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July and August 2025



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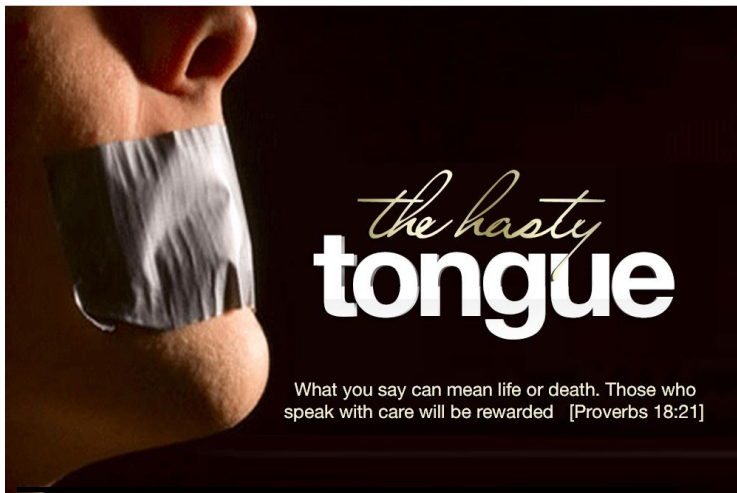
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MINISTER'S LETTER



I have been reminded recently about the power of the tongue. James says in his book, in chapter 3:3-6; ³ *When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.* ⁴ *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.* ⁵ *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.* ⁶ *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 then considering the consequences, may enable us to build others and the church up, rather than demolishing them!

"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 blessings,
Revd. Steve
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Saying goodbye to Rory

Some of you may know that Rory has taken the position of Director of Music for St Clements, unfortunately this means that he is no longer able to play for us on Sundays.

His last Sunday with us will be the 13th July 2025. Rory will still be playing the piano for our Memory Worship Service. We take this opportunity to wish Rory all the very best in his new position.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Anniversary Weekend and Gift Day

Gift Day Thursday 18th July 2025 between 10am and 11:30am Rev Steve will be in the Vestry to receive any gifts that you wish to make in person.

Church Anniversary Weekend will be the on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of July 2025.

A Gift Day Letter from Rev Steve will be with you all shortly.



Christian Hope International would like to thank Wesley church for raising £49.13p from the loose change boxes. Please look at the community notices in the concourse for the latest news from CH International.

On the 23rd of May Pauline and Carmen leave England to embark on their journey to Rwanda and Uganda to oversee the projects and meet some of the sponsored Children We wish them a safe journey. You can also follow them on their Facebook page. Pam Boughton - Smith.

Talking Poetry



Wednesdays at 2:30pm

There are no Talking Poetry sessions for July and August.

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

Information from Church Council **Meeting held on the 18th June 2025**

The following was agreed at the Church Council Meeting held on the 18th June 2025.

“Notices should normally be given to Sue Hockett by the Wednesday deadline, so that they can be included in the weekly notice sheet at the weekend. However, sometimes events may happen after the notice deadline, e.g. illness, bereavement, births etc, which the notice steward may wish to announce on a Sunday morning. Also, the notice steward may wish to highlight special services, changes of times etc. There may be other exceptions and then it will be left

to the judgement of the notice steward on duty on a Sunday morning.”

Items voted on:

1. Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Equality & Diversity and Inclusion policies were ratified by Church Council to be reviewed in July 2026.
2. Job Descriptions for Pastoral Co-ordinator and Worship Leaders were ratified in line with Circuit requirements.

Other information from the Open session of Church Council:

3. Due to an accident in the car park causing damage to the metal railing sectioning of the Pre-school outside area, Alan Severne will be contacting Methodist Insurance.
4. Pre-school have their Ofsted Registration Inspection on the 27th June, and Church Council wished them well.
5. Café update was received from Isobel Wratishlaw.

Weeding Group for the Car Park:

As the car park is looking rather overrun with weeds at present, it was suggested at Church Council that we organise a Weeding Group, who over the summer when the car park is quiet, would come and weed and make tidy the car park. A date is to be arranged, if you could give even an hour of your time to help, this would be most appreciated. Please contact any member of the Church Council for further information.



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 SS9 1SJ. For further information contact Fern

Southend Foodbank

Those of you who worshipped at Wesley on 25th May know that we had Natasha Copus, Manager of the Southend Foodbank, to talk to us. A few members of the congregation thanked me for inviting her. Do please kindly continue with your generous donations of food. Anna ensures that the current needs are included in the weekly notices. I receive the Foodbank's monthly newsletter. Do let me know if you would like to receive a copy and I will forward you the link.

Eileen Simmons

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.

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

ACTION FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

13th July 2025

I offered to become AFC Secretary after Patricia Gravatt died and I usually take the service that specific day. Wesley has always supported this charity and there will be a special collection on that day, but the envelopes may be handed in for a few weeks afterwards. If you qualify please complete the gift aid slip and put it into your envelope.

Eileen Simmons AFC Secretary

Note from the Treasurer.

I banked £38.50, at the end of May, but there was no note attached to say where it had come from. If you think this may have been your organisation, could you please let me know. Also, there are plenty of money bags next to the safe. If you need money bags, but do not have a key to the Ministers vestry, please let Alan or one of the stewards know and they will get some for you. There are also pre-typed notes so that you can add a note to the money. I keep the notes so putting a sticker on a plastic bag isn't ideal.

Creative Worship

After much thought it had been decided to **no longer offer** a Creative Worship on Tuesday Evenings at 8pm.

Originally it was offered as something different from a Sunday Morning service and three churches were involved. Alas, now numbers have dwindled.

My thanks go to the leaders Isobel and Sue and to the faithful few who have attended over many years.

Times change though and God will find a way.

I will still be leading The Wholeness and Well-being service at Benfleet once a quarter at 7.45pm – watch out for the dates in September

May I encourage you to attend Inspire on the third Sunday at Wesley at 5.30pm or try out the Fisherman's Chapel on a Sunday evening.

God Bless

Jane

Alternative Worship – The Future

The Church Council of 18th June 2025 considered the future of alternative worship at Welsey and agreed that a meeting would be arranged for all to discuss this aspect of our church life at Welsey (Date and time tbc), before Church Council makes any further decisions about these types of services.

PASTORAL NEWS as at 13th June 2025

Joy Milner has had a lovely card from **Annette Jarvis**, who asks her to forward her very best wishes to us all. She tells us she is keeping well by having a blood transfusion at regular intervals.

Recently someone said to me that they were not in a Pastoral Group but felt they could go directly to Revd. Steve. Please talk to him or me if you think you could become a Pastoral Visitor. Your group could simply be one person if your responsibilities elsewhere prevent a full group. Pastoral Visitors must be church MEMBERS.

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

Eileen Simmons

Pastoral Co-ordinator.

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Communion and a Time of 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:

9th July

No Communion in August

Dates for September onwards will be announced in the September Clarion.

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 Wratishaw 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.

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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August 2025 Service Dates

Sunday August 3rd at 11:00am – Preacher: Rev S Mayo – Communion Service.

Sunday August 10th at 11:00am – Preacher: Mrs E Simmons .

Sunday August 17th at 11:00am – Preacher : Mrs J Fulford.

Monday August 18th at 2.00pm-4.00pm – Memory Worship.

Sunday August 24th at 11:00am – Preacher: Mrs J Taylor.

Sunday August 31st at 11:00am – United Service @ Belfairs.

Editor's information

Please could I have all items for the Sept 2025 Clarion by **Friday 15th August 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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