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Minister's Letter



2 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. [Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV]

I think we're all buds when we start our relationship with God and quite often, we're closed to the possibilities that God offers to us through His love. Sometimes that's because we've not experienced His love before, or because something had happened to us that makes us want to retreat into the safety of our inner selves. Others of us think that we're just too bad or too far away from God for Him to ever love us, or that through our repeated

behaviour He has taken away His love, or that we've exhausted His love for us in some way? When, the total opposite is true; His love for us never runs dry and is never with-held from us no matter what we do.

As we come into this New Year and maybe consider new starts, I want us to remember the Bible text we see above. This text reminds us that no matter what has gone on before, today, God's love and grace for us is fresh and new.

God may not approve of the things that we sometime do, but He does approve of us, because we are His children and He loves us unconditionally. And once we start to realise that, we start to bloom...

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and blessed New Year,

Pastor Steve

News from the Pews

Roll up, Roll Up for the greatest Jumble in Leigh, in aid of
Christian Hope International

On Sat Feb23rd 2019,10am-12pm

Come and join us, Grab a bargain

Enjoy a bacon butty and a coffee.



If you have any jumble please contact on 07971785425.

Thank you, Pam Boughton-Smith,

Fusion Youth & Kids will be selling cakes and sweets in the concourse during the jumble sale from 10am to 12pm. All proceeds for this stall will be going to Fusion to fund new equipment. We would welcome any donations of cakes or sweets. Please contact Emma Hearn if you can donate a cake(s) or leave your donation in the kitchen with a note ready in time for the sale.



Many thanks for your support

Emma

Fusion Youth Leader

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Thank you to all who helped, all the groups who created trees, those who put up tables, those who created lighting, those who took down tables and swept the floor and anyone else who aided the preparations for the annual event.

On the night over 200 hundred came through the door. Many were families with buggies using the ramp. Some were in wheelchairs and the ramp made it all accessible to them.

It was a long day so please accept my thanks for those who stayed part or all of the day. Thank you for the non-alcoholic fruit punch servers, to the tea and coffee ladies, to the children's' entertainers and to all those at Wesley who chatted and welcomed the community.

Right at the end a Street Pastor was talking to a visitor and speaking of Christ. How Wonderful

See you next year

God Bless

Jane

Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre – Great News

The Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre (SCDAC) started in 2014 serving those in financial distress in the Southend area. We have been remarkably successful with helping people get out of debt and to budget for a more positive future for themselves. Unfortunately, we have only been able to cover the Southend area and there are many people within South East Essex who do not have access to Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

The Trustees have been looking for ways to expand, certainly into Rochford, Hawkwell and Hockley but also, possibly, Rayleigh. We applied to the Methodist Connexion for a grant with the support of Wesley, Southend and Leigh Circuit and the BEH District

This application has been successful and will ensure the future of SCDAC for the next three years, including expansion.

We will be moving forward steadily to provide debt counsellors and befrienders for the whole new area and thank everyone for their prayers and support for the very valuable work we do for the least fortunate in our part of South East Essex.

Of course, we cannot sit on our laurels and slap our backs, we have to get up and do something about it, so we would be very grateful if anyone wants to become a supporter in one of three ways:

- a) go on our prayer support list,
- b) become a befriender for those we aim to help or
- c) make a regular donation to our work.

I do have leaflets which will be available at Wesley. If any other individual wants further information, please contact me.

Geoff Fulford

WORSHIP ACADEMY

This is a programme of development for Worship Leaders, Local Preachers and Ministers, which takes place October to July on the first Wednesday of the month at Benfleet Methodist Church.

We start with a meal at 7pm. and continue at 8pm. with an activity. Anyone may attend if interested. Do please contact me if you wish to attend any sessions.

In June the evening is used for Bible Month, but I am not the organiser for that. The programme for the rest of the year is:

Feb 6th. Bob Bartingdale *Worship in Tough Times*

Mar 6th. Rev. Paul Wood and Rev. Ian Worsfold

Apr 3rd. Rev. David Bagwell *'Whole Life Worship – a Celtic Approach'*

May 1st. Richard Armiger

June 5th. Bible Month

July 3rd. Hannah Bucke *'Politics from the pulpit'*

In 2016, the Worship Academy had a Saturday conference at Wesley's Chapel and we shall repeat similarly on Saturday May 18th. 2019. Please put this date in your diary. Our Speakers will be The Rev. Canon Dr. Jennifer H Smith, Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel and Rev. Dr. Calvin Samuel, Principal of the London School of Theology. The visit is open to all. Booking details later.

Eileen Simmons Programme Organiser

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I would just like to say a heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful support I received during my time as Wesley Pastoral Secretary. It was a privilege to serve the Church in that capacity for so many years and to know that so many of you appreciated my efforts as illustrated by the lovely gifts you gave me.

Love Vivien

Concert Group

December has seen three concerts on the Christmas theme as well in addition to our own Christmas celebrations.

During the weekend of the Leigh lights Christmas trees there was a concert of baroque music by Gaudeamus including The Christmas Story by Heinrich Schutz and Purcells “Behold I bring you glad tidings”

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The next day Da Capo came with The Orpheus Singers and a new group Alumnae ex pupil from St Bernard’s. A total choir of 90 with an audience of about 150. The music included new arrangements of Christmas music by three renditions of Ave Maria and new pieces by Bob Chilcott “On a Christmas night with readings by members of Wesley

On 15th The Show Choir returned for their bi annual Christmas concert with a wealth of music from the shows. The concert was well attended. In the first half the concert started with “All that Jazz” in moved on to more music from the shows including “Circle of Life” and “Let it Go”. In the second half there was a Christmas theme with the audience joining in. Featured were extracts from

Christmas Carols, “Happy Xmas (War is over)” finishing with “O Holy Night”

After a successful Autumn season we move on to the Spring Season which starts on 9th February with “Elvis” sung by Michael Glaysher., a regular performer at Highlands and continues during March with Concerts by the Southend Wind Orchestra and The Southend Co-op Jazz Band.

The current programme with a break in the summer continues through the seasons of the year to Christmas

COMING UP



TEL: 01702 345373

Age Concern Community Club

Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Dates for the Diary

Tues 8 th Jan	Quiz and Games Wesley
Tues 15 th Jan	Lunch – The Sunflower Bistro, Queens Rd, Southend. 12.30pm. £11 + £1 admin
Tues 22 nd Jan	Speaker ‘Working on a Kibbutz’ Wesley
Tues 29 th Jan	Fish and chips + ice cream £6 + £1 admin –names to Miki - Wesley
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed	

Flower Rota for January

Jan 6th 

Jan 13th flowers given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her sister Vera and brother in law, Bob.

Jan 20th 

Jan 27th 

From the Flower Room

I would like to thank everyone that has supported us by donating money to the flower fund and continuing to give money for flowers in memory of their loved ones.

Since Alison moved away, Sue and I have ensured that there are flowers in the church each week and kept as much as we can to the special dates of the donors.

Sue can no longer give as much time to the flowers as she did and as there are only the two of us, we have decided that we shall only arrange a pedestal twice per month.

This could affect those of you who generously donate on a regular basis especially those that give more than once per year, but it may be possible to combine the memorials into one of your existing dates or move it to another date.

If anyone would like to help us with the flowers, we would be more than happy.

I shall in due course come and speak to each of the donors and hopefully secure an acceptable date for them.

Annette Charnock

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

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TIME FOR HEALING

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 12th December 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. Meetings for 2019 are currently planned for the following dates:

- January 12th
- February 16th
- March 16th
- April 13th
- May 18th
- June 22nd
- July 20th
- August - no meeting
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 14th Terry Harper

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT WESLEY

Sundays

11am- 6th January 2019 Covenant Service and Sacrement of the Lord's Supper – Preacher Pastor Steve Mayo

9am – 13th January Sacrement of the Lord's Supper – Preacher Steve Mayo

11am – 13th January 2019 – Preacher Rev Brian Gameson

11am 20th January 2019 – Preacher Rev Clifford Newman

11 am 27th Jauary 2019 – Preacher Mrs Eileen Simmons

Mondays

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

10 am – Wesley Art Group in Room 3

The Art Group will restart on Monday 14th January, 10am until 11.45am. Room 5.

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 – **Meet again on Monday 7th January 2019**

Tuesdays

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

2pm - Age Concern Community

1:30pm – Every 3rd Tuesday Leigh Afternoon WI

Tuesday House Group will resume on the 5th

Feburary 2019

8pm - Creative Workship – Church Space – every 4th

Tuesday in the month – All are welcome

Wednesdays

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

10 am – Parent and Toddler – Canteen room – will resume on the 9th January 2019

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

Dates for January are as follows:

9th January – Stevie Smith- group discussion on two poems

Heavenly City and Waving not Drowning.

23rd Jan – John Masefield (Poet Laureate).

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)

8pm – Thursday Call – Every 3rd Thursday in the month



Fridays

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

2pm – Table Tennis 60+ - Wesley Hall (for further details please email: marjoriecharnock@icloud.com)

Table Tennis will resume 11th January 2019

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

Editors information

Please could I have all items for the February Clarion by Friday 18th January 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

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Southend and Leigh**



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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.

