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MINISTER'S LETTER



Whether you're a royalist or not, the coronation of king Charles III will have an impact on you to a greater, or lesser degree. For some it will be the highlight of the year, and they'll be glued to their televisions for the duration of the service. For others it will be an opportunity to get out of the house and visit empty parks and beaches which would normally be packed on a bank holiday weekend.

But whatever you think about royal kings, they have been with us for a long time, and will probably be with us in some form or another, well into the future, both at home and abroad.

Earthly kings have earthly kingdoms. King Charles III is the king of the United Kingdom, and other Commonwealth realms. King Philippe is the king of Belgium. King Felipe VI is the king of Spain, and there are many others. The one thing these monarchs have in common, is that they are restricted, not only by geographical boundaries, but also by the boundaries of time. Kings come and go and kingdoms fall and rise. But this is where our God, the King of kings is different. He is not restricted by geographical boundaries or restricted by time. No matter what happens in this earthly realm, and no matter when it happens, our God will always reign forever, and everywhere. 1 Timothy 6:15b-16 says; *'God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.'* [NIVUK]

So, if we put our faith and trust in God, we will never be let down, never be abandoned, because He goes from *'everlasting to everlasting.'* (Nehemiah 9:5)

So, if you are finding the rapid speed of our changing world unsettling, even frightening, trust in God, who is a permanence in a changing and uncertain world.

Every blessing,

Pastor Steve, May 2023

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CORONATION LUNCH 7TH MAY AT 12.30PM



We are having a lunch on the Sunday to celebrate King Charles Coronation. If you would like to come please sign up at back of Church. Cost same as last year £8.00 per person and £20.00 a family. For more information please contact June Childs. Thank you.

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Jocelyn Greenway

The Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Jocelyn Greenway will take place on Monday 22nd May at 3pm at Wesley. This will be followed by a reception at Leigh Road Baptist Church in Marguerite Drive. Please do not feel the need to wear black. Everyone is very welcome to attend both. The family really hope to see you all there. If you are able to let Gaye know if you can come it would help for catering purposes.

Talking Poetry

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

10th May - Jenny Joseph

24th May - Hilaire Belloc

14th June - Noel Coward

28th June - Emily Bronte

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Worship Consultation

Wednesday 17 May 2023

7.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church in the Canteen Room.

The weekend of Friday 26th May to Sunday 28th May is our Church Anniversary Weekend. On the Friday morning Pastor Steve will be in the Vestry to receive your Gift day contributions between 10am and noon.

The Sunday Service will be joint with Highlands and led by Pastor Steve and our Annual Church Meeting will take place after the service. It is open to all our Wesley Community.



Open Garden and Bungalow

Janet and John have decided to postpone their Open Garden for a while but hope to arrange a new date later.

Happy Gardening

With love Janet and John Whiddett



Margaret Cotgrove is very pleased to announce the safe arrival of her great grandson Theodore Robert William Scott (known as Teddy) to parents Caitlin and Jordan and a grandson to Rosie Martin (nee Longden

PASTORAL NEWS as at 14th April 2023

Janice Bertie has been quite unwell. A treatment plan is now in place, which is showing a positive result as the pain has lessened considerably. There is however, a long way to go.

John Whiddett has been in hospital but is now home making steady progress. Janet and John thank Wesley friends for their cards and prayers.

Vanda Brockway had a fall and has had an operation on her hip. I spoke to Jim this morning and he will be able to visit her tomorrow.

We wish Muzala and Bruce Hopkins well in their new home.

We send our love and prayers to all listed here

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**Lunches on Thursdays of the month at
12.30pm**

£7

Jacket Potato and salad, and Dessert

Dear all

Miriam Gifford has kindly offered to continue serving Light Lunches at Wesley on Thursdays.

For catering purposes, we are asking that you book, so food is not wasted. Please let Jane know when you see her or on 01702 714213 by midnight on the Monday of the same week.

God Bless

Miriam and Jane



We are sorry to tell you that Kathleen McCubbin has passed away. She moved to Cambridge to live close to her daughter Isobel. Kathleen was a member of Wesley for many years and held numerous jobs within our church family. She was secretary of the Young Wives Club in the 1960s. Went on to become Church Secretary, then a Vestry Steward, Womens Club Secretary, and always supported other activities during her time at Wesley. Kathleen (or Kath as she was known) would have been 100 this coming October.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. With deepest sympathy.



We are sorry to let you know that Doreen Underhill passed away in her nursing home on 15th April. Doreen and Doug were members of Wesley for many years, before moving to be nearer their daughter Judith a few years ago. Doreen was a dedicated pastoral visitor and supported much that happened at Wesley. Doreen was also part of the kitchen rota and made an excellent cup of coffee or tea! Her bright smile was a very welcoming sight for everyone, a much loved servant of our Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time.

MINI MARKET



SATURDAY 1st APRIL

CHRISTIAN HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for all your efforts especially to Pam and her Family. Thank you to Steve for his BBQ

We raised just over £650 with more to come. Thank you again to all who supported this cause.

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES FOR 2023

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.

May 25th

June 29th

July 27th

August – Holiday

September 28th

October 26th

And December 7th



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

WELSEY 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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If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, or have any other general enquiries, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

TIME FOR PRAYER

The monthly Time for Prayer meeting is 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 is convenient for everyone and that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. The dates of the next two meetings are as follows:

- Saturday May 20th
- Saturday June 18th

Worship Dates for May 2023

Sunday 7th May at 11:00 - Preacher Rev P Perowne – Communion Service.

Sunday 14th May at 11:00 - Preacher Miss S King

Monday 15th May at 14:00-16:00 – Memory Worship.

Saturday 20th May at 09:30 Time for Prayer.

Sunday 21st May at 11:00- Preacher- Local Arrangement

Sunday 21st May at 17:30 Inspire Worship.

Tuesday 23rd May at 20:00 - 21:00 - Creative Worship.

Sunday 28th May at 11:00 – Preacher Pastor S Mayo this is a United Service at Wesley.

**Worship Dates for June 2023
Not available at the time of this issue
going to print.**

Editor's information

Please could I have all items for the June Clarion by **Friday 19th May 2023**

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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