



# **THE CLARION**

**Wesley Methodist Church**

**May 2025**



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## **MINISTER'S LETTER**



As we step into the heart of spring, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal. The trees bloom, the days lengthen, and creation seems to sing of resurrection and hope. May is a month that mirrors the spiritual journey—where what was once dormant begins to flourish again.

This season, I encourage each of us to reflect on where God is calling us to grow. Maybe it's in deepening our prayer life, stepping into a new ministry, or simply trusting Him more fully in uncertain circumstances. Just as the earth responds to the sun and rain, our hearts respond to God's presence and His Word.

Scripture tells us in Proverbs 3:5-6; *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'* [NIVUK]

As we journey together through this season, may we be people of resurrection, bringing life, joy, and grace wherever we go. Let us sow seeds of faith and love, trusting that God will bring the harvest in His time.

Every blessing,

**Rev. Steve**

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## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

### **Save the Date**

Testimony Service of Revd Agnes Sam & Revd Heather Simmons

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm -Rayleigh Methodist Church

## **Save the Date**

Circuit Quiet Day - In the Stillness

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

## **Talking Poetry**

Wednesdays at 2:30pm



Choose any poem by the given poet or subject:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Carol Anne Duffy

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Benjamin Zephaniah

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

## **Big Thank you**



Shirley would like to say a big thank you to all who have sent her cards/presents and attended her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations at Highlands, making this birthday one to be treasured surrounded by friends and family. Thank you also to all who helped make this possible.



## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 on 07802 582733

**CHRISTIAN HOPE**  
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## **Jumble Sale**



After 25 years of having a Jumble Sale at Wesley for Christian Hope International, it is time to put the lid on the Jumble Box team Wesley. I would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped over the years in making this charity event possible. A special Thank You to 'Best Wishes' for providing us with new goods to sell and to Steve Hockett for providing and selling the hotdogs outside the church. Last, but not least, all the Boughton Smith family members, for without them the Jumble Sale wouldn't have happened. We will continue to support Christian Hope International.

Pam Boughton- Smith

## **Open Top Bus Service Restarts**



For those who are interested, the Open Top Bus Service restarted on April 5<sup>th</sup> and will run until September 14<sup>th</sup>. This year the service will operate as route 99 going all the way from Leigh to Shoeburyness. Buses will run every day during the school holidays and on weekends and bank holidays only at other

times.

## **THE CONNEXION**

The Connexion is the Methodist Church magazine produced quarterly. The Spring issue arrived on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Please help yourself from the display in the concourse, top left on the display case.

Articles in this edition include one about Shorelines; a thriving online church and the Ark café at Marlow Methodist Church.

Eileen Simmons

16.4.25



## **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.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

June 26<sup>th</sup>

July 31<sup>st</sup>

August – Holiday

September 25<sup>th</sup>

October 30<sup>th</sup>

And

Christmas Tea & Cakes

December 11<sup>th</sup>

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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

There are some individuals considering becoming Members of Wesley. Revd. Steve and I interact with Members and those on the Community Roll equally, but there are advantages to Membership. Please talk directly to Rev Steve or me about this question if you are interested.

Privacy: No one's news is included here without their permission. Currently quite a few of our church family are unwell but prefer privacy.

Wesley is a very friendly welcoming church and it gives me such pleasure to witness newcomers being welcomed.

It was a joy to see old friends recently talking about how they as teenagers sat in the galleries for services and came to the Youth Club led by Geoff Hawkins sixty odd years ago.

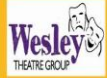
Equally, it is great to have teenagers regularly in church now and all becoming part of our Wesley family.

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WESLEY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS



# ***When The Lights Go On Again***

Afternoon Tea & Entertainment  
to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of  
VE Day & VJ Day

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**5pm**

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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 6 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*



## **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:-

27<sup>th</sup> May      24<sup>th</sup> June      22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

14<sup>th</sup> May      11<sup>th</sup> June      9<sup>th</sup> 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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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.

## **May 2025 Service Dates**

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – Preacher: Reverend S Mayo  
– Communion Service.

Wednesday Wed May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am – Early Morning  
Communion Service followed at 9:30am by Time For  
Prayer.

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – Preacher: Mrs. S Hockett

Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – Preacher – Mrs I  
Wratislaw.

Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm – Inspire Service - All are  
welcome.

Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm-4.00pm – Memory Worship.

Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – Preacher: Mrs E Simmons.

Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm – Creative Worship

**June Service date information was  
not available at time of printing.**

# Editor's information

Please could I have all items for the June 2025 Clarion by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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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and part of the

**Beds, Essex and Herts District the Methodist Church**

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