

THE CLARION



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MINISTER'S LETTER



When I started thinking about using 'footprints' as a theme for this letter, I had feet in mind, but by far the biggest hit on the internet about footprints was about our carbon footprint, the damage that we do to our world through pollution etc. Then that got me thinking about what we do with our lives whilst we're here, living on earth, and that quote from a song by John Kay, '*take nothing but pictures leave nothing but footprints,*' kept running through my mind, so I started to think about it a bit more... '*take nothing but pictures...*' I know what the writer of those words is getting at, meaning don't pick flowers etc. which would spoil things for others following us.

But how many of us only take pictures of life without *really* getting involved in what happening before us; watching life stream past us like rain running down a window pane?

A Christian author, Anne Long, describes time as being measured not only in length, but also in depth! And she's right! It's not just about the length of time we spend here on earth, it's also about the depth of time, the quality of what we do whilst we're here that also counts; the depth of our experiences, the depth of our relationships.

Do our footprints of life go off into the distance in a straight line, or do they meander, touching and experiencing life to the full, because that's why Jesus said He came to earth; to bring us life and life to the full! He said in John 10:10; *'I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.'* [The Message]

Are you living your life in 2 dimensions when you could be living in 3 dimensions? We shouldn't just be on-lookers of life, but active participants!

And what about the second part of the quote... *'leave nothing but footprints?'*

Are footprints all we leave? Is not the way we behave and the way we treat others more lasting than footprints?

What's going to be your legacy to the earth and to others? Hopefully when we look back over our lives it won't just be footprints we see, but remnants of a good life, a life of encouragement, generosity, goodness and love.

But maybe, as you think of your past, you haven't just left footprints, but a legacy of hurt, despair and pain?

Well, you can *change* that too. Because if we correct our present, then that will change our futures, and consequently, our pasts in that future!

So how do we change?

We change by walking with Jesus. By following in His footsteps, by copying His example of how we should live and how we should interact with others as we journey through life.

And the closer we walk with Jesus; the fuller life will be!

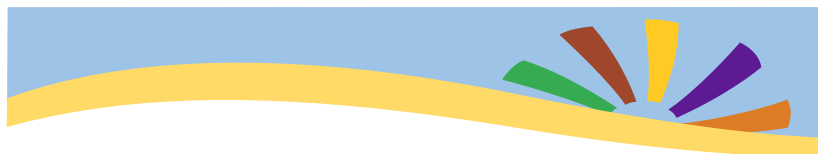
There is an old Jewish blessing that says; '*May you be covered by the dust of your Rabbi.*' So the image here is of us, His followers, walking so close behind Jesus that we become covered in the dust that His sandals kick up. Now that's following closely!

So, don't just skim through life, realise the depth of time, as well as the length. Follow Jesus closely, and you will live life to the full! Amen.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



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:

2019

25th Sept 2019 Service of Well-being at

Benfleet

Rev Chris Sandy

23rd Oct 2019 Jessica Wing from MIND at

Shoebury

Jane Fulford

27th Nov 2019 Service of Well-being at

Benfleet

Pastor Steve Mayo

2020

22nd Jan 2020 Service of Well-being at

Benfleet

Colin Turner

26th Feb 2020 Jill Allen-King – Fed of Blind at

Benfleet

Jane Fulford

25th March 2020 Service of Well-being at

Shoebury

Bob Briant

22nd April 2020 Service with a speaker at
 Benfleet **Rev Chris Sandy**

27th May 2020 Service of Well-being at
 Benfleet **Mike Spaul**

24th June 2020 Service with a speaker at
 Shoebury **Rev Pete Moorhouse**

UPDATE FROM TREASURER

August Figures



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| Income | £15,265.03 | £6,898.25 |
| in Gift Aid | | |
| Expenditure | £13,216.73 | |
| Net | £2,048.30+ | |

End of Year figures

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| Income | £113,542.29 |
| Expenditure | £107,363.91 |
| Net | £6,178.38+ |

We have finished the financial year with a Plus figure, which is tremendous. Well done to everyone who has contributed

to this. Without wishing to cast a “dampener” on this great news, we do have to replace our boilers and repair the damp in the porch. However, we do currently have the funds to do these works, but we will need to work to replace those funds so that other repairs and maintenance can be carried out.

Well Done to Everyone!

Tina Gowers
Treasurer

Revd. Teresa’s Artwork.

As many of you will know the Revd. Teresa Rutterford is a highly creative and gifted artist – witness her quilted wall hangings at several churches, including Wesley and Highlands Methodist church, not forgetting her Circuit wall hanging.

For two weeks from October 21st to November 4th, a variety of examples of her beautiful and unique work will be on display in the shop Puddle and Goode close to St Clements Church in Leigh on Sea. This will be a wonderful opportunity to buy special and unusual gifts and a way to start your Christmas shopping.

Profits from the sale of items will to Rethink Mental Illness, Southend Recovery Point, in memory of her son Jerome.

Thank you
Zenia Goss

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.

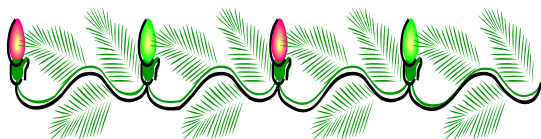
Thank you to everyone who has helped in the Past and thank you to you in advance for your offers this next year 2020

REMEMBER THE DATE: SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Please contact:

Pam 07971785425

Linda 479415



On the evening of **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:

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| 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 28th November as there is an event in the church but on Friday 29th 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



This month the Prayer Diary has some local events at Wesley such as Harvest on the 5th and 6th October but most of the prayers are for other parts of the world. They are mainly taken and adapted from two booklets. Firstly, 'Responding to the Gospel' produced by the Methodist Church and is the Prayer Handbook for 2019/2020. There is a copy in the vestry. The second is marked as USPG. These initials stand for United Society Partners in the Gospel. It is an Anglican mission agency that partners churches and communities to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice. It was founded in 1701. (www.uspg.org.uk) If you want any more information, please contact Jane Fulford

Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd

Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Dates for the Diary

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| Tues 1 st Oct | Quiz and Games Wesley |
| Tues 8 th Oct | Speaker – ‘Nursery Crimes’ the dark origins of nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Wesley |
| Tues 15 th Oct | Lunch at Truleigh Scrumptious Leigh Broadway (opp the library) 12.30pm. £11. Deposit of £5 plus £1 admin fee. Names and menu to Miki please. |
| Tues 22 nd Oct | Quiz and Games Wesley |
| Tues 29 th Oct | Quiz and Games Wesley |
| Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed | |

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 October

6th - Harvest

13th - Flowers given by Michael Bucke in loving memory of his wife, Rita.

20th - Flowers given by Joy Milner in loving memory of Derek, Paddy and Joy's parents Sid and Elsie Beasley.

27th - Flowers given by Ken and Beryl Cheeseman who were married at Wesley on August 26th, 1951.

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 Wratislaw 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 19th October 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:

- November 16th
- December 14th

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

Sundays

6th October at 11:00 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Harvest Festival. Preacher - Pastor S Mayo.

13th October at 9:00 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Preacher – Pastor S Mayo.

13th October at 11:00. Local Arrangement.

20th October at 11:00. Preacher – Mrs S Hockett

20th October at 17:30 . Contemporary Worship “Inspire”

27th October at 11:00. United Service at Belfairs. and 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.

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 – 29th Oct. led by Jane Fulford.

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 30th October 2019, as this is half term week

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

9th October – Robert Graves

23rd October – Paula Meehan

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

(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 November Clarion by Friday 18th October 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**



Church is a member of
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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.

