30 - £5 deposit + £1 to Miki. Choose from the menu
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Light lunch at <b>Wesley</b> 2pm £6 + £1
<b>Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out</b> <b>Club closed</b>	



# Wesley Theatre Group Presents



Wesley Theatre Group  
presents



# TREASURE ISLAND

A Pantomime by Ben Crocker

**FRI 6 DEC**  
**7.30pm**

**SAT 7 DEC**  
**2pm & 6pm**

**Tickets: £7**  
**Children: £5**  
**Family Ticket:**  
**(2A & 2C) £20**

**BOX OFFICE: 01702 480968**  
**[www.ticketsource.com/wesley-theatre-group](http://www.ticketsource.com/wesley-theatre-group)**

 **WESLEY HALL | ELM ROAD | LEIGH-ON-SEA**  
**LIFT ACCESS AVAILABLE** 


By kind permission of Ben Crocker Pantomimes 

## **Flower Rota for November**

Nov 3rd - Flowers given by Ken and Beryl Cheeseman who were married at Wesley in August 1951.

Nov 10th - Remembrance Sunday.

Nov 17th - Flowers given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her friend Margaret.

Nov 24th - 

## **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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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 16th November 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.

The final meeting of the group in 2019 will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and the dates for 2020 will be published in the December issue of the Clarion.

# **REGULAR SERVICES AND**

# **EVENTS AT WESLEY**

## **for November 2019**

### **Sundays**

3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11:00 am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
and Pastoral Visitors Dedication – Preacher Pastor S Mayo

10<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
– Preacher S Mayo

10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45 am Remembrance Sunday  
– Preacher Pastor S Mayo

17<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am – Preacher Rev.M. Millar

17<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30 pm - Contemporary Worship  
“Inspire”

24<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am – Preacher Mrs J Fulford

## **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 – 26<sup>th</sup> NovOct. led by Sue Hockett.

All are welcome

## Wednesdays

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

10 am – Parent and Toddler – There will be no session on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019, as this is half term week

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

13<sup>th</sup> November – Any Remembrance/Armistice poem

27<sup>th</sup> November – Simon Armitage (Poet Laureate)

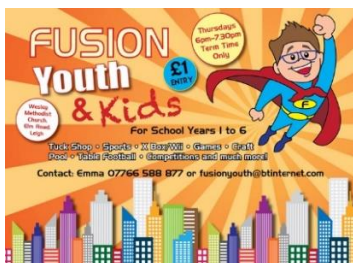
6pm – St John Ambulance – Youth Hall and Room 2

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. There will be no session on the 1<sup>st</sup> November as this is half term week.

(for further details please email:)

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## **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 December Clarion by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. 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)

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Southend and Leigh**



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[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.

