



THE CLARION

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MINISTER'S LETTER



As I've been driving around recently, I've notice that the Horse Chestnut trees are all out in flower, and this has reminded me of times gone by when I have collected conkers with my daughters.

As I have reflected on this annual outburst of blossom, I had a thought about the potential of each individual flower to become a conker, or Horse Chestnut. This got me thinking about *our* potential in Christ as His disciples.

As we read our Bibles, we come across many characters who may have started out small, but over time, with God's power and the Holy Spirit working through them, *did* fulfil their full potential.

People like Gideon, Moses and King David, but to name a few. They all may have started out small and weak, and even stumbled on their journeys through life, but eventually each of them fulfilled their potential because they allowed God Himself to use them.

So, what about us?

How can we fulfil our full potential in Christ?

In Matthew 19:26 Jesus tells us that; '*... with God all things are possible.*' [NIVUK]

So, as we strive to become more like Jesus in our lives, may each one of us open ourselves up to God, allowing the Holy Spirit to direct and empower us so that each of us too, will be able to fulfil our full potential in Christ.

Every Blessing,

Revd Steve

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

General Church Meeting on Sunday 8th June 2024 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary

All are welcome.

Circuit Quiet Day - In the Stillness

Saturday 21st June 10am-2pm -Hadleigh Methodist Church.....More details to follow

Your Leadership Team

Who is on your Leadership Team: Answer below!

Anna Wratishaw – Communication Steward

Eileen Simmons – Pastoral Coordinator

Gaye Greenway – Steward

Ian Lowe - Serving, Inclusion and Justice in the Circuit Community

Judy Taylor – Safeguarding for Children/Young People/Vulnerable Adults.

Please feel free to talk to any member of the Leadership Team about their role and responsibilities, if you would like more information.

Methodist Conference is the main decision making body of the Methodist Church.

From 2026, new stationing guidelines require one minister per 150 members, though re-invitations are not affected. Probationers must have at least 100 members.

This year it will be considering further proposals on Stationing for the future:

- Circuits should review ministerial needs annually at Circuit Leadership Team meetings.
- Discernment conversations will take place in the third year of a minister's appointment.
- Feedback on re-invitations will now be attributed to individuals rather than anonymous.
- Circuit profiles should make greater use of digital tools like websites and videos.
- A shift from 5-year to 7-year appointments is under consideration.
- Probationer ministers should not be planned every Sunday, allowing them time to worship as themselves.

These proposals could have big implications for the Circuit and Wesley in the future. Come and discuss your thoughts at our **General Church Meeting** on Sunday 8th June after the morning service – all are welcome.

Ian Lowe (Senior Circuit Steward)



FERN BOUGHTON-SMITH

All ages are welcome to come and explore different types of exercise for fun, fitness or friendship. It does not matter what your fitness level is, the exercises will be tailored to you! Why not come and try! The 1st session is free! £7.00 a session after that.

Monday 11:00am – 12:00noon Wesley Hall, Elm Road, Leigh on Sea SS91SJ. For further information contact Fern

Talking Poetry

Wednesdays at 2:30pm



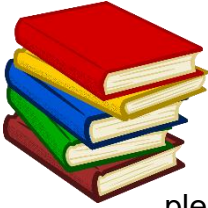
Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

Wednesday 11th June – Any Summer Poem.

Wednesday 26th June – Pam Ayres

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

Books



Although I'm not doing the jumble sale, I am still collecting books for the book table or CDs or DVDs .All the money I collect goes to help running the Sanctuary Café, so please keep donating your books.

I also always need pink bags and food bags, thank you your cooperation.

Pam Boughton-Smith.

FAVOURITES SERVICE

I was recently asked by someone after church, when the next **Favourites Service** would be as she had video she wanted to offer for viewing. I have arranged such a service on 10th August, so do please begin to think of a poem, Bible reading, prayer, worship song, hymn, or extract from a special set service, etc you would like included. It is not compulsory, but it is lovely when individuals come forward to introduce their own choice and say why it means so much to them.

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Afternoon Tea & Cakes for 2025



Tea & Cake Afternoons are held monthly on Thursdays between 2pm-4pm in Room 3, so please book in these dates for your diary.

June 26th

July 31st

August – Holiday

September 25th

October 30th

And

Christmas Tea & Cakes

December 11th

This year there will be a smaller selection of homemade cakes, plus a selection of cakes & biscuits from the shops.

The welcome for you to join us remains the same.

Janet, Pam and Julie

PASTORAL NEWS as at 15th May 2025

We are always delighted to welcome new worshippers and, on 4th May, a gentleman was “looking for a church to join” and Keith Charnock spontaneously sat with him over refreshments. Such contacts do not always lead to that person or family joining our Wesley family, but as long as they are made welcome, all is well.

Not many churches have four teenage regular worshippers as we have at present at Wesley. We are delighted that Imogen Steed is to be baptised on 1st June.

June 1st promises to be a very special Sunday as we will also be welcoming Carol Blakie and Ursula Warwick into membership.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those in our Wesley family who are currently unwell.

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childhood day



Walking a mile for the NSPCC

Hi Friends

As I do around 15,000-17,000 steps a day taking Casey for nap walks, I thought I might as well put this to good use. So, for the NSPCC's Childhood Day on Friday 6th June, I'll be taking Casey for his usual

nap walk and walking a minimum of a mile to support children that have nowhere else to turn.

If you'd like to donate, please see the link below or you can use the QR code. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity, encouragement, prayers and support.

Link: <https://nspcc.enthuse.com/pf/sanya-strachan>

QR code: *below*



Wesley Gardens Update



Most of you will have seen the new pond in the wildlife garden near the car park, which was created in early April with the help of two of Joss's schoolfriends. Tadpoles, newts and pond plants were donated by, among others, a member of Leigh Writers, who meet at Wesley.

The area is establishing fast, and with the log pile, the bug hotels, bird feeders and bird bath, we have a thriving area. I have added cottage garden plants to the wildflower plantings which will give the shady garden a more permanent structure and a longer nectar producing season. We have a vine, a Tay Berry and tomato plants which help towards our goal of producing some edibles for our community on our very limited space. Paths and stepping stones have been sunk into the ground made from donated bricks and paving stones. The pond edge is a work in

progress but will be stabilized soon with cement when we have enough stones. We have a small water collection tub but hope soon to gain a waterbutt to help with water conservation.

In the front of the church, I have planted a dwarf Coxes Orange Pippin Apple tree which I hope will survive the summer months. I have added more native pollinators to the front garden and sown more wild flower seeds as per the Eco Church plan. There are poppies, scabious, pinks and lavender. The wild mustard was covered in hoverflies in May. The early flowering sage, which has been established for a few years now, is attracting bees, flower beetles, shield bug's and butterflies. In the wall I have put drought resistant pelargoniums and Marigold varieties.

A big thank you to all who have donated plants, bug hotels, bird food, seeds, Tadpoles, newts, and pond water. Special thanks to Peter Moore who has given the vine, and wood preservative for the fence, the Listers for the enormous log and bark, to Steve Hockett who mows the grass and to Alan Severne for the fence, gate and continued support.

Please water the front gardens anytime! Please use the leftover water at the cafe and after coffee on a Sunday on the gardens. Thanks!

I hope our tiny gardens will give some pleasure to our community.

Gabrielle Greenway

WESLEY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS



When The Lights Go On Again

Afternoon Tea & Entertainment
to mark the 80th anniversaries of
VE Day & VJ Day

**Sat 7th June
5pm**

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
ELM ROAD | LEIGH-ON-SEA

TICKETS: £10 **BOX OFFICE** **BUY** WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK

BOOKING ESSENTIAL **07813 553080** **ONLINE:** /WESLEY-THEATRE-GROUP  

Creative Worship 2025

Fourth Tuesday of most months at 8pm in the church

Always something different, no sermon, maybe some singing or listening to hymns/songs. Visually some activity or discussion but you can just sit quietly if you want to.

Those who prepare the services, find it a discipline and a joy to think outside the box!

Preparation does take time and pre-September 2024 the numbers attending have been but a few. We will re-evaluate this service for September 2025 onwards. Any thoughts gratefully received, even better would be your presence

The dates for 2025 are:-

24th June 22nd July **NOT in August.**

Hope to see you there at any of the meetings.

Communion and a Time for Prayer 2025

All are welcome to Communion and a Time for Prayer on the second Wednesday of most months at 9am. This will be followed at 9.30am by a Time for Prayer including private and group prayer as may be requested.

The dates for the year are:

11th June 9th July

No Communion in August

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 07508 164525

Jane Fulford

Linda Lister

June Childs 711891

Miriam Gifford 716175

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.

June 2025 Service Dates

Sunday June 1st at 11:00am – Preacher: Reverend S Mayo – Communion Service.

Wednesday Wed June 11th at 9.00am – Early Morning Communion Service followed at 9:30am by Time For Prayer.

Sunday June 9th at 11:00am – Preacher: Ms. D Spinxs.

Sunday June 15th at 11:00am – Preacher – Mrs S Strachan.

Sunday June 15th at 5:30pm – Inspire Service - All are welcome.

Monday June 16th at 2.00pm-4.00pm – Memory Worship.

Sunday June 22nd at 11:00am – Preacher: Rev P Moorhouse.

Tuesday June 24th at 8.00pm – Creative Worship.

Sunday June 29th at 11:00am Mrs E Simmons.

July 2025 Service Dates

Sunday July 6th at 11:00am – Preacher: Mr B Briant – Communion Service.

Wednesday Wed July 9th at 9.00am – Early Morning Communion Service followed at 9:30am by Time For Prayer.

Sunday July 13th at 11:00am – Action for Children
Preacher: Mrs E Simmons

Sunday July 20th at 11:00am – Preacher – Rev S Mayo

Sunday July 20th at 5:30pm – Inspire Service - All are welcome.

Monday July 21st at 2.00pm-4.00pm – Memory Worship.

Tuesday July 22nd at 8.00pm – Creative Worship.

Sunday July 27th at 11:00am – Preacher: Mrs J A Taylor

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Editor's information

Please could I have all items for the July 2025 Clarion by **Friday 13th June 2025**

If you would like to contribute towards the 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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Southend and Leigh**



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Circuit

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and part of the

Beds, Essex and Herts District the Methodist Church

A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can contribute to community life.

