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MINISTER'S LETTER



We're coming into the holiday season now and already there has been dismay and disappointment for many! As a result of airlines being under staffed or over-selling seats on their planes, people have either had holidays cancelled, or delayed, or even been stuck at their holiday destination. (Which I don't think is as good as it sounds!)

How heart breaking it has been to see people actually getting to the airport, all excited about their holiday, only to be turned away.

As I reflected on these events, two things came to my mind. My first thought was *consistency* and the second was *acceptance*.

Firstly, *consistency*.

In a world where everything is changing one week to the next, whether that is due to the now abating pandemic, or the pending financial crisis looming on the horizon, we all need to be able to cling to something, something that is stable, something that has consistency. For Christians, that's our faith in God. The Bible tells us that God never changes. Malachi 3:6; *'I the Lord do not change.'* [NIVUK] His love, His protection, His providence, His guidance, His omnipresence, always remains the same.

Jesus, also remains the same. Hebrews 13:8; *'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'* [NIVUK]

So, no matter what changes come upon us, whether that is a financial change, a health change, or anything else, we can rely on a God who never changes and is there for us as we journey along life's road. In the words of the hymn writer, Theodore Hopkins Kitching [1866-1930]

How wonderful it is to walk with God

Along the road that holy men have trod;

How wonderful it is to hear him say:

Fear not, have faith, 'tis I who lead the way!

[CCL No. 15506]

Secondly, *acceptance*.

When we come to Jesus, unlike an airport, we will never be turned away. Probably one of the most well known portions of scripture says; *'For God so loved the world, that he gave*

*his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'* [John 3:16 KJV]

Again, in the words of another hymn writer, William John McAlonan (1863-1925)

*Whosoever will may come,
And who comes to him shall never
Disappointed turn away;
Praise the Lord! 'tis whosoever.*
[CCL No. 15506]

That means anyone! No matter what we have done or where we have been, Jesus will accept any contrite heart! He always has, and He always will.

So, if you're planning an away holiday or a 'staycation' this summer, may you be richly blessed and assured as you experience God's consistency and acceptance.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

July 2022

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS



It's with great sadness that we announce the death of the Rev'd Julia Monaghan who lost her battle with cancer and passed away on Thursday 16th June 2022.

Julia served as the Leigh Section minister from 2012-2018. She was much loved and well-liked in the circuit and will be sadly missed by those who knew her best. We keep Sam and the family in our Prayers.

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

July 28th

August 25th

September 29th

October 27th

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



PASTORAL NEWS as at 17th. June 2022

It was lovely to see Rupert Bertie in our service on 12th. June. We pray for his continued better health.

We were sad to hear of the death of Norman Sutcliffe and send our condolences to his widow Jan and his family. Norman wanted a service here in Wesley and this will be arranged.

There is a book in the vestry in which are recorded prayer requests for those of our Wesley family, who need our thoughts and prayers.

Pastor Steve and I went to see Margaret Cotgrove in Ashingdon Hall care Home last week and were pleased to see how well she seemed. She would welcome visitors from our Wesley family. Do please see me for further details.

Eileen Simmons

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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.

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



A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Charity Abseil down the (157 feet)

hospital tower at the beginning of May

The worst part was wondering what I had signed up for when I had my doubts the night before.

It was all fine once Anna Firth MP and I had manoeuvred over the top of the wall and started the descent

I have raised nearly £600 and Anna over £2000, all for the Hospital.

So thanks once again!

Helen Boyd

WELCOME TO WESLEY

Lunches at 12.30pm

£7 Donation

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 Miriam on
07435319063 for catering purposes.

Please pay cash on the day. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you

CHARITY DONATIONS

I have received our Gift Aid claim and we had a total of £474.75 to go to various charities. I've listed below the extra money that these charities have received from your donations.

Childrens Society	£39.95
Christian Aid	£11.75
MHA	£15.10
Action for Children	£54.27
TearFund	£71.04
Macmillan	£118.09
Foodbank	£10.75
Storehouse	£20.00
Music Man Project	£29.30
Nkanfoa	£28.75
Ukraine appeal (DEC)	£75.75

We have also received a further £6,195.70 for church funds and £125.00 specifically for a Fusion youth worker.

CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF REV.BRIAN GOSS

On Saturday 28th. May 2022 Geoff and I went to Wesley's Chapel for a wonderful service. It is the church where I was a member and we attended for many years. I learned so much about Pastoral Care from Brian. Brian's widow Zena grew up in our church in Leigh and some of you knew her as Zena Ford. I have just re-read her contribution to Our Wesley Stories in which she writes of many vivid and happy memories of growing up at Leigh Wesley.

Brian's work in the Methodist Ministry was a blessing to so many of us and we praise our Lord for his life and witness.

Eileen Simmons

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY - 10th. July 2022

Some years we actually use the Action for Children service provided by the Charity, but in 2022 the circuit is using July as Bible Month. However, we are all invited to give to the charity using the envelopes provided. They will be

distributed in church on 10th. July and gifts can be made throughout July. There is a detachable gift aid form to complete for those of you who qualify.

AFC has always been a charity well supported by Wesley and we hope 2022 continues this tradition.

Eileen Simmons

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This falls the weekend of 30th September and I hope someone will come forward to organise it please. Geoff and I did it last year, for the one year only. There was amazing support from the MacMillan coffee morning group who gave generously both in cash and in providing cakes to sell. As yet Wesley is not registered for 2022. Please see me for information and handover.

Eileen Simmons

News from Lizzie Wilson – training for ministry

Dear friends,

I hope you are well! Since leaving Southend, I have been studying Philosophy in the North! As I graduate this summer from the University of Leeds, I would love you to consider supporting me in my next steps. I am excited to say that in September 2022 I will be working for Christ Church Central Leeds (CCCL) as a trainee until the end of July 2023. CCCL (<https://centralleeds.church>) was planted in Leeds in 2017 and is part of the International Presbyterian Church (IPC). I will be involved in Bible study and training, children's work, university Christian Union groups, preparing worship services along with helping with church admin.

Why am I doing it?

Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

God has provided me with a great church family and having the opportunity to devote a year serving God within this community is something I cannot give up! I am excited to go into a new season of life after graduation where I have the freedom and time to pay close attention to the needs of those around me. Specifically, CCCL's student community has grown significantly and I am eager to be someone they

can turn to as they complete their degrees. In the future I am considering going into full time ministry, and the spiritual wisdom I will be given as a trainee will give me more confidence and understanding of Scripture so I can best serve Christ and his people.

How can you help?

The main reason for writing is that I would love you to be supporting me in prayer and, if possible, financially:

Prayer: As I go through my year working for CCCL, I will be sending regular emails to keep you all updated and for prayer requests. If you would like to get these emails please let me know at

lizzieannewils@gmail.com.

Please, Praise God for surrounding me with people who care deeply for my spiritual needs and want to invest in me so that I may be a better disciple.

Please pray that God will help me understand His character more and that I may constantly lean on Him through all situations.

Please pray that I would be depending on God to provide me with the financial necessities to carry out the internship.

If you are able to support me financially with any amount, I would be very grateful. I need £6000 for the year to fund

necessities. Please contact Jane Fulford for any details and contributions.

Thank you for taking the time to read about this new stage of my life! I'm very excited to be a Ministry Trainee and appreciate you wanting to know what I plan to do for the next year. If you have any questions please feel free to email me (lizzieannewils@gmail.com) or send me a text

(07487415949). Even if you cannot support me, I'd love for you to get in contact if you just want to chat!



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

Saturday 16th July at 7.45pm

Wesley Methodist Church

Leigh on sea SS9 1SJ

TICKETS: £10

Tickets available from The Leadership Team

Worship Consultation

All are warmly welcome to this meeting. Help contribute and bring ideas for the worship life of our community here at Leigh Wesley Methodist Church.

Wednesday 7 September, 2022

8-9pm online (link to be circulated at a later date)

WESLEY THEATRE GROUP PRESENT

A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED



A Dinner Theatre Murder Mystery
by

Patricia Gay

SATURDAY: 23RD JULY 2022

VENUE: WESLEY HALL, ELM ROAD, LEIGH ON SEA

AT:

COST OF TICKETS: £8.00 EACH OR £20 FOR A FAMILY
OF FOUR.

TIME FOR PRAYER

The monthly Time for Prayer meeting will revert to a Saturday date once again from July. 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 date and time for the next meeting will therefore be:

- Saturday July 16th - 9.30 am

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

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

Also, it is with sadness that we remember the recent passing of Reg, a stalwart member of the Time for Healing and Time for Prayer group. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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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Isobel Wratishlaw 557764 mob 07508164525

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

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

Worship Dates for August 2022

Sunday 7th at 11:00 – Preacher – Mr C Turner service will
include communion.

Sunday 14th at 11:00- Preacher – Pastor Steve Mayo –
there will a baptism in this service.

Sunday 21st at 11:00- Preacher – Eileen Simmons

Sunday 21st at 17:30- Inspire Creative Worship

Sunday 28th at 11:00- Preacher – Rev C Samuel, this is a
United Service.



Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14

Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the September Clarion by **Friday 19th August 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.

Judy Taylor – ukspud@talktalk.net

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