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## MINISTER'S LETTER



I'm sure for many of us, at this time of year, our minds drift off to thoughts of sun-soaked holidays. Whether that holiday be overseas or within the UK, one of our dilemmas is what to pack and what not to pack. I know from previous experience that half the clothes I pack for a sun holiday, I never end up wearing! Many of us are very careful with our packing, even making lists so we don't forget anything.

But we also have to make sure we pack the right things.

We don't need woolly hats and heavy coats if we're travelling to the middle east for a holiday in the sun, nor need beach wear on a skiing holiday in the Alps!

Packing the wrong things can't stop us packing the right things.

And life can be very similar to packing for a holiday.

In our 'suitcase of life,' we need to pack the things that will be useful for Christian living, even essential, and not pack the wrong thing which could push out the good important things we need on life's journey.

So, what thing do we pack in our 'life's suitcases?'

Well, 1 Corinthians 13 gives us the ideal packing list for life's journey. A list of good things we should pack, but also a list of the things we shouldn't. It reads;

'4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.'

[1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT]

My prayer for all of us is that we would make sure, with God's help, that we have packed correctly for life. And if we haven't, that we would allow God to work in our lives, removing the unwanted traits and behaviours and replacing them with the positive, righteous things from His 'packing' list.

So, whether you're holidaying abroad or at home, or not holidaying at all, have a great summer and remember to pack the right things for life's journey.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

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## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**



Mary Lister and Jordan Doyle are getting married on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August in Lewes Registry Office in Sussex.

We wish them every happiness in their life together.

## **Afternoon Tea and Cakes 2021.**

Afternoon Tea and Cakes will begin again this Summer in the Canteen Room at Wesley. The booked dates are all on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm on: -

August 26<sup>th</sup>

September 30<sup>th</sup>



## **ACTION for CHILDREN Collection**

Thank you to those who have already given. You can hand in envelopes all through July as Tina has been asked not to count up the money until after the service on 1<sup>st</sup>. August.

Eileen Simmons.

Wesley **Methodist** Church 

## **Worship Consultation and Mission and Outreach meeting:**

### **AGENDA**

**DATE:** [Monday 2 August](#), 2021

**TIME:** [19:30-21:30](#)

**VENUE:** Leigh Wesley Methodist Church in the Sanctuary.

**Please wear face masks, if not exempt, and we will be socially distanced.**

*The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the  
gospel of  
God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in  
**worship and mission.***

**19:30 Welcome**

**19:31 Devotions** (1 min)

**19:32 Worship Consultation** (90 mins)

1. Coronavirus guidance from The Methodist Church:  
[Coronavirus Guidance for Property  
\(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/coronavirus-guidance-for-property)
2. Discussion on the possibility of changing the timings/format on a Sunday
  - 09:00 Communion



- 10:30 Coffee in the sanctuary or Sanctuary Café/area
  - Length of worship services, 45mins?
3. Letter to Local Preachers and those leading worship at Wesley
    - Requests a mixture of worship songs (traditional and modern)
    - Requests a children's address or 'The Address'
    - Prompt to consider a variation of spiritual styles [Spiritual styles \(rootsontheweb.com\)](http://rootsontheweb.com) (silence, music, video, drama, visual)
  4. Communion – how is this going?
  5. Advent liturgy/Christmas: 'God's Table and the Christmas table' (Sanya)
  6. Carol service, Sunday 19 December, 5.30pm-??pm  
As the Carol service is due to take place at the same time as Inspire, what if it was a 'Carol Service led by Inspire'? (Sanya)
  7. Worship services
    - Sunday worship
    - Memory worship
    - Informal worship – should we rename this?
    - Inspire
    - Private Prayer
    - Time for Healing
    - Time for Prayer

**20:45 MISSION AND OUTREACH (45 mins)**

8. Fusion

9. Mission Planning Workbook and Community Questionnaire
10. The Sanctuary Café
11. MacMillian at The Sanctuary Café, Saturday 25 September, 10:30am-12:30
12. Post worship service coffee

### **c21:20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*We will return to separating the two meetings*

- Worship Consultation, date of next meeting
- Mission and Outreach, date of next meeting

Share the Grace

### **c21:30 MEETING ENDS**

All are warmly welcome to attend and contribute to this meeting and its agenda.

## **HELP TO DISTRIBUTE POSTCARDS**

Promotional postcards are being produced to showcase the variety of worship and wealth of community activity that is taking place as part of the Leigh Wesley Methodist Church community.

We plan to distribute around 2,000 postcards. If you are free and would like to help us, drop these postcards door-to-door in the Leigh area, please speak to Sanya or Gaye.

## **PASTORAL NEWS as at 14<sup>th</sup>. July**

Congratulations to Joss Greenway on being accepted on to the National Graduate Development Programme (NGDP). She writes “this involves first -hand work experience for two years in a local authority (I am based in Southend). I will be given training through the national development framework as well as rotating between three or four placements, such as the Senior Executive Team and on front line services. At the end of the programme, I will achieve the National Management Training Award and a LM level 7 qualification in Leadership and Management. I am looking forward to starting and finding out what placements I can be involved in!”

Miriam Gifford continues to get much better but is being very careful because of COVID and needing to build up her resilience.

Adrian Gravatt is not very well at the moment as his back is not fully healed.

Please continue to hold Jean Turner in your thoughts and prayers.

The Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. August is to be called **FAVOURITES**. We have not been able to sing in church for so long that I hope we will enjoy a feast of singing on 15<sup>th</sup>. August. If you have a favourite hymn, you would like us to sing, please give me a ring. Similarly, if you have a favourite Bible Story or few verses then do let me know and I will try to include them in the service.

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## **INSPIRE**

Every third Sunday of the month, 5.30pm-6.30pm

We start with hot drinks and cake! Then we worship in a contemporary lively way!

**All are welcome.**

## **Covid Guidance Update.**

Following the recent changes to Covid restrictions, we wanted to let you know how we intend to move forward over the next few weeks and months at Wesley. Whilst there are no longer legal requirements on places of worship, both the Methodist Church and the UK Government are still advising caution because of rising case numbers. We want to make sure that everyone will feel safe and comfortable within the church building, and will therefore be implementing the following guidance, and we strongly encourage you to observe this whilst on the premises to help protect yourself and others:

- Hand sanitiser, track and trace records and face coverings to remain.
- Singing will be allowed, with masks on.
- Social distancing - chairs will be socially distanced for worship, meetings etc. Please try and maintain social distancing, especially when greeting others, and be aware that not everyone will be comfortable with the relaxation of legal social distancing rules.
- Coffee after the service will return, at the rear of the Sanctuary. Face coverings can be removed when seated for drinks.

All the churches in our section will be taking these same precautions going forward.

This guidance will be reviewed each month, taking into account any changes to national and Methodist Church

guidance and the local Covid case rate. Any amendments will be circulated.

Thank you for your support as we navigate the next few weeks and months.

## **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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Maureen Chambers 01702 870956.



If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please speak to Gabrielle Greenway

## **TIME FOR HEALING/ TIME FOR PRAYER**

In view of the continuing pandemic the Time for Healing Prayer Group remains suspended until further notice. However, we are now offering a Time for Prayer to be held on the third Saturday of each month. The format is evolving with each meeting and includes both communal and private prayer in line with prevailing Covid guidance. The next meeting will be at 11.30 on 21 August in the Sanctuary.

We will continue to pray for healing for all at this uncertain time

## **Service Information for July 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> August at 11:00am – Preacher will be Pastor Steve Mayo.

8<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00 am – Communion Service with Pastor Steve Mayo.

8<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am – Preacher will be Mr J Phillips.

15<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am – “Favourites” led by Mrs. E. Simmons.

22<sup>nd</sup> August at 11:00 am – Preacher will be Mrs. E. Simmons.

29<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am – Preacher will be Pastor Steve Mayo. This will be a United Service.

# Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the September Clarion by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

If you would like to contribute 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.

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