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MINISTER'S LETTER



At this time of year, for some of us, the deadline for self-assessment tax has come, and gone! Whilst on the Martin Lewis website, [MoneySavingExpert.com] I noticed an article about what HMRC says are some of the most bizarre excuses for late tax returns that they have received over the past decade.

They are:

1. I was up a mountain in Wales and could not find a post box or get an internet signal.
2. My dog ate my post. (again)
3. My hamster ate my post.
4. I've been cruising round the world in my yacht, and only pick up the post when I'm on dry land.
5. My mother-in-law is a witch and put a curse on me.

We are assured in the article that none of these excuses were upheld by HMRC as legitimate!

But, what excuses do we sometimes make when it comes to what we should be doing for Christ?

- ✚ How often we read our Bibles?
- ✚ How often we pray?
- ✚ How often we serve Jesus?
- ✚ How often we show God's love to others?

But making excuses is no new thing! Many biblical characters made excuses when it came to serving God. Moses is a fine example.

His excuses were;

- ✚ Doubts about his ability to lead.
- ✚ His thoughts of unworthiness.
- ✚ His presumed lack of authority.
- ✚ His fear of what people would say
- ✚ and his physical weakness.

But in the end Moses allowed God to use him, he came through for God, but *more* importantly, God came through for Moses.

I wonder what God could do through *us* this year if we would only allow Him?

John 12:26 says; *'If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honour and reward anyone who serves me.'* [The Message]

May we all pray verse 4 of hymn 353 from Hymns and
Psalms:

*Master, speak: and make me ready,
When thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee;
Master, speak! O speak to me!*

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Thank you so much for the box of chocolates which Viv Threadgold brought up to me from you all. I shall really enjoy them at Christmastime.

Your faithfully, Vanda Brockway

CAROL SINGING

This year the Carol singing was on Friday 20th December. There were not so many of us, but Pastor Steve's trumpet was brilliant, and the singing was wonderful. Again, as in previous years, it is a delight when young children and mums and dads stand and sing with us. One young girl who attends North Street Primary School requested Once in Royal David's city and there was a small gathering in the street. This is mission! **Many thanks to singers especially to Sue from Rochford and Mike from Germany. Many, many thanks to Pastor Steve who was NOT well. Thank you, Steve.**

Early warning, this year the Carol Singing will be on probably be on Friday 18th December, a whole week before Christmas Day, everyone welcome. I may need to get people to commit a little more as I was expecting a few more singers. If anyone has any other ideas, please do let me know. We raised £113 for Action for Children

God Bless. Jane

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Sunday March 1st at 6pm we host a circuit service.

The preacher will be Revd. Dr. Barbara Glasson.

We anticipate that the Chair of District; David Chapman will also attend as well as circuit ministers and worshippers from all circuit churches so all help will be welcome and much needed.

UPDATE FROM TREASURER

December Figures

Income	£10,593.32
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Expenditure	£5,947.03
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Net	£4,646.29
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Year to date

Income	£36,651.02
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Expenditure	£26,524.75
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Net	£10,126.27
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Tina Gowers

WESLEY CHARITY NEWS

February 2020

Church Council accepted a suggestion from the congregation that the charity for the 2019 services over the Christmas period would be for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity. The services and amounts are listed below.

Carol Service	£ 292.62
Christmas Eve Communion	£ 152.51
Christmas Day	£ 177.02
Donation GOSH Charity	£ 75.00
TOTAL:	£ 697.15

The Zone traditionally choose the charity for Christingle and this year's charity was:

Place to be	£ 336.32
Our Carol Singers raised	£113.84 for Action for Children

So (as at 6.1.20) the total raised for Charity over the Christmas period was: **£ 1147.31**

Thank you for your generosity. Eileen Simmons 8.1.20

** In 2020 CC has decided to invite nominations for a local charity

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Volunteers at Southend Hospital organise a scheme called CARECARS.

You can book (giving 3 days' notice) through the Volunteer Clerk's Information Desk in the Cardigan Wing of the Hospital or telephone 01702 385125 (9am-4pm).

You will be asked to pay 50p a mile, which starts from when the driver leaves his/her home to pick you up and take you to your appointment, then home again. To keep costs down they try and postcode match patient to driver.

Eileen Simmons

COMING UP SOON!!!!!!



**CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL
JUMBLE SALE 2020**

22ND FEBRUARY at WESLEY

The garage has been OPEN since 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.

Emma Hearn is organising a cake stall and any amount raised will go to support The Fusion Kids and Youth. Contact Emma with offers of cakes.

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 2020

Please contact Pam 07971785425 or Linda 479415

Please come and support. Please tell your friends about it.

See you there.

CONCERTS AT WESLEY

On 22nd. February the Southend Co-Operative Jazz Band with vocalist Kirsty Tyler are giving a concert at Wesley with the proceeds going to the Paget's Association. It will be a varied programme including Jazz Standards as well as Jazz Classics. Tickets are £8 and are available from the band, on the door or go to [www. Wesleymethodist.org.uk](http://www.Wesleymethodist.org.uk).

Paget's Association is a charitable organisation which supports people with Paget's disease of the bone and also funds ongoing research into them. The name comes from Sir James Paget who discovered the disease. He was Surgeon Extraordinary to Queen Victoria and Senior Lecturer at Batholomew's Hospital. Some of you (especially the Friday table tennis players) will be aware that Keith Charnock has Paget's disease of the bones and he and Marjorie have done a lot to support the association.

Please come to the concert to support them, the Association and have an enjoyable evening at the same time.

Future Concerts at Wesley:

28th. March Southend Wind Orchestra

25th. April The Orpheus Singers


16th. May ABBA Gold

13th. June Southend Wind Orchestra

Flower Rota for February

February 2nd - Flowers given by Maureen Lewis and family in loving memory of her parents, Eric and Ann Brown.

February 9th - Flowers given by Joy Milner and family in loving memory of Derek and Paddy on their birthdays.

February 16th - 

February 23rd - Flowers given by Liz Evans and family in loving memory of her parents, Alan and Molly Moss and her daughter, Kate.

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

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 15th February 2020 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 will be held on:

- 21st March
- 18th April (changed from 25th)
- 16th May

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS

AT WESLEY for January 2020

Sundays

2nd Feb – 11am - Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, Youth Workers Dedication – Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo.

2nd Feb – 5pm – Songs of Praise – Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo.

9th Feb – 9am – Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper led by Pastor Steve Mayo.

9th Feb – 11am – Preacher: Miss S Strachan.

16th Feb – 11am – Preacher: Mrs J Fulford.

16th Feb – 5:30pm – Creative Worship “Inspire”

23rd Feb – 11am – United Service- Preacher: Rev J Monaghan.

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.

Wednesdays

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

10 am – Parent and Toddler – Canteen room (There will be no Parent and Toddler on 19th February as this is half term week)

2:30 pm – Talking Poetry – Canteen room

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

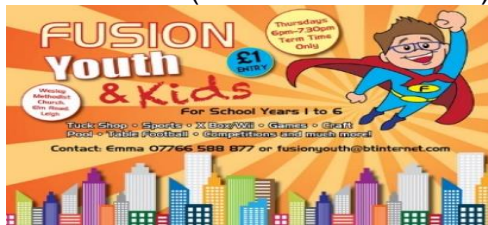
7:30- Cameo House group meets on the 3rd Wed in homes of members, please contact Jane Fulford for more information.

Thursdays

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

6 pm – Fusion Kids (School Terms Yrs 1 – 6)

7:15pm – Fusion Youth (School Terms Yrs 7)



Fridays

10 am – Coffee Shop Morning – Foyer – All are welcome
2pm – Table Tennis 60+ - Wesley Hall. (for further details
please email (There will be no Table Tennis on the 21st
February as this is half term week)

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 March Clarion by Friday 14th February 2020

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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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.

