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Wesley **Methodist** Church



July/August 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS AT WESLEY

Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SJ

SUNDAY SERVICES	9. 00am	Holy Communion - second Sunday in the month
	11. 00am	Morning Worship - Communion as advised
	11. 00am	The Zone on Sunday
MONDAY	10. 00am	Wesley Art Group
	8. 00pm	Wesley Theatre Group
WEDNESDAY	9. 00am	Midweek Informal Communion on the 1 st Wednesday in the month
	10.00 – 11.30am	Parent and Toddler (School terms)
	6.00 - 9. 00pm	St. John Ambulance
THURSDAY	6.00 - 7.30pm	Synergy Youth Group (School Terms Yr. 5, 6 & 7)
FRIDAY	2. 00pm	Table Tennis 60+ (School Terms)

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UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Wesley Pre-School Jody French 07581 150978

Daily Coffee Mornings.

The church concourse is open every morning between 10am and 12 noon for our coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome and you can buy a tea or coffee and a slice of cake and meet your friends, or even make some new ones.

There is regularly someone on duty as a listening ear, so if you need some advice they will be able to point you in the right direction, or just simply listen to what you have to say.

Traidcraft Stall is open 10am till 12 through the week and on Sunday.
Traidcraft gives you the opportunity to buy fairly traded goods.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING - Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A REGULAR HOUSEGROUP : Please check with Wesley Administrator

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Mission Enabler for Older People: Julie Peek Tel 01702 479804

Administrator: Paul McDowell. Tel 01702 711851

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MINISTER'S LETTER

He Calls Me Friend

*His conversation is sweetness itself,
He is altogether lovable.*

Such is my beloved, such is my friend

Song of Songs 5: 16



While researching last months sermon on the place of the garden in scripture, I came across these beautiful words about friendship in the Song of Songs, which got me thinking about God as friend. In Genesis we are given a picture of God's intended friendship with us, as we see him walking in companionship with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. But the picture grows cloudy because of their disloyalty to this friendship and in shame they find it necessary to hide away from him. It seems to me that our journey back to the friendship of God involves a choice, a decision if you like, to come out of hidling and into the light.

Maybe the friendship of God is a more tricky picture to get our head round, than that of God being our mother or father. A God who is understood as a parent can still be kept at a safe distance. Where a true friend is a different matter all together, as it's about an intimacy and commitment. If God comes too close what might be exposed.

Sometimes this distancing is part of our human relationships too. We fear that if people come close enough to know us well, they might not want to. This is a challenge of course, because at the same time we long for intimate friendship, to be known as we really are, but we get bruised along the way. Sometimes we wonder and blame ourselves for not being all we think we should be.

What God offers in the Bible are stories where friendship with him touches and heals the darker side of ourselves. There is Isaiah praying in the temple, when one day he sees a vision of God and he feels the terrible weight of his own inadequacy, confronted by such holiness! He says, "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips." (Isaiah 6:5). He wants to cut and run. Faith is needed to believe that what God did for Isaiah, he can do for us, but more gradually perhaps, in small steps, for we need time to grow in the experience of his friendship before letting him come really close.

I don't know if any of you have been watching the new BBC 2 comedy on Friday night called *Mum*. It's about a long suffering widow, Cathy and her growing relationship with her son's girlfriend, the most annoying Kelly. Kelly mocks everything including herself and giggles incessantly, keeping everyone at a distance and I wondered whether I could sit through a whole episode of her, let alone a series. However, through Cathy's generosity and kindness, a warmth has grown between the two of them and Kelly's defensive giggling has eased. In the last episode of the series we were treated to a line of intimacy and connection from Kelly to Cathy, *"I know that you are 4 times as old as me, but even if Jason does go off to Australia and dumps me and I never leave the house again, can we still be friends?"* Cathy embraced Kelly and said of course they could with such warmth and tenderness and suddenly we all felt that we could be friends with Kelly too!

It is a lesson that we all need to learn on our spiritual journey, that our own human frailties and weaknesses are never ever an obstacle in our relationship with God. He accepts us in true friendship totally as we are. Where we are, and there won't be any surprises.

Rev Julia July 2016

For without words in friendship, all thoughts, all desires, all expectations are borne and shared with joy that is unclaimed. And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and a share of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morn and is refreshed.

Kahlil Gibran: *The Prophet*

Come, our friend calls to us. Come, our friend has time for us.

Come, our friend speaks to us. Come to Jesus, our friend.

Jesus, you were a friend to the disciples,

You walked with them and you walk with us today.

As we meet in community, befriend us, guide us, love us. Amen



BUILDING WORK AT WESLEY

The long-awaited date is now here, and work will commence on **Monday 4 July**. Work will continue through the summer and autumn and is planned to finish in November. It will affect the interior and front of the church.

The good news is that access to the halls will remain unchanged throughout the work, so all activities (services, Time for Prayer etc.) which take place in the church will move to rooms which are currently unoccupied for the duration of the work.

There will be some inevitable upheaval:

- Noise between 8 am and 4 pm on Monday to Friday. We hope the noise will not extend beyond 4 pm but there may be a few times when this needs to take place.
- Builders' deliveries. We hope all deliveries can be made to the front of the church without affecting car park access but, again, there may be a few times when this needs to take place at short notice.
- On Monday 4 July the pews will be removed from the church and will be stored in the car park until Friday 8 July. It is possible that some of them will remain there for the following week. This means that no car parking will be available for 4-8 July, and it is likely that car parking will be severely restricted or unavailable until 15 July.
- The small parking area at the right front of the church will be removed. Although this is rarely used it will have a knock-on effect on our main car park. There is a large public car park opposite the church which is free of charge after 6 pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Paul McDowell

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Rita Whale

We are sorry to announce the death of Rita Whale. Her funeral was held at Southend Crematorium on Friday 10th June with refreshments at Wesley after the service. Donations in lieu of flowers to Action for Children via W. Thorpe. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and Philip and family.

Reg Hardy

We are sad to announce the death of Reg Hardy in the morning of Wednesday 1 June. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kitty, Marissa and the rest of the family. Details of Reg's funeral will be given via weekly notices when known.

CHURCH NOTICES

Hymns & Psalms and New Hymns & Worship Songs

50 copies of each of these books will come with us into the redeveloped building. The rest are currently available in the box in the concourse for you to choose if you would like one. – Rev Julia.

Plants from the Church Garden

Percy is potting up the plants in the church garden for them to be available to take home after the service on 3 July. Donations to church funds always welcome. The garden has always been an important aspect of Wesley and a new one is included within the redevelopment.

Working Party following last service in Church on Sunday 3 July

As there will be various jobs to be done after the service in order to prepare for the commencement of the Building Work on Monday 4 July, we will need some volunteers to help. It will involve moving to storage certain items from the church. If you are fit and able, please sign up on the form in the concourse after coffee. – Many thanks, Sue and Isobel.

Wesley Housegroup

There is no August meeting and will start again on Tuesday 6th Sept in the Quiet Room

Age Concern Community Club Diary

Tuesdays 2 – 4pm

Tel 01702 345373

Tues 5 th July	Quizzes and games Wesley
Tues 12 th July	Quizzes and games Wesley
Tues 19 th July	Lunch at: Oldhams Restaurant, London Rd, Opp Palace theatre £11.50 12.30pm Booking with Miki essential £1
Tuesday 26 th	NO CLUB MEETING
Wed 27 th July	Afternoon Tea – Chalkwell Park Rooms 2- 4pm. £10 per person
Tues 2 nd Aug	Speaker about A Sea Dog called BAMSE World War 11 Canine Hero – Wesley

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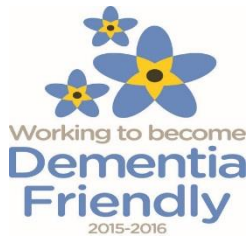
*Would you be able to spare a couple of hours a week
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or pop into the office for a chat

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Did you know Southend-On-Sea is working to becoming a Dementia Friendly town?

Southend-on-Sea is proud to have achieved 'working towards becoming a dementia friendly community' status. A dementia friendly community is a city, town or village where people affected by dementia feel confident knowing they can live their lives with access to the services and support they need to fully participate in community life. The status has been awarded thanks to the partnership work of the Southend Dementia Action Alliance (SDAA) which was launched in March 2015 to help the Borough become a 'Dementia-Friendly' town. The SDAA is made up of local businesses, services and community groups all working in partnership with the council.

www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/8940_southend_dementia_action_alliance

Would you like to help Wesley become a Dementia friendly Church?

"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" Psalm 137: 4

I would love to hear your opinions on this subject.

If you are already a Dementia Friend I would also like to hear from you.

*"Lord, help me to walk alongside people who see the world differently to me.
AMEN"*

Julie Peek

Mission Enabler for Older People

Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches

Tel 01702 479804

THE REVOLVING DOOR – PRAYER ON THE STREET

Three months gone already and so much has happened on the Street but alas, for many, little has changed – more of that later but first the good news:

The ‘dual diagnosis’ challenge in Southend which I mentioned in my previous contribution as a focus for prayer, has thankfully been addressed by Southend’s drug and alcohol rehabilitation service (STARS) now being able to use a revised referral process to access our local mental health service through their newly appointed consultant. Ironically, South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) describes itself as “one of the most successful Foundation Trusts in the country providing integrated care including mental health” but the reality was the ‘challenging’ process required to access it!

We have not seen Sally - the long standing rough sleeper who I related as having been offered alcohol rehabilitation, so we continue to pray that she is and will continue to receive the support she needs to bring it all to fruition. The update on rough sleeper George is not so optimistic however. Yes the local housing association did place him in accommodation but I found him still begging on the street. Why I ask him? And here is another of the ‘revolving door’ realities: He is receiving a package of support which will enable him to sustain that accommodation at least in the short term. BUT – and here is a BIG BUT for all of us: He is lonely and feels he must come out to do the things he is used to doing - and all he has known, for a long time and for the company. Since I saw George, I have been praying and trawling my mind for inspiration as to how we as Christians, dispersed as we are amongst multitude small fellowships across the Borough, can come together to offer inclusive fellowship to him and his ‘fellows’ to meet their needs.

This kind of loneliness may have been a contributory factor to the violence against Jo Wood in Batley: A man living alone with only the sensationalist media to feed a need for a purpose in his life. And he is so typical of many people we meet on the Seafront on a Friday or Saturday night, often drunk and many in despair at the loss of a loved one with nobody having taken the time to offer solace or explanation to that question: “Why has God done this”. Oh what joy there would be in Heaven if we could feed LOVE into that kind of void! That the energy so wasted and human resource so destroyed in a moment of anger, could be turned to God’s purpose.

Let me finish with another good news prospect; 'Detox Don' – so named he said because he spoke of nothing else. When we met him, he bemoaned in not unusual tones, that nobody was helping him with his addiction. From our conversation, it came to light that he was working with a peer mentor at STARS but was not making progress. I recall suggesting that he sounded rather defeatist and, despite his scepticism, we offered to pray for him. We met him again the last night I was out street pastoring, and his face lit up! He said he was buzzing – and that so should we be, because as a result of our prayer, he was now lined up for a rehabilitation programme – and it was Don who was crediting prayer, not ourselves. We prayed with him this time – that God would bring him through the programme as a beacon guiding and supporting him.

When I started my training as a Street Pastor, I was struck by the way that prayer is invoked both to protect us in our mission but also to intervene in the lives of the people we meet. Hitherto I had been rather sceptical myself about the 'power of prayer' but I am not now! I have seen it happen too often to be – as some people attribute, mere coincidence! Please join me in prayer for the lonely people on our streets.

Street Pastor - Peter Courtenay

LONDON MARATHON

I would like to say a big Thank You, to everyone who sponsored, donated and supported me when I took part in the 2016 Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 24th April. This was my first marathon, and I completed it in 3 hours 58 minutes.

I was hoping to raise £1,500 for the Paget's Association, the charity, which as a family, we hold dear to our hearts. To date I have exceeded all expectations and have raised £2,800. This money will go directly to the Paget's Association, for their medical research into this very painful, chronic bone disease.

Thank you

Thomas Ager-Lowden

Congratulations to Thomas for achieving such a brilliant time on the day, and to everyone thank you so much, as we could not have done it without all your help.

Ruth, David and Zoe Lowden

Keith and Marjorie Charnock

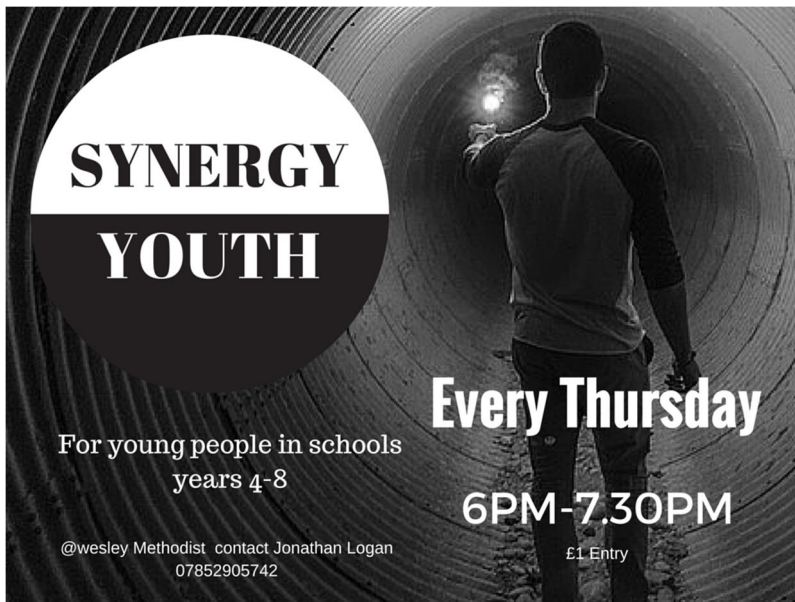
WORSHIP PLANS DURING THE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

Even though the Church will be undergoing some important changes from July to December all our usual activities and, more importantly worship will continue. A detailed service rota is included on the opposite page giving details of where our Worship will be held during July through to December. We hope to keep to these arrangements but if any changes are to be made we will endeavour to give early notice each month. We ask that you support all our stewards during this time who will do their best to make sure all runs smoothly.

Thank you Sue Hockett

WORSHIP PLANS DURING THE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

DATE	TIME	Room to be Used	Description
10th July	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
17th July	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
24th July	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
31st July	11.00 am	Wesley Hall	Section Service
7th Aug	11.00 am	Canteen Room BELFAIRS	
14th Aug	11.00 am	CHURCH	SECTION SERVICE
21st Aug	11.00 am	Canteen Room HIGHLANDS	
28th Aug	10.30 am	CHURCH	SECTION SERVICE
4th Sept	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
11th Sept	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
18th Sept	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
25th Sept	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Harvest	
2nd Oct	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
9th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
16th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room HIGHLANDS	
23rd Oct	10.30 am	CHURCH	HIGHLANDS 90TH CELEBRATION
30th Oct	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
6th Nov	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
13th Nov	11.00 am	Canteen Room	
20th Nov	TBC	St Clements	Joint @ St Clements TBC
27th Nov	11.00 am	Canteen Room	Toy and Gift Service
4th Dec	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Com	Joint with Highlands
11th Dec	11.00 am	Wesley Hall Nativity	Extraordinary Christmas



SYNERGY YOUTH

As you will see from this month's Clarion front cover Synergy has different dates over the holidays. We hope to see you all at SUMMER ADVENTURE HOLIDAY and we return back on Thurs 15th September.

If you have never been before there is lots on offer at Synergy Youth: games, pool, consoles, workshops, food, craft, computer suite, Nerf wars and much more.

Synergy is a fun environment for young people to learn new skills, find new friends and explore their faith.

Here is what some of our young people think about Synergy:

"I come to Synergy because it lets Children be themselves and have so much fun" Mason aged 10

"I like coming to Synergy because I make new friends and have fun stories"
Lilly aged 10

"Synergy is fun and cheap and you can meet different friends while doing fun things"
Isaac aged 9"

Prayer Diary for July and August

God of all time, and all places,
we set aside time and place
to go on pilgrimage, looking for you.
Help us to see each day as a pilgrimage,
treating every experience, both exciting and mundane,
as part of our daily walk with you,
our companion and guide,
who is with us each step of the way.
Amen.

Anne Brown, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District Chair

1st July – 9th July

Packing

The excitement of a holiday, the fun, the expectation and the joy begins with packing. Is it the overweight suitcase packed with too many clothes, sandals, cosmetics and books or the small rucksack with just T shirts, a second pair of trousers and a toothbrush.

Dear Lord, whatever our packing help us to remember and give thanks for the ability to take a holiday, to have clothes to pack and a sense of joy and expectation to be experienced. May we journey with Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

10th July – 16th July Travelling

Waiting at an airport what do you see? – the uncomfortable seats, the wait for the plane, the annoying noisy child running up and down and the loud and obvious stag or hen party that you sincerely hope are not on your plane OR young children with colourful trolley like suitcases, the overheard conversations that quietly amuse, the range of languages, the reducing boarding queue and families greeting and hugging one another.

Dear Lord, whatever our view of travelling may we never lose the ability to empathize with the activities of others, to know that God is in all people and in all we do. May we actively search for God in us and God in others. Amen

17th July –23rd July Travelling with a family in a car

A long car journey with the car packed with suitcases and carrier bags, essentials of tissues, wipes, towels, activity books, I pads, electronic games, drinks and snacks OR a few items thrown in the back.

Loving Lord, however we travel with our families and friends may we remember it is about the children and friends not what we are taking with us. May our conversations with each other show love, understanding and joy in the knowledge that God loves all of us uniquely and for ever. Amen

24th July – 30th July

The beach

A full and busy beach with cries and squeals from young children. Buggies full of towels, sunshades and umbrellas, extra clothing, snacks and buckets and spades. Ice creams being licked with open mouths, wide eyes and sticky noses. Sandcastles being made only to disappear by the encroaching tide.

Loving Lord may we feel your presence at the beach amid the joy and fun, may we know we can be forgiven the tide bringing a wave of forgiveness, a clean path a new beginning for all of us. Open our eyes to the forgiving beauty of a beach.

31st July – 6th August

Holidays

Dear Lord, as we take our holidays we pray we may see the beauty of your world but not at the expense of polluting your garden and ignoring the plight of the indigenous peoples. May we always respect those enabling our travel, tending our hotel rooms, preparing and serving food, and the culture of the land we are visiting. Amen

7th August – 13th August

Summer days

Summer days – longer light, greater warmth, outside in the air, feeling good, smiling, bemused at the variety of shorts and sandals, wearing no sandals – watching the sunset at the end of the day. O Lord we give thanks for past summers, present summer days and those to come. Amen

14th August – 20th August Summer days

God of golden fields and blue skies THANK YOU FOR SUMMER. God of white waves and wet pebbles. THANK YOU FOR SUMMER. God of ripe plums and meadowsweet. THANK YOU FOR SUMMER. Thank you for warmth and beauty and wonder. THANK YOU FOR LIFE.

Ruth Burgess Bare Feet and Buttercups p136

21st August – 27th August Countryside

As we relax into the beauty of your world taking time to walk among the trees and countryside, taking time to really see the plants and flowers, taking time to spot the animals in their natural habitat, taking time to just be and acknowledge God's grandeur.

Creator God may we see the beauty of your world, the uniqueness of each being, the love poured into every created being and the compassion for all humankind. Amen

28th August – 31th August Coming Home

As we travel the journey of life we pray we are pursuing God's purpose, that Christ is beside us and in our hearts and the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to be compassionate, kind and loving to all the people we meet. As we journey home and return to the home of love, kindness and familiarity may we remember that we can always return to a loving forgiving God through faith in Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WESLEY PRAYER CHAIN

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

Susan Mthimkulu mob 07454011257

Isobel Wratishlaw 557764 mob 07508164525

Steve Hockett 478772 mob 07952058251

Jane Fulford

Linda Lister

June Childs 711891

Vivien Threadgold 713325

Miriam Gifford 716175

Alison Newnham 621343 mob 07863954388

"Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5: 17

Allegroat the movies Concert

Saturday 16th July 7.30pm

Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Boulevard SS9 3PT

Our summer season 'Allegro at the movies' will be an evening of wonderful music, from traditional choral arrangements to popular modern composers and hit musicals.

Allegro was established in November 2013 by a group of friends. All the members are experienced singers; each has sung with some of the other members in various choirs and societies, now they are enjoying singing together as one choir.

The aim of Allegro is to have fun rehearsing a wide repertoire of music and to present high quality concerts which will raise funds for charitable causes. In the first two years they have raised £7,400 for various charities and community groups.

The concert at Highlands Methodist Church will raise funds for the refurbishment of the sanctuary area at Highlands and The Southend Huntingdon's Disease Society.

Please contact Anne (01268 565644 or annelane8@btinternet.com) or Ros (01702 478631) to buy your tickets which are priced £10. Tickets can also be brought on the door.

HELPING HANDS

The following contacts from our wider church family may be able to help if you are struggling with housework, gardening or odd jobs?

Gardening Services and Odd Jobs
Painting, decorating & Odd Jobs

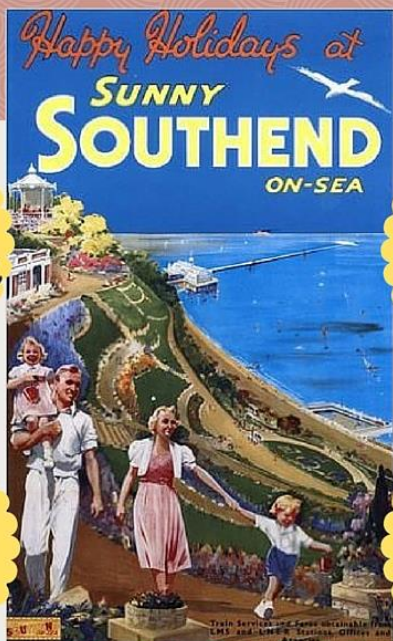
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Judy*



*Fish n
Chips*



HOLIDAYING AT HOME WESLEY

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST
10.30AM TIL 2.30PM

COST £7.50 PER PERSON

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE TELEPHONE JULIE ON 01702 479804

This not for profit event has been planned for the older people of Leigh on Sea by the Older peoples worker for Wesley & Highlands Methodist Churches



TIME FOR HEALING

The Time for Healing Prayer Group continue to meet as usual, generally on the third Saturday of each month between 11.30am - 12.30pm. Meetings are typically attended by ten to twelve 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 occasional testimony. This is followed by the opportunity for private prayer with one or more of the group leaders.

It is always good to see the meeting of the churchgoers who turn up and those lovely people who just come off the street, as it is open to anyone. So please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. The next meetings are planned for the following dates:

- Saturday 16th July
- Saturday 20th August
- September date TBA

Please note: because of the building works, the meetings from July onwards will be held in Room 3 (the Canteen Room) instead of the Church.

Terry Harper

GIFT AID

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has completed a Gift Aid Declaration form recently and to Keith Charnock for organising this for me.

If you are a UK tax payer we can claim back 25% of your donations and offerings in tax. This means, if you donate or give £100.00 we can claim back a further £25.00 as long as you have paid more than this in tax for the year.

It doesn't matter whether you use the offertory envelopes or a bank standing order, as long as I have a form, we can claim. Other donations through the year can be made in cash, cheque or bank payment, as long as I know you've made the donation.

If you are a tax payer but have not recently completed a form, please let me know and I will arrange one for you.

Thank you

Tina Gowers

TinaGowers@sky.com

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WESLEY MONTHLY MOVIE MORNING

Friday 22nd July Victoria Wood's "THAT DAY WE SANG" 10.30am

Michael Ball and Imelda Staunton star as Tubby and Enid, reunited in 1960's Manchester, forty years after they sang as children on a famous record.

That Day We Sang is an all singing, all dancing feel good treat. It is glamorous, funny and poignant as the last feature writing and directing of the hugely talented comedian and actress Victoria Wood.

FREE event – Refreshments will be on sale

LEIGH WESLEY PRESCHOOL

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind wishes, cards and the beautiful Portraits of the Word book which I will treasure.

These past 3 years have been wonderful and although it was a challenge with a few hurdles along the way, I am delighted that I can leave the preschool in a very positive position, with a fantastic team of ladies and a healthy waiting list.

My successor Jody French has worked alongside me for the last 2 years as my Supervisor and I know that the preschool will continue to thrive under Jody's guidance and I wish her all the very best for the future.

My special thanks go to all the wonderful ladies who have organised and helped with the tea/coffee for our parents/carers following our concerts, you truly are amazing. Our parents/carers have always commented on how friendly and welcoming you all are.

I also thank Paul for all church related admin support, Keith for organising my PAT testing and Pam for keeping the halls clean.

I would especially like to thank Rev. Julia for taking time out of her busy schedule to pop in and see the children and staff during session as well as supporting our various concerts.

It's been an absolute pleasure being associated with such a wonderful group of people and I wish you all good health and happiness.

Best wishes
Karen Barnes-Austin

I have worked at Wesley preschool for 5 years, expanding my knowledge and training within the Early Years sector. I have been working with and supporting Karen for 3 years as her supervisor which I believe holds me in good stead for the challenges ahead. My plans are to continue the good name of the preschool within the Leigh Community.

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to takeover Wesley Preschool at the end of the summer term, and I am looking very much forward to my new position as Owner/Manager of the Preschool. I look forward to making many new friends at Wesley.

Jody French

New Owner/Manager, Wesley Pre-school

Mob 07581 150978



WESLEY ART GROUP EXHIBITION

The Art Group is having an exhibition in Room 3 from Wednesday 26th-Saturday 29th October. All are very welcome particularly Thurs 27th October where you can join in Summer-time afternoon tea & cakes from 2-4pm.

FLOWER ROTA FOR JULY/AUG

July.

- 3rd. Flowers for the wedding of Zoe Chapman and Guy Whiddett.
- 10th. Service in Canteen room, no donor.
- 17th. Service in Canteen room, no donor.
- 24th. Service in Canteen room, flowers given by Ann Sharpen and the family in loving memory of her father, Wally Chandler.
- 31st. Service in Wesley Hall, flowers given in loving memory of Hazel Ladd by Gordon, Janet and the family.

August.

- 7th. Service in Canteen room, flowers given by Pam Boughton Smith and the family in loving memory of her dad, Frank Fance.
- 14th. Section service at Belfairs Methodist Church.
- 21st. Service in Canteen Room, flowers given by Alison in memory of her parents.
- 28th. Section service at Highlands Methodist Church

CLARION COLLATORS – HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Doreen and Doug Underhill are unable to continue with collating the Clarion every 3 or 4 months due to ill health. They have done this for many years and we owe them a huge vote of thanks. This means that there are only two regular teams of collators. We really need two, preferably three, more. The more teams we have, the less often you would be asked to do it (or you could volunteer to do it just once, or once or twice a year). It can be done either at Wesley or in your own home and the copies can easily be brought to you and collected when complete. If you're interested please do see myself or Julie Peek.

Paul McDowell

CLARION GOES LIVE!

Clarion on the website The Clarion is now available on the website, starting with June 2016 – look under 'About' and 'News'.

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Bradwell Festival
2nd July 2016 - 3rd July 2016
Live music, Speakers, Worship

Bradwell Pilgrimage is becoming *Bradwell Festival*. New branding, new logo, new format, same great experience. The Festival will be the first weekend in July and will build on the legacy of the Bradwell Pilgrimage.

Once at the festival site, which will incorporate St Peter's Chapel as well as the home of the Othona Community, festival-goers will be able to enjoy a variety of worship, activities, food and drink throughout the day and evening.

Bradwell Festival is an opportunity to connect and celebrate with other Christians and take that joy back to our communities

www.bradwellfestival.com

SUMMER TIME AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES
CANTEEN ROOM (ROOM 3)
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4PM

July 21st
August 25th
September 29th
October 27th

Our 60+ tea and cake afternoons are starting up again on Thursday 28th April. We will offer a welcome break from shopping in the Broadway or simply a time to chat and meet friends old and new. The cost will be £1.00 for tea, coffee or juice plus a choice of delicious cakes. Stay all afternoon or pop in for a while – bring your friends.

Janet Whiddett

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

11.00am

Mon 4th

10.00am

Tues 5th

2.00pm

Wed 6th

9.00am
2.30pm

Thurs 7th

6.00pm

Fri 8th

2.00pm

Sat 9th

10.00am
11.30am

SUNDAY 10th JULY

11.00am

Mon 11th

10.00am

Tues 12th

2.00pm

Wed 13th

9.00am
10.00am

2.30pm

Thurs 14th

6.00pm

Fri 15th

2.00pm

Sat 16th

10.00am
11.30am

CONFERENCE SUNDAY

Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan

Porch: Eileen Simmons

Wesley Art Group

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

Midweek Communion – Wesley, (Quiet Room)
Talking Poetry (in Quiet Room,
subject beginning with u,v,w)

Synergy

Table Tennis 60+

Coffee Morning

Time for Prayer (Canteen Room 3)

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

Preacher: Mrs Eileen Simmons

Porch: Margaret Cotgrove

Wesley Art Group

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

NO Midweek Communion at Belfairs
Parent and Toddler (last session for summer resume back
Wed 7th Sept)
Talking Poetry (subject beginning with x,y,z)

Synergy

Table Tennis 60+

Coffee Morning

Time for Healing (Canteen Room 3)

SUNDAY 17th JULY

11.00am

RURAL MISSIONS SUNDAY

Preacher: Mr Colin Turner

Porch: Janet Whiddett

Mon 18th

10.00am

Wesley Art Group

Tues 19th

NO AGE CONCERN COMMUNITY CLUB @ Wesley

Fri 22nd

2.00pm

Table Tennis 60+

Sat 23rd

11.30am

Time for Prayer (Canteen room 3)

SUNDAY 24th JULY

11.00am

Preacher: Mrs Sue Hockett

Porch: Michelle Scott

Mon 25th

10.00am

Wesley Art Group

Tues 26th

10.00am

SUMMER ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

NO AGE CONCERN COMMUNITY CLUB @ Wesley

8.00pm

Informal Worship (Canteen room 3)

Wed 27th

9.15am

Midweek Communion – Fishermen's Chapel

10.00am

SUMMER ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

Thurs 28th

10.00am

SUMMER ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

Fri 29th

10.00am

SUMMER ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

2.00pm

Table Tennis 60+ (last session for Summer
will resume Fri 4th Nov)

Sat 30th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Prayer (Canteen room 3)

SUNDAY 31st JULY

11.00am

SECTION SERVICE AT WESLEY

Preacher: Mrs Jane Fulford MA

Porch: Annette Jarvis

Tues 2nd

2.00pm

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

Wed 3rd

9.00am

NO Midweek Communion at Wesley

Fri 5th

2.00pm

Table Tennis 60+

Sat 6th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Healing

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

11.00am

Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan

Porch: Steve Jones

Tues 9th

2.00pm

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

Wed 10th

9.00am

NO Midweek Communion at Belfairs

Sat 13th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Healing

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST

9.00am

Holy Communion at Wesley

11.00am

SECTION SERVICE AT BELFAIRS

Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan

Tues 16th

NO AGE CONCERN COMMUNITY CLUB @ Wesley

Sat 20th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Healing (Room 3)

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

11.00am

Preacher: Susan Mthimkulu

Porch: Geoff Fulford

Tues 23rd

2.00pm

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

Wed 24th

9.15am

Midweek Communion at Fishermen's Chapel

Sat 27th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Prayer (Room3)

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

11.00am

SECTION SERVICE AT HIGHLANDS

Preacher: Mrs Kathy McCullough

NO SERVICE AT WESLEY

Tues 30th

2.00pm

Age Concern Community Club, Wesley

Sat 3rd Sept

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Prayer (Room 3)



SEPTEMBER CLARION

Items for the Sept Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **FRIDAY 19th AUGUST 2016**



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