

THE CLARION



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MINISTER'S LETTER



February is a strange month. We're still in the grips of winter, but yet we start to see glimmers of the hope of spring with the days starting the lengthen.

Some say that February is a month of reflection; where the blues of January subside and we start to look forward to sunny days and the joys of nature bursting forth.

January can be a reminder that life isn't always easy. There are things that happen to us that can make our lives seem pretty dark and cold. None of us are exempt from these types of events in our lives. But as with the hope and anticipation of February and Spring, we too, will come out

of the other side of our worries, fears and problems. Most of our difficulties are based upon earthly woes to do with money, employment, illnesses or family. But Jesus tell us in John 16:33 that He has overcome the world! *'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'* [NIVUK]

So, as we come through the harshness of winter, we too, will come through the harshness of our problems and concerns and will bathe in the sunshine of God's peace for our lives.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve, February 2022

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A Lent Course
CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE
[HILARY BRAND]

Based on the film Chocolat

All Sessions 2pm @ Highlands Methodist Church

23rd February 2022 – Watch the film, Chocolat [1hr
57mins]

9th March 2022 – Week 1 – Giving Up, The Prelude to
Change

16th March 2022 – Week 2 – Giving Out, The Power of a
Gift

23rd March 2022 – Week 3 – Getting Wise, The Possibility
of Change

30th March 2022 – Week 4 – Getting Real, The Power of
Acceptance

6th April 2022 – Week 5 – Growing Up, The Process of
Change

Don't worry if you can't make all the sessions. Each week
stands alone.

But seeing the whole film on 23rd February, will be very
beneficial and puts each week in context.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Fern's Fitness



This is an Exercise class for the over 50s usually on Mondays from 11am to 12 noon in Wesley Hall. It is a very friendly group, and the exercises are adapted for any ability and no ability. There is a small fee of £5.

Recommended by Pam and Linda

Hope to see you there.

TALKING POETRY

September 2021 to December 2022

Wednesday at 2:30pm



Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

9th Feb – Clive James

23rd Feb – John Betjeman

please contact Joan Hawkins on email
joanh838@icloud.com for further details'

WELCOME TO WESLEY

Lunches in February at 12.30pm

£7

Jacket Potato and salad, and Dessert



Thursday 3rd February **Chilli**

Thursday 10th February **Chicken Curry**

Thursday 24th February **Bolognese**

Each week there will be Tuna, Cheese or Beans

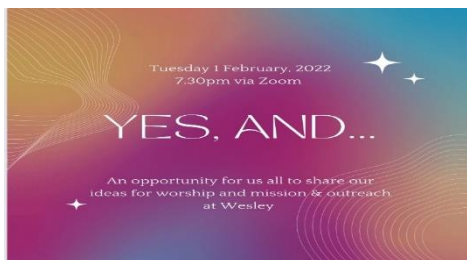
Dessert **Cake and Cream**

Please book on the sheet below or phone Jane on
01702 714213 for catering purposes.

Please pay cash on the day. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you

The Worship Consultation and Mission & Outreach



meeting is having a rebrand. Therefore we would like to invite you to an ideas meeting called, 'Yes, and..!'

Come and share your ideas for the worship, mission and outreach opportunities at Wesley Methodist Church.

Date: Tuesday 1 February, 2022

Time: 7.30-9pm

Zoom: link to be circulated to all those on the church email list. If you are not sure if you are on the church email list please speak to Judy

There will be light refreshments of tea, coffee, doughnuts and fruit.

For more information please speak to Gaye or Sanya.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thank you to all those who contributed, despite the Covid restrictions we raised £42.20

Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022.



This will take place in the Church after the morning service at approx. 12.30pm until 3pm. So even if your own road is having a Street Party you will be able to join us first. Further details to follow at a later date.
June Childs.

PASTORAL NEWS as at 14.1.22

Jean Turner has settled in very happily at St. Martin's Care home and Marjorie tells me looks well.

It was very unfortunate that Janet and John Whiddett had COVID at Christmas. They had invited all their family for the festive meal which had to be cancelled, and so, as Janet said, they were not short of food! I have spoken to Janet today and they had the family meal a few days back and enjoyed Pizzas !! COVID has left both of them very tired.

Some of our Wesley Congregation prefer that they are not mentioned in the Clarion and their feelings are fully respected.

Eileen Simmons

LIFTS TO CHURCH

We have members of our congregation who would really appreciate a lift to the Sunday Services. Please let me know if you could offer a lift either regularly or just occasionally. I obviously have not offered such help until it is forthcoming.

Eileen Simmons

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Creative worship' also known as **'Informal Worship'**

On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8pm we hold worship for about 30-50 minutes. This worship can take many forms. Here are just a few: -

Taize

Divine Reading (Lectio Divina)- simply reading scripture

Labyrinths based on Being 'God's Jewel' or The Book of Revelations

Using all our senses to explore the elements of an unusual French Cross at Easter

Adaptions of services from the Iona Community

A more traditional service with themes of:

Friendship

Journeying

The water of Life

Pebbles and Prayer

All the services are carefully and prayerfully designed and offered with the one aim of enabling those present to deepen their faith and feel the presence of God. There is probably more silence and time for thinking than a Sunday morning service and, of course, no sermon but each service is very different.

So, is it creative or informal? Do you want to come along? Please do join us or talk to Isobel, Sue, Jane or Gaye to find out more.

The next dates are 22nd February and 22nd March.

CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL JUMBLE **SALE 2022**

As you may remember it was with great regret that this event was cancelled because of the pandemic in 2021.



BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL

Pam and her family along with a few others walked 500 miles, socially distanced of course, to raise money for this very worthy organisation.



AND AN AMAZING £1,350 was raised.

This year Pam and her family are organising another sponsored walk for February 2022 and a Coffee morning on SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2022 at Wesley to show the work of CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL.

So DO NOT COLLECT ANY JUMBLE instead get your WALKING SHOES ON OR SPONSOR those walking and let's BEAT that amazing amount in 2021.

See you walking and see you on the 19th of February 2022.

Pam and family

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

Maureen Chambers 01702 870956.

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



TIME FOR PRAYER

Our monthly Time for Prayer meeting is continuing to be under review, but for February and March we would like to try to have it on the second Thursday of the month. For February the date would be Thursday 10th and for March the date would be Thursday 10th.

The time would be 11am to 11.30am

I do hope this will be convenient for our regulars and it will also provide an opportunity for others to join us.

Worship Dates for Feb 2022

Sunday 6th Feb at 11 o clock – Preacher: Rev Hooks.
Covenant and Communion service.

Sunday 13th Feb at 11 o clock – Preacher: Mrs S Strachan

Sunday 20th Feb at 11 o clock – Preacher: Mrs E Simmons

Sunday 20th Feb at 5:30pm – Inspire Worship

Sunday 27th Feb at 11 o clock – Preacher: Pastor S Mayo

8pm - Creative Worship — every 4th Tuesday in the month
– All are welcome

2pm -4pm on the 3rd Monday of the month – Memory
Worship

Worship Dates for March 2022

Sunday 6th March at 11:00– Preacher: TBC

Sunday 13th March at 11:00– Preacher: LA

Sunday 20st March at 11:00 – Preacher: United Service at
Highlands.

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Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the March Clarion by **Friday 18th Feburary 2022**

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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