



# THE CLARION

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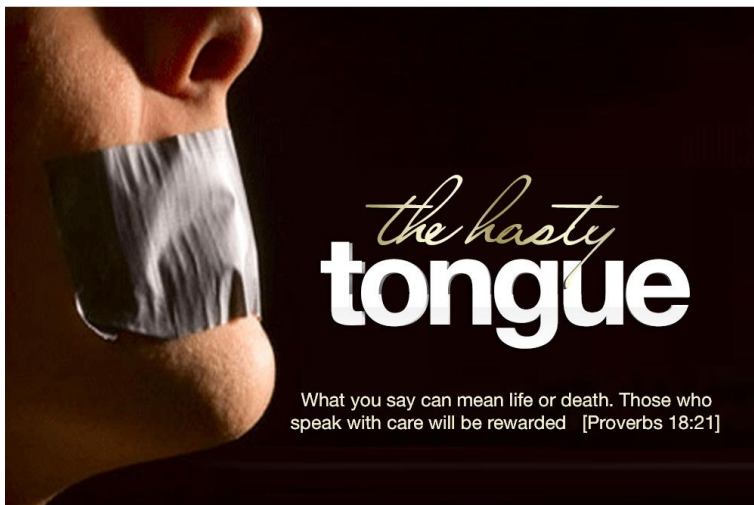
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## MINISTER'S LETTER



I have been reminded recently about the power of the tongue. James says in his book, in chapter 3:3-6; <sup>3</sup> *When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.* <sup>4</sup> *Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.* <sup>5</sup> *Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.* <sup>6</sup> *The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.* [NIVUK]

**Our tongues can cause a huge amount of damage, not only to those we come into contact with, but also to the wider church. Small negative, derogative comments can cause huge pain and division even though the tongue is one of the smallest parts of the body. James refers to the tongue as a ship's rudder or a horse's bit, able to affect a much larger object.**

**This portion of scripture is usually used to warn us about the damage our tongues can have when we use them unwisely. But what if we were to flip the coin, so to speak, and consider the massive amount of good that can also be achieved with the tongue.**

**Passing on positivity to others not only benefits them, but also gives us a sense of fulfilment and well-being. Stopping for a moment when we are about to respond to someone, and considering the consequences, may enable us to build others, and the church up, rather than demolishing!**

***“Pick your words carefully as it has the power to make the sentence beautiful or ugly...” [Adil Adam Memon]***  
**May God give each of us the wisdom and strength to control our tongues when necessary.**

**Every blessing,**

**Pastor Steve**

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## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

### **Harvest Lunch**

We are planning to have a ploughman's lunch after the Harvest Service. Date and further details to follow from June Childs. Cost £8.00 each or £20.00 per family.



### **Scarecrow Parade**

As part of Harvest we are having a Scarecrow Parade which will line the balconies. We hope this will be a fund raiser so there will be an entry fee. Further details to follow from June Childs. This is an advance notice so you can start building over the summer!

### **Talking Poetry**

Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

5<sup>th</sup> July – Emily Bronte

Please contact Joan Hawkins on email [joanh838@icloud.com](mailto:joanh838@icloud.com) for further details'



## **PASTORAL NEWS as at 15<sup>th</sup>. June 2023**

John Whiddett continues to make steady progress.

David Cox is doing the exercises to help his hand after his stroke and is making progress. It is all still very tiring for him.

Joan and Geoff's son Andrew had an emergency operation three weeks ago for a burst appendix and had a heart attack during surgery. He was left with a blockage and further surgery was scheduled. However, a modern miracle took place and the blockage cleared naturally. He is now recovering at home, but is being treated for severe heart damage. All the family are appreciative of the prayers and caring offered by Wesley folk and especially for Steve visiting Andrew in hospital. Joan and Geoff thank you very much indeed.

Eileen Simmons

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## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

Wesley has always supported the charity Action for Children. The actual Sunday is 9<sup>th</sup> July, but I will distribute the envelopes at church and you are all invited to make a donation any Sunday in July. The envelopes can be put into the usual Offertory bags. Eileen Simmons

## **AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES FOR 2023**

The Tea and Cake afternoons have restarted, so pencil in these dates for your diary.

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

July 27<sup>th</sup>

August – Holiday

September 28<sup>th</sup>

October 26<sup>th</sup>

And December 7<sup>th</sup>



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



Gabrielle, Alan and Benedict would like to pass on their grateful thanks to the Wesley Community. Your prayers, cards, support and help with Thanksgiving arrangements have meant so much to us during this heartbreaking time. We will continue to be grateful for your memories of Jocelyn as the months go by.

Gabrielle, Alan and Ben



**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

## **FAVOURITES SERVICE 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Please talk to me, email or phone with your requests for this service as soon as possible. This is the final reminder as there is no Clarion is published in August. Eileen Simmons

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## **Inspire Psalms**

At the last Inspire Service, we created psalms based on the character of God using the parable of the Prodigal Son as a basis. (Luke 15:11-32) We used the format of the old game of 'consequences', where we wrote a line of a psalm, then turned over the top of the paper to hide what we had written, past it to the left, and continued in this manner until all 7 aspects of the psalm were complete. We then unravelled the paper and read our created psalms as below...

### **Inspire Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for family and friends,  
<sup>2</sup>because you are kind and you make us better <sup>3</sup>and loving.  
<sup>4</sup>Your sun reflects your glory and your oceans remind us of  
the depth of your love.  
<sup>5</sup>You are with me in my darkest times.  
<sup>6</sup>I will love you because you keep your promises.  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I will serve your people.

### **Inspire Psalm 2**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for putting me where I  
am today,  
<sup>2</sup>and because you are caring  
<sup>3</sup>and you have an everlasting love.  
<sup>4</sup>Your love of our world is shown in all nature.  
<sup>5</sup>You care about me and calm my spirit.  
<sup>6</sup>Thank you for your faithfulness.  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I shall praise you every day.

### **Inspire Psalm 3**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for the people in my life, <sup>2</sup>and because you are caring and are always there for us,

<sup>3</sup>and even though I don't listen as I should, you are always with me.

<sup>4</sup>Your works fill us with wonder.

<sup>5</sup>You love me unconditionally.

<sup>6</sup>I love you because you are water over me.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I will always have faith in you.

### **Inspire Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for your constant care,

<sup>2</sup>because you will never give up on me,

<sup>3</sup>and you pour out your love endlessly into our hearts.

<sup>4</sup>Your skies are beautiful and the oceans vast.

<sup>5</sup>You stay close to me.

<sup>6</sup>I love you because you are forgiving.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I will love and praise you.

### **Inspire Psalm 5**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for your wonderful creation, perfect world of creatures and miracles,

<sup>2</sup>because you are loving and you love me.

<sup>3</sup>Your earth is green and fruitful.

<sup>4</sup>Your world is filled with love.

<sup>5</sup>You always provide.

<sup>6</sup>I love you because you have forgiven my wrongdoings.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I will show others the love that you have shown me.

### **Inspire Psalm 6**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for never giving up on me even when I forget your presence.,

<sup>2</sup>because you are forgiving and endlessly kind,  
<sup>3</sup>and forgiving.

<sup>4</sup>Your world is so beautiful, the oceans are vast.

<sup>5</sup>You give me hope.

<sup>6</sup>I thank you because you are always there for me.

<sup>7</sup>therefore, I will love and serve you the rest of my days.

### **Inspire Psalm 7**

<sup>1</sup>Dear God, I am writing to thank you for always welcoming us home.

<sup>2</sup>Because you know me, there is nothing I can hide from you,

<sup>3</sup>and honest, never masking the truth.

<sup>4</sup>The beauty of nature reflects your glory, the stars in the sky are made by you.

<sup>5</sup>You love me with an everlasting love.

<sup>6</sup>because you are with me I never feel completely alone.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, I will worship and love you for my whole life.

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Inspire, on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5.30pm, is a relaxed, creative and contemporary service, which is open to all, and includes refreshments.

## **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 meetings are as follows:

- Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>
- No meeting in August
- September TBA

# **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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Maureen Chambers 01702 870956.

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.



## **July Worship Dates**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11:00 - Preacher Rev P Moorhouse

– Communion Service.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00 - Preacher Mrs S Hockett

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 09:30 - Time for Prayer.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11:00- Preacher- Mrs J Fulford

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 17:30 - Inspire Worship.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 14:00 - 16:00 – Memory Worship.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11:00 – Local Arrangement.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 20:00 - 21:00 - Creative Worship

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 - United Service at Belfairs.

## **August Worship Dates**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 - Preacher Revd. Dr.C Samuel

– Communion Service.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 – Local Arrangement.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 - Preacher- Mrs E Simmons

- Favourites Service

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 14:00 - 16:00 – Memory Worship.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00 - United Service at Highlands

# Editor's information

Please could I have all items for the September Clarion by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 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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