

# WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



# LENT

**FEBRUARY 2015**



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## Dear Friend

2015 has stuck its tongue out at us. With weather ranging from soggy wet to freezing cold, and with one day utterly different from every other, we seem set for a year of ups and downs, ins and outs, a real omelette of a year.

I've begun my year by taking a holiday! That's a good thing to do don't you think? We went to South Africa and had a wonderful time. There were many highlights – visits to Table Mountain, the vineyards around Stellenbosch, Robben Island and a museum too (the Museum of District Six). It was very moving to stand by the cell in which Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years. The simple mat laid out on the concrete floor of that cell, the bucket for his slops, the blanket he'd have covered himself with – all testified to a time of extreme hardship. How could anyone endure these conditions for that length of time? And yet, as we all know, Mandela came out of that numbing situation gloriously alive, a full-blooded and full-hearted human being, a man who embodied the triumph of the human spirit. So we were inspired and uplifted by a country which, until so very recently, was in thrall to the powers of oppression and injustice.

But we are back now at the coal face. Life continues and the rollercoaster picks up speed. Some of the readers of this letter will have been in church when I made an impassioned plea for all our members this year to consider accepting some kind of Lenten discipline. Elsewhere in this issue of Window on Wesley's you'll find details of services, study courses and other events which we are putting together at Wesley's Chapel to help you in this. Please look at your diaries and judge very carefully how best you can make your special effort this year. We need everyone to go a second mile. The discipline will be good for all of us. I want this to be a season of prayer and reflection so that Easter can be celebrated with due joy and exaltation.

We've had so many deaths over this winter period. Even as I write, Jennifer and I are putting the finishing touches to plans for

three funerals. It's been a time of bereavement and desolation for so many people. And so our hearts go out to them and we want them to know that this little letter comes with the assurance of our love and care.

With warmest good wishes, I'll leave you there.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

***Leslie Griffiths – February 2015***

### **Church News**

Our last edition of Window on Wesley's told of a number of deaths within the congregation. Over the Christmas and New Year period we continued to hear of a number of other deaths.

*Stella Ashaju Williams* died very suddenly at the end although she was very aware that she had a life-threatening illness. She died on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at a very young age and with three young children. Her funeral was held here at the Chapel on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Our sincere condolences go out to her husband, Joselyn, the boys, Joshua, James and Jonathan, to her sister Chris, brother Victor and her father. At her wish she was cremated – some of her remains will be buried here at Wesley's Chapel and we shall advise everyone of when that will be.

*Eileen Edwards*, widow of Brian Edwards who used to be a resident caretaker here and at the Leysian Mission before that, died and was cremated at the Kingston Crematorium on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

*Rev Dr Ronald Frost* was a Supernumerary Minister who used to attend Wesley's Chapel regularly, especially on a Communion Sunday. Recently he had become quite frail and had to be helped to the rail. He was 94 years old and was still an enthusiastic member of the Boys' Brigade. The photo shows him, seated in

the middle, with the BB members at Archway Methodist Church



on the occasion of his retirement as Captain in November 2012.

Ron's funeral was held at Wesley's Chapel on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January prior to burial in the same plot

with his late wife in Hook Norton in Oxfordshire. There was a good turn out from the Boys' Brigade from all around London and beyond and especially the Archway boys who carried his coffin into Church. His was a life well and fully lived and we give God thanks for it.

If you look into your Directory you will see the name of *Harriet Birtwhistle* and an address in Worcestershire. None of you – with the exception of *Margaret Hazard* - will ever have seen *Harriet* for she was a very old lady, almost 97 years old, and lived in residential care for the last few years. She died on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and I want to tell you something about her - for she was a remarkable woman and the wife of a remarkable man. Her husband, Revd Allen Birtwhistle, was Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel during the time when the building was falling down in the 1970s. In fact the Birtwhistles lived 'in exile' for all the years, 1973-78, that they were stationed at the Chapel. They had to live in another manse and all services were held at the Church of St. Martins-within-Ludgate. Part of the manse was used as an office and visits to Wesley's House were possible but those were the only accessible bits of the campus. It was Revd Birtwhistle, more than any other single person, who organised the fund-raising around the world but particularly in America to save the Chapel. It is no exaggeration to say that, but for his efforts, we would not be worshipping in our building today.



Harriet supported her husband during that time and accompanied him on his trips to the USA. Revd Birtwhistle died just three months after the re-opening of the Chapel. Harriet was a widow for longer than she was a wife. Her funeral was held in the Methodist Church in Worcester, which she had been attending before she went into residential care and Jennifer was there to represent the Chapel. Her ashes will also come here to the Chapel to be buried with those of her husband.

*Ada Brady* has also died on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. Together with her daughter, *Gillian*, she ran the Girl Guide and Brownie Company which was based at the Chapel for many years. Ada was a Methodist and had worshipped previously at Kings Cross Methodist Church. Her funeral will be held at Wesley's Chapel on Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12.00noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time, and especially with Gillian, her daughter.

*Samuel Ohene Asante*, the father to Sam Asante, one of our Leys School graduates died on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014. His funeral wake was held at the Chapel on 29<sup>th</sup> January prior to his body being taken to Ghana. Our prayers are with this family also.

We also had the privilege of hosting the funeral of *Efua Dorkenoo*, a Methodist from Wembley who was known worldwide for her work to stop female genital mutilation. Senior Government ministers and representatives of health agencies were among those attending the funeral. Our sympathies go to Efua's husband and her sons.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> after the main morning service, in addition to a short service to commemorate the death of John Wesley, we shall also be burying the ashes of *Ron Thompson*, an organist at Wesley's Chapel for more than 38 years.

On a happier note we have had two weddings since the last edition of Window on Wesley's – *Lucy* and *Ed*, who have been worshipping with us throughout 2014, were married on the 20<sup>th</sup>

December. It was a wonderful occasion and we wish them all God's blessings in their life together.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January *Duncan* and *Celine* were married here in an unusual rugby-themed wedding. We wish them all the best in their married life together.

We have also had two baptisms recently. On the 14<sup>th</sup> December *Olivia Ava-Rose*, daughter of *Trudi* and *Mark* was baptised and on 28<sup>th</sup> December and *Ely Charles Nii Okine Nunoo*, son to *Tricia* and *Ludwig* was baptised. We welcome both of these young children into the family of the church here at Wesley's Chapel.

*Apollos Gibson* has been ill and in hospital but we are glad to report that he is now back home and receiving ongoing treatment there. We hold him and the Gibson family in our prayers and look forward to his return to church.

We are also very pleased to see *Michael Aderinola* back with us after a spell in hospital.

### **A Word of Thanks**

It is a long time since our City Carol Service on 11<sup>th</sup> December but it is still necessary to offer thanks to all those who helped. We were blessed again this year with choral contributions from the Year 6 class at St Luke's School and from the choir of Central Foundation Boys' School.

The collection from the service was shared between the World Church Office of the Methodist Church for the work with Ebola sufferers in Sierra Leone and the Central Foundation Boys' School fund for their choir trip to Italy.

Thanks are also due to all those people whose help was so vital in allowing us to welcome guests on Christmas Day – to *Fauziya* who cooked the meal, to *Lachlan* and *Kevin*, *Anne* and *Brian Marsden Thomas* and to friends from St Monica's Catholic Church

who helped to serve the meal. Thanks also to all those volunteer drivers – and those who decorated the hall beforehand, especially the Harding-Murray Family and the table-layers and potato-peelers – Mariam Fagbule and Moira Nichol.

If you know of people who may be on their own at Christmas and would wish to come and join us, please let us have their details in good time before next Christmas.

***Jennifer M. Potter***

### **Make Connections that count this Lent**

It's amazing to think that Lent begins on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, when it seems we've barely recovered from Christmas!

As usual, I want to recommend to you all the use of Christian



Aid's leaflet, Count your Blessings. Rather than giving up things (like chocolate or ice-cream), Christian Aid asks us again to count our blessings, day by day.

During the six weeks of Lent, there is a daily reflection for us to think about – and contrast it with our own experience of life. For example, I'm sure most of us don't think twice about turning on the tap for water, often waiting until it's the right temperature. But 748 million people don't have access to safe water – that's the combined population of Brazil, Russia, the UK, the US and Zimbabwe! This is just one issue for our reflection, which includes food, financial security, education, gender and emergencies.

So each day we pray for the people, countries and issues mentioned in the leaflet, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives, together with a donation, however small. At Easter, we total our individual donations, and send our individual cheques to

Christian Aid, helping transform lives and communities globally.  
(All we need to know is in the leaflet).

If you would like to take part, please let me know or go to  
[www.christianaid.org.uk/lent](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/lent)

Thank you

**Zena Goss**

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE COMMEMORATION: FIVE YEARS ON

(Photo: New College Bird Dedication ceremony of Phase 1, 7  
September 2014)



The new school buildings have been built adjacent to the main Methodist church in Port au Prince, on the site where the District offices collapsed in the earthquake 12 January 2010. The tall, metal arched doors, traditional in Haiti, have been

salvaged from the old school building which was on the other side of the church and incorporated into the new school. The dedication ceremony took place under a canopy serving both as protection from the sun but also a poignant reminder of a school that has been under canvas. A courtyard has been constructed around the tree, a symbol of life that survived the earthquake.



Here is a report from Dr. John and Mrs. Sharon Harbottle, mission partners serving in Haiti.

Five years have passed since the earthquake in Haiti that left so many people homeless, thousands dead and vast numbers injured. On 12 January 2010, a little before 5pm, life changed for people living in this small country - the size of Wales. Suddenly, Haiti was on the map and money was pledged to help what was known as the "poorest nation in the Western world". The catalogue of disasters, retention of money by the international community and sporadic assistance from many aid agencies is well documented. Lessons have been learned that will reshape how we respond to future disasters.

Meanwhile, the Haitian people resumed buying and selling on the streets, sheltering in precarious buildings, moving from tents to wooden houses and, later, into more permanent homes. To all intents and purposes, you would hardly know that the earthquake occurred. Bank holidays are celebrated in style. The President is on the streets singing and dancing with the crowd. Life goes on.

The earthquake is rarely spoken of by the Haitians. The commemoration area at the mass grave bears a marker but has not yet been developed despite plans being made public. The emphasis is on the living, whether they are those in a hand to mouth existence, earning less than \$2 a day, or others who are just grateful to be alive. Everyone suffered loss. Everyone gets on with life in some way.

This was apparent at the thanksgiving and dedication of the New College Bird School building in September 2014. Phase one of three is now complete. Children have been able to leave the temporary classrooms and remaining tents, in which they have been educated for almost half a decade, and enjoy the new desks and facilities that have been funded by many: the Methodist Church in Britain, Canada, USA, UMCOR, etc. Others must wait in the thatched huts for the next phase.

Emotions ran high that day as thanksgiving poured from the lips of each speaker, in prayer, song and speech. Thanks were given to God for sustaining his people, for life itself, for the goodwill of the churches that helped to rebuild the school and the steadfastness of the Methodist Church in Haiti (EMH) in seeing

the task through. The same joy has been expressed at the opening service of each rebuilt church we attended, at each dedication service for clinic buildings and the restoration of classrooms.

At present, the centre of the capital city of Port au Prince is a place of contrasts. Old buildings, some that survived the tremors, are being taken down. New government and ministry buildings are rising. Areas are being cleared for the redevelopment of the city for the future and billboards display the plans for all to see.

Progress is steady. Some would like it to be faster, but until the Government receives the promised international donations, tensions will remain, questions will be asked and demonstrations on the streets will occur.

Daily, we are delighted to see roads resurfaced, pavements constructed and markets thriving. We continue to be amazed at the resilience of the people and count it as a privilege to be working alongside them. On 12 January 2015, as in previous years, we will attend a service of commemoration and hear a bell ring at 16.53. Then we will continue with God's calling: to work with EMH restoring clinic facilities and introducing community health, and training local preachers, strengthening the church



through its Sunday school teachers and leaders, deepening discipleship, and preparing for the celebration of 200 years of Methodist presence in Haiti, in 2017.

At Wesley's Chapel on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January there was a service organised by United Haitians in the UK (UHUK) in which the Charge d'Affaire for Haiti, Mr. Jean Pillard and our

Superintendent, Leslie Griffiths participated. It was an event both to remember those who had died but also to give thanks for the resilience of the people in facing not only the aftermath of the earthquake but also the epidemic of cholera and continuing political uncertainties.

On the actual date of the earthquake, 12<sup>th</sup> January Haiti was remembered at Westminster Abbey as part of Evensong, in which Leslie read a lesson.

### **A Timely Word from the Past**

The Museum has recently received a copy of a letter written in the hand of John Wesley and signed by him, his brother Charles and a number of senior helpers (ministers) of the time. In a way it is a bit like the letters of St Paul in that this letter is clearly a response to a situation but we do not know the details of the case. It is quite a short letter so here it is in its entirety.

*Janu 29 1752*

*It is agreed by us whose names are underwritten.*

- 1. That if we hear ill of each other, we will not listen or willingly inquire after any ill concerning each other.*
- 2. That if we do hear any ill of each other, we will not be forward to believe it.*
- 3. That as soon as possible we will communicate what we hear, by speaking or writing to the person concerned.*
- 4. That till we have done this, we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any other person whatsoever.*
- 5. That neither will we mention it, after we have done this, to any other person.*
- 6. That we will not make any exception to any of these rules unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged in conscience to do so.*

*John Jones*

*John Wesley*

*John Haime*

*John Nelson*

*Charles Wesley*

*E Perronet*

*William Shent John Trimbath Jonth Reeves Jos Connley*

*C Perronet*

*Thos Maxfield J Downes*

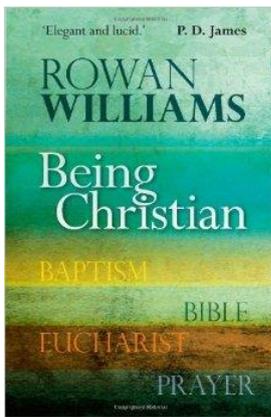
We have recently renewed our Covenant with God on the first Sunday of this New Year; I think that we could do no better than

to follow in the footsteps of these early Methodists and sign up to these guidelines ourselves. John Wesley knew that churches have the potential to be places of gossip and that gossip corrodes trust and fellowship in a congregation. Let us put our signatures to these guidelines – we might even think of cutting this page out and placing it in our Bible or with our mobile phone for easy and continued reference.

**Jennifer Potter**

### **Ecumenical Lent Course 2015**

As usual we shall be holding a Saturday Morning Lent Course with our ecumenical friends at St. Joseph's, Jewin Welsh



Presbyterian Church and St. Giles' Cripplegate. The Course will begin on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and run until 21<sup>st</sup> March. We shall be using a recently published book by the former Archbishop of Canterbury; Rowan Williams entitled *Being Christian*, which looks at four things which are fundamental to Christians – Baptism, Bible, Eucharist/Communion and Prayer.

*P.D. James writes: 'Being Christian deals in matters that are necessarily complex but the style is elegant and lucid, and the book, although written primarily for Christians, will be interesting and helpful to those who are seekers after, rather than finders of, religious faith.'*

The Saturday sessions begin at 10.00am with refreshments and then the input/discussion is an hour long from 10.30 -11.30am. Each week is free-standing so it does matter if you cannot attend each session.

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Baptism	Jewin Welsh Church
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bible	St Giles' Cripplegate
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist	Wesley's Chapel

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March

Prayer

St Joseph's Bunhill Row

There are copies of Rowan William's book available at £6 – please see **Jennifer Potter** if you wish to purchase one.

## Saluting Free Trade

This month (Feb) we can celebrate two decades of the Fairtrade movement, founded back in 1995. Recent research showed that 78 per cent of the UK public now recognise the Fairtrade Mark, which stands for the world's largest and most recognised fair-trade system. Its aim is to secure a better deal for farmers and workers.

Based in Bonn, Germany, it sets international standards, organises support for producers around the world and promotes trade justice internationally.

The work of building a market for fair-trade products is carried out by national Fairtrade organisations across the world. There are such organisations not only in Europe but also in India, South Korea, Hong Kong and Kenya.

An independent company runs the Fairtrade certification system, ensuring that the relevant social and environmental standards are met for new raw materials and products. Here in the UK, the Fairtrade Foundation is an independent organisation that provides independent certification that licenses use of the Fairtrade Mark on products in the UK.

The Foundation was established in 1992 by CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft and the National Federation of Women's Institutes (to name just a few).



## **SERENDIPITY NINETEEN**

### **Part One: The Wedding Present**

This article, is totally unlike the last in the Serendipity series and although it too has Methodist Heritage as it's major theme, it links an unlikely wedding present, via the saga of a regrettable marriage, with someone who, as in all good fairy stories but alas as is not necessarily so true in real life, enjoyed a happy ever after marriage.

As previous articles in the series, it opens on the Wesley campus where we Heritage Stewards spend our time in assisting the Curator Christian Dettlaff. In this one of our pleasant duties and responsibilities is to act as guides to the many Methodists who visit Wesley's from all over the world. In so doing, we are able to remind them of their heritage, introduce them to various aspects of the campus and explain the significance of the many interesting features of the Chapel, the Museum of Methodism and of course the one time home of the Founding Father of Methodism. Indeed, conducting our visitors around John Wesley's House looms large in most days' schedules.

While our visitors can, if they so wish wander around the Chapel and the Museum of Methodism on self-guided tours, it is usual for them to be given conducted tours of John Wesley's House, through all of the rooms that are open for the purpose.

Although the building has five floors, it is normal, other than in exceptional cases, for the tour to finish on the second floor, since the attic top floor is occupied by the Curators office and book store. Thus, our visitors are usually shown only as far as the early 19<sup>th</sup> C back bedroom and the front Preachers room, where Mr Wesley's Preachers, and the others who then shared John's House with him, had their sleeping quarters. Both of these apartments now, like the rest of the building, contain many interesting artefacts associated either with Mr Wesley himself, or else the early days of Methodism. All of them either provide insights into the beginnings of our denomination, or else reveal aspects of our Founders life.

It is one of the most unusual, although mundane, exhibits on display in the house that is to be the starting point for this latest serendipity article.

The exhibit concerned was once in the Museum of Methodism where it became chosen by fellow Heritage Steward Kate Poole as the October 2009 'Gold Star Exhibit', but following the reorganisation of 2013, it is now on show in the Preachers Room. Here can be found a case containing what the accompanying label describes as a set of 16<sup>th</sup> C roundels, or trenchers, but to modern eyes, more closely resemble the circular table/place mats/coasters, used to protect polished surfaces from hot dishes. As Kate wrote in her Window on Wesley's feature:

*“they are charming articles in them selves, slightly crudely painted on the outside with representations of stylised flowers and fruits. But, what makes these little objects so interesting, is that the centre of each one is filled with four lines of doggerel verse about the dangers of marriage and the woes which will almost certainly afflict the bridegroom”.*

As the article explained, some of the verses are quite hard to read; the writing is very tiny and spidery, while the spelling has the usual Elizabethan eccentricity of lack of uniformity. To help visitors to overcome some of these difficulties, a typed transcript of the texts of the verses is displayed alongside the exhibit.

Nevertheless, the meanings of the verses are also a little obscure and 21<sup>st</sup> century eyes may need a modern English transliteration in order to get the full flavour, as in the following paraphrase of the verses from two of the roundels:

*If you are young then do not be in too much haste to marry,  
If you are old then you should know better.  
For the wives of young men will not be taught,  
While the wives of old men are good for naught.*

*If you are a bachelor,  
Then be advised by me and stay so.  
Better that;  
Than from bitter experience to repent your folly.*

The verses on the other roundels express similar sentiments, thus it is difficult to grasp that these things were once actually thought suitable to be a wedding present. Nevertheless this was once the case, for no less a person than John Wesley chose to give the set to one of his preachers on the occasion of the latter's wedding. Today a set of table mats is often given as a wedding present, but it is unlikely that a set inscribed with texts expressing similar sentiments to those on the roundels in Mr Wesley's House, would be considered appropriate. However, as Kate concluded her October 2009 story:

*"I suppose the most interesting thing about the gift is the light it throws upon Mr Wesley himself. Many people would perhaps imagine that he would have given something either solemn and morally improving, or else a strictly practical present to a fellow clergyman who was getting married".*

Taken at face value this does not appear to be the case, nevertheless, it may be that there is more to it than meets the eye, since it is possible that the views expressed in the verses, are perhaps indicative of Mr Wesley's own opinions and were intended to provide the recipient either with useful advice or else an awful warning.

### **Was John Wesley Married?**

One of the queries often raised by visitors to Wesley's is to ask whether John was ever married. Well, the direct answer to this is of course, that yes he was married and for a total of thirty years, including for two of the years that Wesley's House was John's home. This of course then raises further questions, since visitors are also told that John was effectively living as a bachelor when his House was his home. The story of John Wesley's marriage therefore needs to be related, especially as this might serve to

provide an indication as to why he chose to give the roundels as a wedding present. Nevertheless, we will break off the narrative at this point and leave the details of Mr Wesley's marriage for a later edition of Window on Wesley's.

### ***Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward***

#### **February Lunchtime Recitals**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Piano/Violin – Nice Chao & Laura Balboa**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Piano/Cello – Oliver Davies & Felicity Vincent**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Piano/Flute – David Elwin & Georgina Roberts**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Piano – Louise Cornarie**



#### **CHARLES WESLEY'S INFLUENCE ON MY POETRY & HYMN-WRITING ABILITY**

I give God the glory for using His servant Charles Wesley to influence the gift God has given unto me to be a blessing unto others.

Charles' hit singles such as “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”, “Christ Who's Glory Fills The Skies”, “Jesu Lover Of My Soul” and many more.

Charles composed his hits to simple tunes already in existence for example “Come Divine Interpreter”, the tune is also set to another hymn called Come Christians Join to Sing but Charles' version, the metre is 7/7 and “Come Christians Join To Sing” the metre is 6/7, basically same tune but different metre and verse layout. Charles' swagger in hymn writing has greatly influenced the way I write poems to music.

I like to compose to simple musical tunes that everyone can easy pick up and pleasant to the ears of the listener.

The secret to my style is catch the rhythm/tune when it is fresh, mix it with my creativity (rearranging the musical notes to different sequential patterns) and produce my interpretation of what gave Charles the kicks to write the hymns we know and enjoy singing in the Chapel on a weekly basis.

Hymns contain hidden powerful messages but we mainly focus on how well the tune and words harmonise with each other to even notice and understand the message the composer is trying to convey to us all.

### ***John Showemimo – Church Steward***

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY**

1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Service & Holy Communion Preacher: Kido Baek Officiants: Jennifer Potter
	7.00pm	Taizé Evening Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter
	11.00am	Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Holy Communion – Jennifer Smith
	11.00am	All Age Worship – Jennifer Smith
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45am	Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths
	11.00am	Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths

#### **February Cradle Roll Birthdays**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Krystal Agyeman	4 years
7 <sup>th</sup>	Anaiah Abena Sabah Frimpong	3 years
24 <sup>th</sup>	Keshawn Adjei	4 years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan Kerr	3 years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Isis Thompson-Jones	3 years

May God bless these children and their families

# FINDING A VOICE

A Lent Course on *"THE KING'S SPEECH"*



  
**THE KING'S SPEECH**  
COLIN FIRTH • GEOFFREY RUSH • HELENA BONHAM CARTER

**Shrove Tuesday, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

7.00pm **Pancake & Film Night: The King's Speech**

**Wednesdays from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March**

6:30pm **Bible Study: Finding a Voice**

7:30pm **Communion Service**

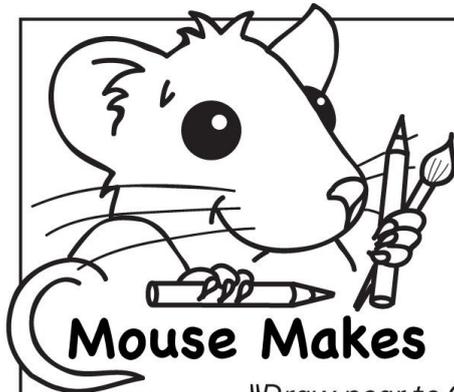
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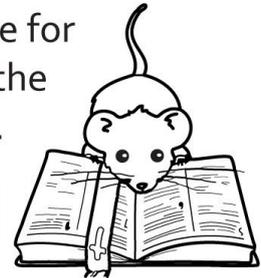
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# Children's Page

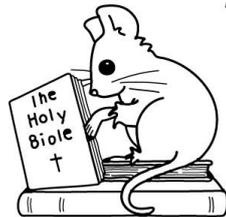


The 40 days before Easter are called **LENT**. Lent is a time for Christians to pray, read the bible and turn to God.



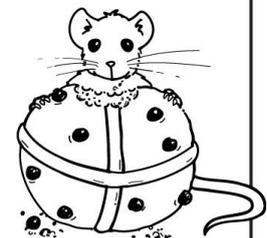
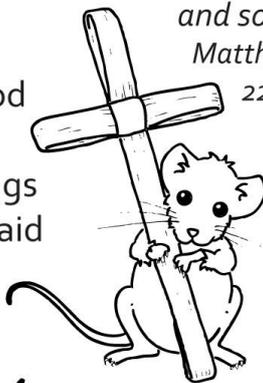
*"Draw near to God"*  
James 4:8

During Lent read  
Matthew's Gospel



The first day of Lent is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is a day of **repentance**, a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

*"Love God with all your heart, mind and soul"*  
Matthew 22:37



**LENT CALENDAR**  
Colour in a square each day to Easter



During Lent **pray** for someone, **encourage** someone and **tell** someone about Jesus

Tuesday      Monday      40 **PALM SUNDAY**      39

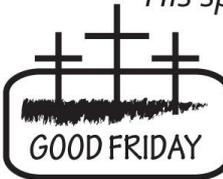
*The Lord is here,  
His spirit is with us*



**ALLELUIA!**

Wednesday

Thursday



**GOOD FRIDAY**

Saturday



**EASTER SUNDAY**

# TAIZÉ

PRAYER SERVICE

*At Wesley's Chapel*

*February 1st 2015*

*@7.00pm*

*Music ✦ Meditation ✦ Reflection*



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**Thursday Lunchtimes during Lent at**  
**Wesley's Chapel**  
**(12.45-1.15pm)**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>      The Road to Jerusalem –  
The Campaign Train**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>      The Good Samaritan –  
The Manifesto**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>            Jesus and Beelzebub –  
The Hustings**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>         Do not worry –  
A truly Radical Message**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>         Not peace but decision –  
The need for choice**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>         Jesus looks forward –  
The cost of victory**

**Please join us. All are Welcome.**



## Weekly programme of events

Sunday	9.45am	Holy Communion (except 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in month)
	11.00am	Morning Service
	12.30pm	Methodist Women in Britain (MWIB) (First Sunday in the month)
	12.30pm	Wesley's Chapel Ghana Fellowship (Last Sunday in the month)
	7.00pm	Taizé Evening Service (First Sunday in the month)
Monday	7.00am	Prayer Meeting
	2.00pm	Sisterhood Fellowship
Tuesday	1.05 pm	Lunchtime Recitals
	7.45pm	Boys' Brigade (Company & Seniors: over 11's)
Wednesday	10.00am	Parents/Minders & Toddlers
	12.45pm	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday	12.45 pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday	7.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchors: 5-8 years)
	7.00pm	Girls' Brigade 2 <sup>nd</sup> London Co
	7.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Juniors: 8 <sup>+</sup> -11 years)

**If you would like to submit an article, poem, prayer or item of interest for this magazine please email it to:  
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or leave it at the Church Office marked FAO Tracey Smith**