

# **WINDOW ON WESLEY'S**



**MARCH 2015**

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## Dear Friend

Well, Lent has begun. Your team has put together an incredibly diverse programme of events for this season. It has begun well. Attendance at our Ash Wednesday service was much better than in previous years. Naturally, I'm hoping that everyone who reads these lines will look at the programme and identify those activities which will enable them to focus their hearts and minds more clearly on Jesus. Do look at everything that's happening and, however great an effort it demands on you, commit yourself to one or another of the pathways which the programmes offer you.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, at our morning service, we will hear the testimony of Jojo Annan. Jojo has completed his formation as a Local Preacher and received the endorsement of the circuit meeting and is now, therefore a fully accredited local preacher. In recent years, we've been blessed by a steady stream of wonderful preachers who've taken this path. Andy Fagg, Kido Baek, Katherine Baxter, Abe Konadu-Yiadom all come to mind. Their memorable testimonies continue to live in my mind and now we must welcome yet another in this great succession.

It's been very sad to note the death of two women whose common factor was that they had been married to ministers at the Chapel. Harriet Birtwhistle survived her husband Alan by 35 years. She was such a wise and intelligent person and remained a member at Wesley's Chapel even though she lived as far away as Worcester. Hilary Hulme remained much closer than that. Her last 10 years and more saw the illness from which she finally died affect her more and more savagely. The love and attention of her family throughout this long period of suffering were truly remarkable. She was buried at Southwark Cathedral on the last Friday of February. Our prayers are with Paul and the boys at this difficult time.

It's incredible to see the way that day is winning its annual battle with night again. When I get up in the morning, the dawn is now clearly announcing another day. And that lasts almost until 6pm.

This is the month that marks the beginning of spring. The trees in the Chapel forecourt have been pollarded. The bulbs are pushing through and will soon be bursting into colour. Hope rises in the human breast. What a wonderful time to be alive.

Wherever this reaches you, and however your feeling, please know that it comes with warmest good wishes and the assurance of my continuing prayers.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

***Leslie Griffiths – March 2015***

### **Church News**

It is with sadness that we report the death of *Paul Appafram's* eldest son, *Paul Solomon Ekow Appafram*. He died at his home in West London on the 18<sup>th</sup> January at the age of 62 years. His funeral was held at Wesley's Chapel on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. Our prayers are with his family and may his soul rest in peace.

We also have to report the death of *Barbara Evans*. Barbara was both an Anglican and a Methodist. After she retired from nursing she helped to organise the Toy Library at St. Luke's School for many years. She was a Reader (Local Preacher) in the Anglican Church. After she joined Wesley's Chapel she became a Heritage Steward and a member of Sisterhood. She had not been able to come to Church for over a year as she had severe mobility problems. Her funeral is at 2pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at St. Giles' Cripplegate when clergy from St Giles', St Clement's and Wesley's Chapel will officiate at the service

*Lily Frimpong's* mother has died recently in Ghana. Lily will be going back for her funeral as will *Richard and Charlotte*. They go with our sympathy and with our prayers.

*Margaret Akuaku* is rarely able to attend church, she is not well and lives far away in West London but she is a faithful member

nevertheless – keeping in regular contact by letter and sending us her offering. She has travelled to Ghana for a break and a bit of warmth. We pray that she has travelling mercies and will come back refreshed.

*Mariam Fagbule's* son-in-law who was kidnapped in the oil-producing Eastern region of Nigeria while doing his work for an oil company, has been released and is now back both home and at work.

We thank God for his deliverance from such an ordeal.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed *Poppy Joy Roake* into the family of the Church by baptism. She is the daughter of *Sally and Simon* who were married here and the granddaughter of *Maggie and Roger Smith*, who are members of the Chapel. We pray that *Poppy Joy* will be a blessing not only to her parents and wider family but also to her church family.

*Apollos Gibson* is back in hospital at the Royal Free in Hampstead. We pray for him and that he may soon be feeling much better.

*Gina Cocks* has been unwell and is currently in hospital. We pray that she will soon be on the road to recovery and back with us.

*Barbara Morley* is now back at the MHA in Muswell Hill after a spell in hospital. We pray for her continuing recovery and hope that she will soon be well enough to come to church on Sundays.

In February we blessed two couples who have been married – *Kadija Salim and Augustine* and *Alice Okai and Harrison Dike*. We congratulate them and wish them all God's blessings on their future life together.

We congratulate *Dan and Hijun* on the birth of their son, *Hyojun* in South Korea and we are looking forward to seeing mother and baby in April.

Congratulations also to Phyllis (nee Addo) and Albert on the birth of their son, *Israel*, on Valentine's Day, 14<sup>th</sup> February. May he be a real blessing to the whole family.

Committed volunteers are needed to help to make sandwiches one Sunday in each month. If you are strongly moved to do God's good work please speak with Juliette Burton.

**'Two's a Company' Fun Concert for Charity  
8th March, 3.30pm Wesley's Chapel**

Charlotte Fairbairn, violin, and Sophie Gledhill, cello, are running the 2015 London Marathon in aid of two extremely worthwhile charities: ABF The Soldier's Charity and The Disabilities Trust - Eyes Alight Appeal.

They are also giving a short, light-hearted concert on a Sunday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> March at Wesley's Chapel. Please come and listen to two professional musicians - and great friends – as they play music by Bach, Ravel, Bartok and more... - Free admission - donations welcome

**Skeletons - A meditation for Lent**

In each of our hearts is a locked place, God;  
Like a forgotten room or a dark cupboard,  
We would prefer to forget it even exists,  
But inside it are things that won't stay hidden.

Others would never suspect that we carry such a place;  
We guard our faces so no evidence appears,  
And we keep our lips sealed,  
allowing no escape for the stories of the skeletons in our cupboard.

But in the quiet moments, the unguarded times of solitude,

The doors we struggle to hold shut fly open  
and the skeletons – these living guilts – come out and dance  
Mocking us and reminding us of our secret shame.

Free us from the power and the prison  
of the skeletons in our cupboards, Jesus;  
Teach us that mistakes and brokenness and failure  
are part of creative and bold living  
Remind us that what is hidden holds us in bondage  
and cannot be healed;  
And lead us through our shame to confident joy in You.

Let us know the touch of your forgiveness and healing,  
and teach us to pass this acceptance on to others  
friends, family and strangers  
who, like us, pretend to be whole  
While within them, skeletons still dance. Amen  
*(Thanks to Revd John van de Laar, Cape Town, South Africa)*

## **Dear Friends**

Over the last few weeks it has been lovely to get back to writing to our members, and visiting a few of them too. Don't forget to tell me if you would like a visit, or know someone who might benefit from one. I'd love to come and see you all!

There's also lots happening over the next few months at Wesley's Chapel. Here are just a couple of the things that I'm involved with.

We had 23 people join us this month for the Safeguarding Foundation Module training; 14 of these were from Wesley's Chapel. The course will be held again on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. The course is only one session long and is open to all, but please note that the Connexion requires that all Pastoral Leaders, Church

Stewards, Local Preachers, and all those who work with under 18s attend. Please speak to me to find out more.

Are you thinking about being confirmed? Do you want to find out more about what Methodists mean by membership? What makes Methodism special? Over the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost we shall be running '*Compass – exploring the Christian faith together*' for anyone who is interested, but particularly to help those who are *considering confirmation, membership, or both*. There will be an opportunity for confirmation and reception into membership on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, after the course. As many of those to whom this is relevant don't receive Window on Wesley's, please point this article out to anyone who might be interested. If you would like to find out more please speak to one of the staff team.

Prayers and best wishes,  
Judith Burton – Leysian Missioner

#### Dates to note

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Creating Safer Space Foundation, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> May: Compass – exploring the Christian faith together (also acting as confirmation / membership classes), 9:45am – 10:55am

### **The Gideon Movement**

You may never have heard of the Gideons but if you have stayed in an hotel and found a Bible or a New Testament in the draw by the bedside, it is pretty certain that it was there because of the Gideons.



This movement started in the USA in 1908 and it has now spread all around the world.

Gideons are Christian professional and business men and women, who believe in the importance of the Bible and therefore



try to make it widely available to people. As well as hotels, Gideons provide Bibles to Schools, Colleges, hospitals, prisons, doctors' and dentists' surgeries, homes for the elderly and anywhere which requests them. Currently Gideons are placing 80 million copies of the Bible in over 190 countries around the world every year.

Gideons are always needing more people to help in placing Bibles and New Testaments in important locations. If you would like to help or if you want to know more about this movement please go to their website: [www.gideons.org.uk](http://www.gideons.org.uk) or ask Jennifer for a leaflet.

### **Got a Motorbike? Why not join the Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists?**

You probably don't believe this but there is a fellowship of Christians who love to ride motorbikes. They have groups all over Britain. They arrange meetings and go on runs together once a month. Once or twice a year they travel overseas on their bikes.



If you or a friend of yours have an interest in motorbikes check out the website – [www.fcm-bikers.co.uk](http://www.fcm-bikers.co.uk) for more details.

### **Who is my Neighbour? A challenge from the Church of England**

If you have been listening to the radio, watching TV, reading your newspaper or surfing the net on your smart phone you can surely not have missed the fact that the Church of England, the House of Bishops to be precise, has issued a pre-election letter to the people and parishes of England entitled, "Who is my neighbour?" This letter, all 50 pages

Who is my  
neighbour?

of it, has come in for a lot of flak from many in the media. Surprisingly one of the most positive reactions to the document came from The Guardian – a publication not usually known for supporting Christian groups or faith documents.

This is the first time that the House of Bishops has published such a letter ahead of a General Election. It is refreshingly bold, clear and challenging. It is what it says on the tin, ‘a call for a new kind of politics.’



Secondly this letter is addressed to ordinary people – those who have the right to vote in the upcoming election. It is not an attack on politicians though it states that political parties have failed to offer ‘attractive visions of the kind of society and culture they wish to see.’ It is primarily a teaching document. Although addressed in the first instance to Anglicans it is relevant to all the people of Britain whether they are people of faith or not. It is a piece of ‘public theology.’

Thirdly and most remarkably, the letter offers the outlines of what looks like a coherent and authoritative social theology for our day. The letter calls for an end to ‘retail politics’ and for politicians to focus on what is good for the whole country rather than trying to appeal to the interests of particular groups.

Speaking at the launch, Rt Revd Graham James, the Bishop of Norwich said the letter “encourages Christians to engage positively in our political process, to use their vote and to value hard-won democratic freedoms.” The report also encourages people to ignore people such as Russell Brand the comedian who has told young people that voting is futile.

If you would like to read the report it can be found online at [www.churchofengland.org/media](http://www.churchofengland.org/media) or you can ask Jennifer or Leslie about it as both have copies of the booklet.

## Women's' World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

To coincide with International Women's Day on March 6<sup>th</sup>, the ecumenical and worldwide movement, the Women's World Day of Prayer has, once again made available worship materials for the day.

The materials have been prepared by the women of the Bahamas in the Caribbean and are based on a reading taken from John 13:1-17.

We shall have a service based on this material in the Foundry Chapel at 7.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and everyone is welcome. It would be wonderful if we had to move out of the Foundry Chapel into the main Chapel.



If you want more information, please go to the website [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) or speak to Jennifer

### **The Bible Christians 1815 -1907 A West Country sort of Methodism**

This year the Bible Christians celebrate 200 years since their brand of Methodism began. They no longer exist as an identifiable denomination but their buildings and legacy still remain within wider Methodism and particularly in Cornwall and Devon.

They began as a revivalist movement under the charismatic leadership of William O'Bryan (aka Bryant) who lived from 1778 to 1868. It is highly likely that O'Bryan had heard John Wesley preach on one of his many journeys through Devon and Cornwall, perhaps even in the open-air amphitheatre at Gwennap Pit. He was rejected as a Wesleyan ministerial candidate, twice expelled from the Wesleyan Methodist Church and in 1815 removed

himself and started his own brand of Methodism. He established an independent circuit in Week St Mary in October 1815. O'Bryan was a flawed person and in 1829 separated from the movement, the Bible Christians, which he had been most influential in beginning. He travelled to America many times and eventually emigrated there in 1831.

After O'Bryan, James Thorne took over the leadership of the movement. Under his guidance the movement consolidated its position and evolved into a Connexional church.

The Thorne home, Lake Farmhouse Shebbear, became a preaching place, from the time of O'Bryan, and thus Shebbear came to be seen as the birthplace of the Bible Christians.



The stained glass window at Lake Chapel commemorates the birth of the Bible Christians at Lake Farmhouse in 1815.

The third leader of the Bible Christians was Frederick William Bourne (1830-1905) – a man of considerable skill who steered the denomination towards union with the Methodist New Connexion and United Methodist Free Churches to form the United Methodist Church in 1907. At the time of the merger they were the fastest growing branch of British Methodism.

The China missionary, Sam Pollard, was a Bible Christian and the only Methodist minister of any sort to create a script for a language – Miao – that had never been written down before and that is still in use today.



Pollard died of fever in China in 1915 and was buried in the mountains near his Shimenkan Mission Station. After the Communist Party took over in China his grave and the county around it was closed to foreigners. Only in

1995 was the area opened up and work began to restore Pollard's tomb – now a national monument – quite an achievement for a Bible Christian from Camelford!

Bible Christians, along with other branches of Methodism, took education very seriously. Thorne's two sons, John and Samuel set up a school for 20 boys in Shebbear in 1829 – it was called Prospect College in those days. The school saw many changes until it was re-founded in 1841 as Shebbear College. Shebbear College remains as one of a group of independent Methodist Schools across the country.

Celebrations of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginnings of the Bible Christians will be held in October this year, on the 1<sup>st</sup> October at Week St Mary and on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at Shebbear. We will give you more details as they become available.

***Jennifer Potter***

### **Faith in the Films**

Our Bible Studies for Lent are based on a film – *The King's*



*Speech*, which tells the story of Bertie, the man who was to become King George VI and his struggle to overcome his stammer so that he could speak and broadcast to the nation. It is a story of perseverance and bravery which carries within it many resonances

for Christians who struggle to live a faithful life.

Many films are very useful in pursuing themes which are relevant and challenging for Christians. In the news at the moment is the film, *The Theory of Everything* – a biographical film about Stephen Hawking, starring Eddie Redmayne who has just won an Oscar for his role.



The film follows Stephen Hawking from his student days – socially diffident, academically brilliant – through to the publication of his bestselling [A Brief History of Time](#); his research progressing in tandem with the motor neurone disease (ALS) that renders him increasingly incapacitated.

There is much in the film that is inaccurate factually – much that one might argue has been glossed over. However, taking it on its own terms as a story that is entertaining and at times challenging, the film raises some interesting points for discussion, not least because it touches (very) lightly upon the idea that faith and science remain uneasy bedfellows. In particular, this is a theme within the relationship of Hawking, an atheist, and Jane Wilde, a committed Christian who became his first wife.

If the film avoids engaging fully with the faith vs science debate (even the science is pared down to a mealtime conversation with peas and potatoes), then so too do many Christians. This is reflected in our hymns, few of which embrace contemporary science into the language of sung poetry or attempt to place it within a divine context. Andrew Murphy ([The day the universe was started](#), StF 540) and Albert Bayly get close: “Your Spirit gave the living cell its hidden, vital force”, Bayly writes in [Lord of the boundless curves of space](#) (StF 111), but in Singing the Faith perhaps Brian Wren goes furthest, embracing scientific advance in his harvest hymn, [Praise God for the harvest](#) (StF 126):

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,  
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:  
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

What *The Theory of Everything* does best is examine the challenges faced when love is tested. Jane experiences the increasing physical and emotional strain of caring for Hawking and their three children.

Marjorie Dobson understands this kind of pressure:

When our caring love wears thin,  
when our nerves are stretched and taut...  
God of understanding heart,  
give us strength to play our part.  
([When our caring love wears thin](#), StF 622)

As Marjorie writes: “Even the most dedicated of carers have their own needs too, and the stress and strain of loving concern can be so overwhelming that it leads to resentment and frustration.” No one says care for another is going to be easy. Even Charles Wesley’s great love poem-turned hymn, [Thou God of truth and love](#) (StF 620) speaks of shared joy and pain in human relationships of all kinds. Yet God is glimpsed when love is faithful, suggests Gary Hopkins, and in Jesus Christians find someone who modelled forgiveness and the strength still to embrace even in the face of physical and emotional challenges ([Thanks for friends who keep on loving](#), StF 619).

What Jane achieves, at a price (and more messily than the film always reveals), is a movement towards that kind of difficult love to which all people of faith are called:

Let love be real, in giving and receiving,  
without the need to manage and to own;  
a haven free from posing and pretending,  
where every weakness may be safely known...  
As God loves us, so let us love each other:  
with no demands, just open hands and space to grow.

(Michael Forster’s [Let love be real, in giving and receiving](#), StF 615)

It seems that many people were very happy to come to a showing of *The King’s Speech* which was shown in preparation for the Lenten Bible Study Course, perhaps we need to look at having film sessions from time to time showing films which can form the basis for discussion. If such film evenings are something which would appeal to you, let us know and we shall begin to plan for that.

**Jennifer Potter**

## Wednesdays in Lent at Wesley's Chapel

### March 4<sup>th</sup>

12.45pm Lunchtime Communion Service

6.30pm Lenten Study Course  
*"Chasing the dream"*

7.30pm Lenten Communion Service  
*"The hope of our calling"*  
Ephesians 4:1-6

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

12.45pm Lunchtime Communion Service

6.30pm Lenten Study Course  
*"Pressing forward & Breaking through"*

7.30pm Lenten Communion Service  
*"Born again"*  
John 3:1-8

### March 18<sup>th</sup>

12.45pm Lunchtime Communion Service

6.30pm Lenten Study Course  
*"Poisonous words & profane responses"*

7.30pm Lenten Communion Service  
*"Speaking the truth to one"*  
Ephesians 4:25-32

### March 25<sup>th</sup>

12.45pm Lunchtime Communion Service

6.30pm Lenten Study Course  
*"Faith in our voice"*

7.30pm Lenten Communion Service  
*"Encourage one another"*  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-12



## **SERENDIPITY NINETEEN**

### **Part Two: John Wesley Gets Married**

In the first part of this account, it was explained that an exhibit on show in John Wesley's House was once a wedding present given by the original owner of the house to one of his preacher colleagues. It was suggested that that an explanation for the rather unusual nature of the present might be found by looking at Mr Wesley's own marriage. Now read on.

In 1751, John Wesley had been an evangelist for 13 years, and a bachelor set in his ways, moreover, he had at different times, declared that it was not proper for someone in his position to assume the additional responsibilities of matrimony. Nevertheless, despite these declarations, he had actually almost got married several times but to no avail due partly to an untypical hesitation and uncertainty on his part, and in one case, the physical intervention of his brother Charles.

In February 1751, he changed his mind once more, concerning the desirability of the married state on his part, following a discussion with an old friend, Rev Vincent Perronet, the Vicar of Shoreham. Precisely what these discussions entailed we do not know, but what we do know is that it had the remarkable effect of causing John to throw caution, hesitation and uncertainty to the wind, and without telling either his brother or any close friend, to wed a Mrs Mary, or Molly, Vazeille, who interestingly, he had first met at the home of Rev Perronet.

The lady, who from this distance in time appears very much John's choice of last resort, he married hurriedly, almost secretly, and against the expressed wishes of Charles, on the rebound following the disappointment of losing the one woman John always felt was destined to be his true bride. This being the Grace Murray, who as described in the October edition of Window on Wesley's, in Serendipity 3 Part II , was snatched away by the direct intervention of Charles Wesley who believed that by so

doing he was not only saving John from himself, but acting in the best interests of the Methodist Societies.

Well who was Mary, or Molly, Vazeille? well we know what she looked like since a rather flattering portrait of her, shown holding a miniature picture of John, can be found in the Museum of Methodism. In her portrait, she appears to be somewhat younger than the 41 years of age she was when she married John, who, as already noted was seven years older. However, although we can see what she looked like we do not know very much about the lady herself; not even where she wed John, and certainly not why, while even the exact date is unknown, as no registration of the marriage has ever been found. Indeed, even John's Journal, so voluble on other matters, is strangely silent about the whole affair.

We can perhaps not wonder too much about the secrecy of the wedding since John was probably taking no chances of his brother Charles making a further intervention and indeed Charles has only himself to blame for John not telling him anything until the deed was done. We can also conjecture, to some extent, why the wedding took place when it did, since we know something of the circumstances which brought it about. In fact it would seem to have been the direct consequence of John suffering an accident in the second week of February 1751 while crossing London bridge on the way to a preaching engagement. It was then that he slipped on an icy pavement and twisted both ankles, (a very painful and debilitating condition as can be testified from personal experience). In considerable pain, John managed to fulfil his appointment then went back to his home at the Foundery, where he met Mrs Vazeille, a regular attendee at the services, who invited him back to the more comfortable circumstances of her home in Threadneedle Street. There he spent the next week or so, being cared for by Molly, who like Grace Murray, before her, acted as John's nurse, while he was resting and recovering from his injury.

Precisely what happened during the time that John spent in Mary Vazeille's home we shall never know, since all John recorded in his Journal for the period is that he spent the time partly in prayer, reading and conversation, partly in writing a "Hebrew Grammar" and partly in preparing "Lessons for Children".

John was still unable to stand properly on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, since he had to kneel to preach at the Foundery that Sunday. Nevertheless, the tender care, and conversation at Mary's home must have had some effect, since they resulted in John and Mary becoming married on either the following Monday or Tuesday. That is the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of February, according to conflicting press reports, since as indicated, no mention of his wedding is to be found in John's Journal.

While, of course, we know a great deal about John and the circumstances of his life, the same thing cannot be said about the woman who became his wife. Because of the limited information on her origins, the circumstances of the wedding, and the after events during the duration of the marriage, Mary Vazeille has been the subject of much speculation by Methodist historians, as well as cover-ups by earlier biographers of Mr Wesley anxious to hide what was considered to be an unfortunate incident. What we do know, is that that at the time she married John, Molly was the widow of Anthony Vazeille, a successful merchant banker, of Huguenot descent, who had died four years before, leaving her with four children, but, also the considerable assets, for that time, of a healthy income, of around £300 per annum from investments, together with the town house in Threadneedle Street, London, as well as a residence in what was then the country village of Wandsworth.

The fortune and property she retained when she wed John as he took legal steps to ensure that he was never able to touch a part of it. Indeed, marrying Mary cost John the useful income from his fellowship of Lincoln College, Oxford, from which he had to resign, as it was only open to bachelors.

Whatever his motives for marrying Mary, if John thought that his married life was destined to be as happy as that undoubtedly enjoyed by his brother Charles with his wife Sarah, then he was to be cruelly disappointed.

Here we will break off once again, leaving you to wonder how it was that John's married life did not turn out to be as he had anticipated. Why this was the case, will be explained in a later edition of Window on Wesley's.

***Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward***

### **February Lunchtime Recitals**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Zoe Lethbridge & Friends – Soprano, violin, cello & piano**

**10<sup>th</sup> Ensemble Iberia – 4 handed piano recital**

**17<sup>th</sup> Alexandros Velonis - Piano**

**24<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Melling - Organ**

### **Why not re-affirm your Marriage Vows?**

Have you just had or are you about to have a significant wedding anniversary? Have you come through a tough time and are now enjoying a strengthened relationship? One possibility that is open to you is to re-affirm your marriage vows in church or at home.



Relationships are never static. They begin, develop, grow and change. They go through highs and lows, periods of pain and times of joy. Some relationships come close to ending but are rebuilt through a process of mutual forgiveness, reconciliation, healing and restoration.

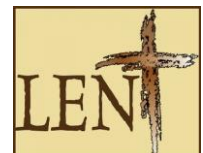
The Methodist Church has an order of service for the re-affirmation of marriage vows. At Wesley's Chapel we have had requests for this service from time to time and normally such a service has been conducted in the Foundry Chapel which is an intimate space, appropriate for a couple and a small number of family and friends. Such a service can be done during the week as well as at weekends. If you are interested to know more – please ask Jennifer for information.

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.45am                | Love Feast  |
|                  | 11.00am               | Morning Service & Holy Communion<br>Preacher: Leslie Griffiths<br>Officiants: Jennifer Potter |
|                  | 7.00pm                | Taizé Evening Service   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.45am                | Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter  |
|                  | 11.00am               | Morning Service – Jennifer Potter   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Mothing Sunday</b> |   |
|                  | 9.45am                | Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths   |
|                  | 11.00am               | Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.45am                | Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths   |
|                  | 11.00am               | Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Palm Sunday</b>    |   |
|                  | 9.45am                | Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter  |
|                  | 11.00am               | Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths  |

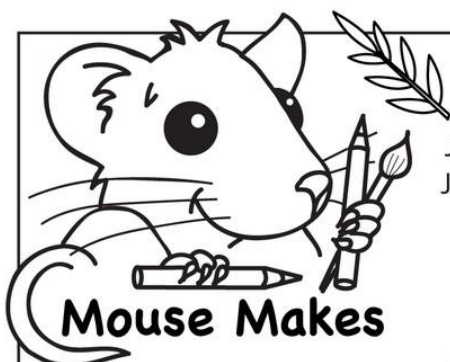
### March Cradle Roll Birthdays

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Caleb Bade         | 3 years |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Mason Fenton-Smith | 4 years |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Amarion Adjei      | 3 years |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Thomas Griffiths   | 5 years |



May God bless these children and their families

## CHILDREN'S PAGE



### Mouse Makes

Some believed Jesus was God's Saviour, the Messiah, but some did not.

#### What do you believe?

Read these stories from Mark's Gospel - 1:40-45, 4:35-41, 5:1-43 and 6:30-56

### JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him and said "You will find a donkey and her colt, untie them and bring them to me."

A large crowd spread their coats and branches cut from the trees onto the road in front of Jesus and shouted:

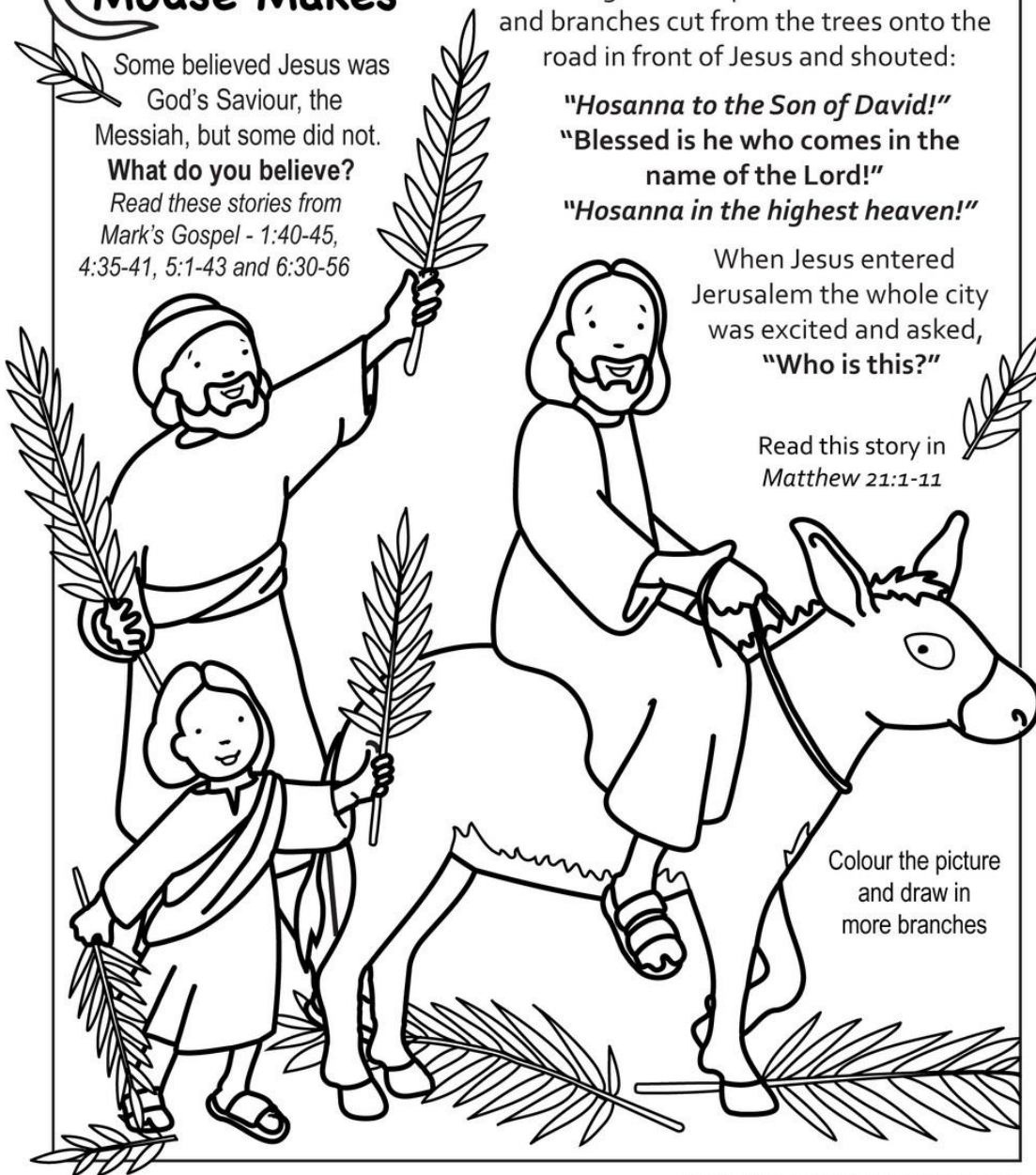
**"Hosanna to the Son of David!"**

**"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

**"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the whole city was excited and asked, "Who is this?"

Read this story in Matthew 21:1-11



Colour the picture and draw in more branches

**WESLEY'S CHAPEL  
at  
HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Holy Communion at 9.45am  
Sunday morning service at 11.00am**

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**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
to  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Lunchtime services  
12.45pm-1.15pm**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> April - Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service  
7.30pm**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday Meditations  
12.00pm-2.00pm**

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**5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day  
Morning Service & Holy Communion  
11.00am**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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

## **THE CAMPIAGN TRAIL**

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| <b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Jesus and Beelzebub –<br/>The Hustings</b>           |
| <b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Do not worry –<br/>A truly Radical Message</b>       |
| <b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Not peace but decision –<br/>The need for choice</b> |
| <b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Jesus looks forward –<br/>The cost of victory</b>    |

**Please join us.**

**All 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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