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MINISTER'S LETTER



As I'm sure all of you are aware, this year we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; 70 years on the throne. We will be celebrating with street parties, special concerts, community events and even an extra bank holiday! Although I wouldn't say I'm a devout royalist, I do have an admiration and respect for the Queen when I think about the events over the past 70 years she has seen our country through. If Queen Elizabeth lives for another 3 years, she will be the longest reigning monarch in history overtaking Louis XIV of France, who reigned for 72 years and 110 days.

70 years to me seems a really long time, and this feeling of duration will vary as to how old or young you are and many of you will still remember the Queen's ascension to the throne in 1952.

But of course, there is one King who has reigned longer than any earthly king or queen; the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Earthly rulers come and go, no matter how long their reign, but Jesus reigns from eternity to eternity. The Bible says; *'He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'* [Luke 1:32-33 NIVUK]

Also, any earthly monarch has a limited area that they rule over whereas Jesus, is the ruler of the whole world and beyond. In the words of Isaac Watts;

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.*

[CCL No. 15506]

So, by all means let's celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, that's been a huge achievement for the Queen, but in our celebrations let's also remember and celebrate the longest reigning sovereign ever, Jesus!

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve, June 2022

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS



I would like to say a big, grateful, loving 'Thank You' to my Wesley friends for all the prayers, texts, cards and Get Well messages following my recent hospital visit. They meant more than I can say as it turned out to be longer and more unpleasant than I'd hoped. I'm pleased to say all is well now and life is returning to normal. Joan



Just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has sent cards, flowers and well wishes firstly on my ill health and then recovery from my operation. Since September, I have had 5 stays in hospital and received 13 units of blood, more than was in my body to start with. I've also had 3 day stays and received fluids and an iron infusion during this time. Finally, on the last admission, they kept me in, topped me up and did the op that should stop the problem.

I also want to thank everyone for their prayers - they worked! The op is supposed to be excruciating painful and take several weeks to recover but, whilst I've been a bit sore, I haven't been in much pain, and I feel so much better now that I have a body full of blood. The doctors, nurses, HCA's and all the support staff, at the hospital, are absolutely brilliant and I thank God that he gave them the skills, patience and kindness to help me. I would also like to thank all blood donors.

I realise this message reads more like a BAFTA winner's acceptance speech, but I really am very grateful to everyone.

Many thanks

Tina

TALKING POETRY

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

1st June – Robert Frost

15th June – David Constantine

29th June – Matthew Arnold



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

AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES FOR

2022

We shall be starting the Tea and Cake afternoons at the end of April, so pencil in these dates for your dairy.

All on Thursday Afternoons 2pm-4pm in the Canteen Room.

May 26th

June 30th

July 28th

August 25th

September 29th

October 27th



Looking forward to seeing you there, With love Janet, Pam and Linda

CREATIVE WORSHIP

We are offering this 'different' service for the next two months:

28th June Tuesday at 8pm in the Sanctuary

26th July Tuesday at 8pm in the Sanctuary

Everyone Welcome



Table Sale



Saturday 30th July 2022

In the sanctuary at Wesley

From 10am – 1pm

Please come and support. The café will be open as usual and there will be tables filling the rest of the sanctuary and weather permitting outside. Any money raised will go to church funds to support on-going activities.

If you want a table, please contact Jane on 01702 714213 but be quick!

Please do come for a look round and have a coffee

Please save the date of **Saturday 29th October** for a Table Sale that covers all the downstairs rooms and will be an Autumn/Christmas Bazaar.

WELCOME TO WESLEY

Lunches at 12.30pm

£7

Jacket Potato and salad, and Dessert



1st Thursday

Chilli

2nd Thursday

Chicken Curry

4th Thursday

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

PASTORAL NEWS as at 11.5.22

Margaret Cotgrove has had a massive heart attack and was treated at Basildon hospital. She has been on our prayer list for many weeks. Daughter Rosie has kindly kept us up to date. Margaret has been moved to Ashingdon Hall Care Home and is settling well. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to remember and keep in your prayers Linda Helsey's daughter Rebecca, who is having chemotherapy.

Wasn't it wonderful to see Joan Hawkins back in church this last Sunday after her hip operation? She even drove to church ! Wow !

FAVOURITES.

I introduced this style of worship last year and will have a similar service on 21st August. Please think of a favourite bible passage, perhaps in a particular version of the bible OR a favourite hymn or worship song to a particular tune OR a meditation OR poem you would like to be included. Contact me at any time to make a request; as they say first come, first served and one or two people had to be disappointed last time. One person has already anticipated and let me have a request.

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***Concert in aid of Youth work at Wesley
Methodist Church***

Saturday 16th July at 7.45pm

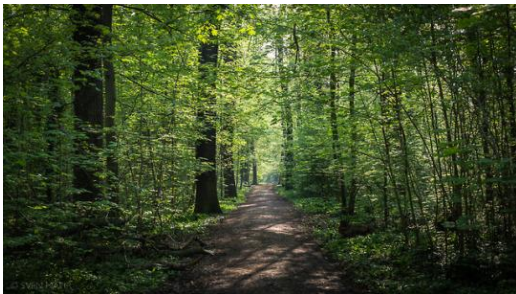
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TICKETS: £10

Tickets available from The Leadership Team

A Brownies day out in 1945



I want to revisit that lovely day
For though I was only eight
Brown Owl came marching down our road
'Come on or you'll be late'

We went by train to Hockley Woods
Us brownies all in awe,
Holding our picnics very tight
We'd never travelled before!

We sat by a clearing in the woods
Eating our humble fare
Pasties to eat and water to drink
We could hardly believe we were there!

Sunlight dappled onto the clearing
War but a distant memory,
Some played rounders, other cheering –
Peacetime pervaded for all to see.

Deep in my mind
That memory will stay
Now and forever
A wonderful day.

Shirley Baker



Congratulations to Holly and
Leo on the birth of their second
child, Rafferty Michael Leo
Parry. A third grandchild for Linda and Mike Parry and third
great grandchild for Joan and Geoff Hawkins

TIME FOR PRAYER



The monthly Time for Prayer meeting will revert to a Saturday date once again from June. The start time will be 9.30am, in order to allow for a period of quiet contemplation prior to the opening of the Saturday Café. We hope that this will be convenient for everyone.

The dates and times for the next meetings will be:

- Saturday June 18th - 9.30 am
- Saturday July 16th - 9.30 am

There will not be a meeting in August and meetings will resume once again in September.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

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

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Miriam Gifford 716175

Maureen Chambers 01702 870956.



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

Worship Dates for June 2022

Sunday 5th June at 11:00 – Preacher – Mr C Turner service will include communion.

Sunday 12th June at 11:00 – Preacher – Mrs S Hockett

Sunday 19th June at 11:00 – Preacher – Mrs E Simmons

Sunday 19th June at 17:30 – Inspire Creative Worship

Sunday 26th June at 11:00 - Preacher – Pastor Steve Mayo with Baptism – ACM meeting will follow this service

Creative Workshop: 8pm - every 4th Tuesday in the month
– All are welcome

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

Worship Dates for July 2022

Sunday 3rd July at 11:00 - Preacher- Mrs S Strachan

Sunday 10th July at 11:00 - Preacher – Mrs S Hockett

Sunday 17th July at 11:00 - Preacher – Rev P Moorhouse service will include communion.

Sunday 17th July at 17:30 - Inspire Creative Worship

Sunday 24th July at 11:00- Local Arrangement/United Service

Sunday 31st July at 11:00- United Service @ Highlands

Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the July Clarion by **Friday 17th June 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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