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MINISTER'S LETTER



I'm really not a big fan of this time of year. The days are getting shorter, the weather colder, trees are losing their leaves and the outlook is pretty bleak as we tumble on towards the shortest day of the year.

I think sometimes life can leave us with very similar feelings; darkness can seem to surround us and the cold reality of life comes upon us as a harsh winter, sometimes even cutting us to the bone.

But in creation there is a promise of new life. Even as the trees drop their leaves, already we see evidence of new life in the form of fresh buds.

And as we look forward in our lives, we also have a promise of new things to come. Isaiah 43:18-19a says; ¹⁸ *‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!* [NIVUK]

Here we have the opportunity to either look back at what has been, or to look forward with a freshness to what can be.

As we step out into this new fresh future, we don’t step out alone. Jesus Himself says in Matthew 28:20b; ^{20b} *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’* [NIVUK]

So let us step out in confidence knowing that our Saviour walks with us into a bright, new tomorrow.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PASTORAL NEWS as at 14th October 2022

Adrian Gravatt recently had a bad fall in his street. Both Pastor Steve and I have been to see him. He is having medical investigations to determine the cause.

I had a lovely chat to Vanda Brockway and Jim today. Having had five weeks in hospital both are so pleased that she is now at home. She is in our thoughts and prayers, along with Adrian and others who are currently unwell.

Eileen Simmons

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Leadership Team Meeting – Monday 7th November at 5:30 on zoom.

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

TALKING POETRY

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

9th November – Remembrance poem

23rd November – Yrsa Daley-Ward



Please contact Joan Hawkins on email

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SOUTHEND FOOD BANK

Wasn't it a wonderful Harvest Festival service? It was a joy to see so many families in church. Jane took the service brilliantly. The church looked so beautiful and was decorated superbly by Annette Charnock. I do hope the mustard seeds the children planted are growing well.

As a congregation you were so generous in your harvest giving. All your gifts are being taken next Wednesday to our

Southend Food Bank. The need locally is huge so please continue to give. There are large container baskets in the church. Please consider buying something each month or week to donate.

Next month we will report the weight of your Harvest Festival gifts. Bless you for your generosity.

Eileen Simmons & Geoff Nash

PS. Volunteers to join the team that takes the donations are invited. There is a rota. Let me know and I will pass your details on. Eileen.

GDPR DATA CONSENT FORMS

Recently we sent out Data Consent forms to all members/attendees who we will hold personal data on, explaining why we were doing this and asking for the forms to be completed and set back to us.

Sadly, if we do not receive a signed Data Consent Form back we are no longer permitted to hold onto your personal

information and therefore would not be able to keep you in touch with what is happening at Wesley.

If you have any questions about the Data Consent Form please don't hesitate to either contact Anna Wratishaw/Gaye Greenway or Judy Taylor and they will be able to assist you.

If you have not done so already please could we ask that you return your completed Data Consent Form as soon as you are able.

Many Thanks

The Leadership Team



Photo of Kirsty Jane Devereux who is the Neice and God Daughter of Maureen Hall. Kirsty has been working at Buckingham Palace and WInsdor Castle and also accompanied Prince Philip's hearse. This photo is taken at the Wellington Arch.

REMEMBRANCE WESLEY'S ROLL OF HONOUR

To the glory of God and in grateful
memory of the men of this church who
made the supreme sacrifice: -



1914 – 1918



H. BLAKER,
JOHN WALTER BONALLACK
HARRY WALTER CHINERY,
ALEC FREDERICK COLLINS
CLAUDE DRAPER,
ARTHUR GEORGE DYER,
GEORGE EMERY,
ROBERT FEAKINS,
RICHARD CHARLES LEONARD FILBY,
LEONARD ARTHUR GALER
HERBERT CHARLES HIBBLE,
GEORGE WILLIAM HARRISON,
VICTOR OLIVER HULBERT,
REGINALD BERTRAM MOSS
WILLIAM GEORGE NOKES,
STEPHEN JOHN OSBORNE,
ALFRED STEED,
WILLIAM HAROLD SUTHERLAND,
J.WALLER,
JAMES R.WILDER.

1939 – 1945

GERALD EDWARD BLANDFORD,
ARTHUR THOMAS COLE,
RONALD THOMAS HAYES,
DOUGLAS ERNEST HIPSEY
VICTOR ARTHUR REGINALD LANGFORD,
DENNIS ARTHUR RAWLINGS,
KENNETH HENRY RAY,
ERIC WICKENS ROBERTS,
LESLIE ALFRED MAURICE WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM FREDERICK WORSLEY.

“Greater love hath no man than this”.

KLC



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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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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 held on the third Saturday of each month (unless otherwise advised). The start time is 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 date and time of the next meeting will therefore be:

- **Saturday November 19th - 9.30 am**

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

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 - Remembrance Service
- Preacher Mrs S Hockett

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 - Advent Sunday -
Preacher – Pastor S Mayo/E Simmons

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

**December dates were not available at the
time this issue went to print.**

Editors' information

Please could I have all items for the December Clarion by **Friday 18th November 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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