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MINISTER'S LETTER



When I started thinking about using 'footprints' as a theme for this letter, I had feet in mind, but by far the biggest hit on the internet about footprints was about our carbon footprint, the damage that we do to our world through pollution etc. Then that got me thinking about what we do with our lives whilst we're here, living on earth, and that quote from a song by John Kay, '*take nothing but pictures leave nothing but footprints,*' kept running through my mind, so I started to thinking about it a bit more... '*take nothing but pictures...*' I know what the writer of those words is getting at, meaning don't pick flowers etc. which would spoil things for others following us.

But how many of us only take pictures of life without *really* getting involved in what's happening before us; watching life stream past us like rain running down a window pane? A Christian author, Anne Long, describes time as being measured not only in length, but also in depth! And she's right! It's not just about the length of time we spend here on earth, it's also about the depth of time, the quality of what we do whilst we're here that also counts; the depth of our experiences, the depth of our relationships.

Do our footprints of life go off into the distance in a straight line, or do they meander, touching and experiencing life to the full, because that's why Jesus said He came to earth; to bring us life and life to the full! He said in John 10:10; *'I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.'* [The Message]

Are you living your life in 2 dimensions when you could be living in 3 dimensions? We shouldn't just be on-lookers of life, but active participants!

And what about the second part of the quote... *'leave nothing but footprints?'*

Are footprints all we leave? Is not the way we behave and the way we treat others more lasting than footprints?

What's going to be your legacy to the earth and to others? Hopefully when we look back over our lives it won't just be footprints we see, but remnants of a good life led, a life of encouragement, generosity, goodness and love.

But maybe, as you think of your past, you haven't just left footprints, but a legacy of hurt, despair and pain?

Well, you can *change* that too. Because if we correct our present, then that will change our futures, and consequently, our pasts in that future!

So how do we change?

We change by walking with Jesus. By following in His footsteps, by copying His example of how we should live and how we should interact with others as we journey through life.

And the closer we walk with Jesus; the fuller life will be!

There is an old Jewish blessing that says; '*May you be covered by the dust of your Rabbi.*' So, the image here is of us, His followers, walking so close behind Jesus that we become covered in the dust that His sandals kick up. Now that's following closely!

So, don't just skim through life, realise the depth of time, as well as the length. Follow Jesus closely, and you will live life to the full!

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES FOR

2022

Pencil in the remaining date for your diary.

Thursday Afternoon 2pm-4pm in the Canteen Room.

October 27th

Looking forward to seeing you

there,

With love Janet, Pam and

Linda



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 or phone Jane on

01702 714213 for catering purposes.

Please pay cash on the day. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you

WESLEY'S MOUSE

This little mouse lives in Pam's dustbin storage area at the front of Wesley Church.

In a corner near the dustbins
I've found my forever home,
Such a good location
And I didn't need a loan.

I am the ears and eyes
Of Wesley on the street,
Unseen by many passers-by
I'm nimble on my feet.

My days are spent foraging
Back gardens are my shops,
Bringing home the meagre Harvest
Climate change has burnt the crops.

I recycle your recycling
Which we are asked to do,
It's getting jolly difficult
How is it with you?

I'm becoming more creative
With the waste that is thrown away,

Trying to save the planet
In my rather humble way.

To build a proper family home
Shredded paper is the best
It has super insulation,
I shall never need a vest.

I chew the card and paper
In to tiny little bits,
And magically weave them
Into something like the Ritz!

Janet Whiddett

TALKING POETRY

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

12th October – Sylvia Plath

26th October – Percy Bysshe Shelley



Please contact Joan Hawkins on email
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AUTUMN CRAFT/VINTAGE FAIR

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

10AM -3PM

TEAS AND LUNCHES

Do book a table/space – all £10

FREE ENTRY

Café available

Lunches in Canteen room

We need to have a few more stall holders for spaces in the Youth Hall next to the grotto so please tell your friends. All the tables in the sanctuary are already booked.

We need you to come, help out and enjoy

Hope to see you there

God Bless Jane

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Church Council Meeting – 12th October 2022

**Date of the next Worship Consultation is Wednesday
11 January, 2023**

7.30-8.30pm at Wesley (*we will use one of the smaller rooms if the sanctuary is booked*) Please join in, come along and help share ideas and make plans for the worship life at Wesley.

If you have any questions please contact Sanya (contact details are on the circuit plan and directory).



Wesley **Methodist** Church

Worship Consultation NOTES

Wednesday 7, September 2022, 7.30-8.30pm at Wesley

*Worship Consultation: a space for creative ideas,
discussion and planning for the worship life at Wesley.*

*The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the
gospel of
God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in
worship and mission.*

Congregational responses

There was a discussion around the need to make sure that all congregation responsive liturgy is fully accessible to all.

We cannot assume that everyone who attends worship is familiar with our traditions – this is not inclusive nor accessible for all. So, it was agreed that the words for congregational responses:

1. be projected on the screen
2. put in large print for those who need it
3. that those leading worship or reading scripture try to remember to use the laminated note in the upper pulpit that says "...This is the word of the Lord..."
4. that proper instructions and notification are given to the congregation if an action response is required (e.g. standing up for the collection, sitting down)

Other examples of congregational responses that were discussed included:

- "This is the word of the Lord" - "Thanks be to God"
- The Grace
- The Lord's Prayer

Action: Sanya to notify Geoff Nash so that all those who lead worship and all bible readers are notified.

Tea service (worship)

It was discussed whether we would like to offer a tea service for the elderly members of our congregation. The meeting recalled that it was agreed at a previous lunch

time worship consultation that we would not start anything new.

Inspire

The meeting discussed the need for musicians and to widen the pool of people who could lead a worship service at Inspire. Some ideas included inviting the singers from New Road to take part in a service and approaching the circuit worship band.

Action: Sanya to work on promoting Inspire more across the circuit, do a shout out for more musicians (a music collective) and seek more people to lead a worship service.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest

- Sunday 9 October 2022 – Jane will lead this service
- Plant pots with children
- Needs to be set up on Friday 7 October

Remembrance Sunday

- Sunday 13 November 2022 at 10:45am – Sue will lead this service
- Need to nominate someone to read the names (Sue will ask Ben or Gaye)
- Display outside the church as usual

Advent

- Sunday 27, November 2022 – Steve and Eileen will lead this special service to celebrate those turning 90 years old (nonagenarian)

- Advent liturgy – Isobel will write the liturgy
- **There is room**
The Methodist Church Christmas campaign for 2022 is 'There is room'.

[There is Room \(Advent and Christmas 2022\) resources \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://resources.methodist.org.uk)

Gift Sunday (first Sunday in December) Sunday 4
December 2022

Last year there was a toy drive for Store House. The meeting discussed if another charity should be the focus this year, the Experience Project maybe?

With the energy crisis taking affect this autumn, what toys will children need this Christmas?

- Young children: soft toys, games, board games, tablets?
- Young people: video games, PS5s, tablets, laptops?

An additional thought since this meeting: Do children and young people need the cost of their favourite hobbies sponsored (horse riding/football/dance classes/singing lessons)?

Action: Steve to contact Experience Project and ask whether there are plans for a toy drive this year.

Action: Steve to invite someone from the Experience Project to come and speak to the congregation at Wesley

in September/October (when Steve is leading worship) to talk about the work that the project does.

Action: everyone present at the meeting is tasked with finding out if local schools (North Street included) need toys this Christmas?

[Since the meeting] **Carol Service** Sunday 18 December at 11am, Eileen has offered to lead this service
Christingle Christmas Eve, 4pm at Wesley (inside?)
Christmas Eve midnight service, 11.15pm at Wesley
Christmas Christmas Day Sunday 25, December 2022 – Jane is available to lead this service

Lent – to be discussed at the next meeting

Shrove Tuesday, 21 February 2023

Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Holy Week – to be discussed at the next meeting

Maundy Thursday, 6 April 2023

Good Friday, 7 April 2023

Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023

Monthly worship services postcard

- It was agreed to produce another postcard to include dates for monthly worship services
- Side A: four boxes with logos for the four worship services
- Side B: the table

MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICES			
Dates for a 'dated' postcard			
Creative worship 8-9pm Fourth Tuesday of the month	Inspire 5.30-6.30pm Third Sunday of the month	Memory Worship 2-4pm Third Monday of the month	Time of Prayer 9.30-10am Third Saturday of the month
25 October 2022	16 October 2022	17 October 2022	22 October 2022
29 November 2022	20 November 2022	21 November 2022	19 November 2022
27 December 2022	18 December 2022	19 December 2022	17 December 2022
24 January 2023	15 January 2023	16 January 2023	21 January 2023
28 February 2023	19 February 2023	20 February 2023	18 February 2023
28 March 2023	19 March 2023	20 March 2023	18 March 2023
25 April 2023	16 April 2023	17 April 2023	15 April 2023
23 May 2023	21 May 2023	22 May 2023	20 May 2023
27 June 2023	18 June 2023	19 June 2023	17 June 2023
25 July 2023	16 July 2023	17 July 2023	15 July 2023
22 August 2023	20 August 2023	21 August 2023	19 August 2023

SPECIAL SERVICES

On Advent Sunday November 27th. 2022 Pastor Steve and I are jointly leading a special celebration service for our nongenerians. Four of our members have their 90th. birthdays in 2022 and this is cause for us all to celebrate.

We also celebrate those whose 90th. birthdays happened a few years ago. We are inviting their families to this service.

On November 20th. 2022 we have another special service at the suggestion of Pam Boughton Smith. As you know Pam and her family work very hard raising money for **Christian Hope International**. Do look at their magazine in the concourse featuring Pam and her family and their 500 mile sponsored walk, which raised £ 625.25. I felt privileged when Pam suggested that we invite Carmen and Pauline from the charity to a Sunday service to tell us about their work. Do please come along on November 20th.

Eileen Simmons 14.9.22

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Laurence Frank Lilly

I would like to thank everyone at Leigh Wesley Methodist church for all the prayers for my dad who passed away on the 4th July he was 95 when he passed away. He hadn't been well for a long time and he was blind as well. For many years he had a shop in Leigh on Sea called Lilly's of Leigh which was a furniture shop. I use to bring my dad to church for the special services which he enjoyed. He will be sadly missed by all the family. Thanks once again.

Alan Lilly

HARVEST SERVICE at WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9th October 11am – 11.45am

We are inviting parents and children to a Harvest Festival Service. Do hope you can join us.

If you go down to the church today, you'll be sure of a big surprise

If you go down to the church today, you'll hardly believe your eyes.



You may bring your cuddly toy and if possible, a donation for the foodbank

We will be gathering food for the local foodbank, planting seeds, and enjoying a fruit snack or two

Looking forward to seeing you there.

CHARITY NEWS

July 10th. 2022 was Action for Children Sunday and this collection raised **£ 220.30**. Eileen Simmons



INSPIRE MUSIC COLLECTIVE

We are always looking for musicians to lead our contemporary worship services at Inspire. Visit the Leigh Wesley Methodist Church website for more details. wesleymethodist.org.uk

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If you're interested please contact Sanya or visit the church website wesleymethodist.org.uk

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.

Gabrielle Greenway 557071 mob 07733173810

Isobel Wratislaw 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

TIME FOR PRAYER

The monthly Time for Prayer meeting is now being held on Saturday morning at 09.30, 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 and that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

The dates and times of the next meetings will be:

- Saturday October 22nd - 9.30 am
- Saturday November 19th - 9.30 am

There will be no meeting in December owing to the busyness of the season.

Worship Dates for October 2022

Sunday 2nd October at 11:00 – Preacher – Rev. P.

Perowne - service will include communion.

Sunday 9th October at 11:00 - Preacher Mrs J Fulford –
Harvest Festival.

Sunday 16th October at 11:00 - Preacher – Pastor S Mayo

Sunday 16th October at 17:30 - Inspire Worship

Monday 17th October at 14:00-16:00- Memory Worship

Sunday 23rd October at 11:00 - Preacher – Local
Arrangement

Tuesday 25th October at 20:00-21:00 – Creative Worship

Sunday 30th at 11:00 -Preacher – United Service at
Belfairs

Worship Dates for November 2022

Sunday 6th November at 11:00 – Preacher – Rev. P.
Moorhouse - service will include communion.

Sunday 13th November at 10:45 - Preacher Mrs S Hockett
– Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th November at 11:00 - Preacher – E Simmons

Sunday 20th November at 17:30 - Inspire Worship

Monday 21st November at 14:00-16:00- Memory Worship

Sunday 27th November at 11:00 - Preacher – Pastor S
Mayo/E Simmons

Tuesday 29th November at 20:00-21:00 – Creative
Worship

Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the November Clarion by **Friday 14th October 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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