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Dear Friend,

I'm writing this on the hottest day of the year (so far). I don't like it this hot and I can't imagine you do either. I hope you're keeping yourself cool and enjoying some cold drinks and keeping in the shade as much as possible. On the other hand, of course, you just might love this temperature with its heavy humidity. In which case, all I can say is Good Luck. Enjoy. And I'll talk to you again in September.

We're in a right pickle at the moment. You'll see elsewhere in this issue of *Windows on Wesley's* that we've had to dismiss our Finance Director for serious misconduct. We are investigating some serious financial losses and it's a fraught time for all of us. Our trustees are buzzing around getting us into some kind of shape so that we can pay our bills and deal with everyday matters. Tracey Smith has been in hospital and, as I write, we can't be entirely sure about when she returns. So we are without our entire administrative staff. Getting this edition of our monthly magazine out on time has proved to be a big challenge. For the same Sunday, we'll have had to produce service booklets for 329 visitors from Oregon. Meanwhile, we are saying farewell to Chris Jackson at the end of his six week placement as a minister-in-training, and also to Minho Lee at the end of his nine month internship from Kwanglim Methodist Church in Seoul, South Korea. We greet Archie Stoneman and Joshua who'll be spending a couple of weeks on work experience with us. Jennifer, Kido and Judith are working their socks off. As am I. Hold us in your prayers please.

We must welcome and congratulate the Revd. John Beebe on his re-admittance to our Methodist ministry. He and his wife Jan have been regular worshippers with us over the last year or so. He is to preside over our service of Holy Communion at the beginning of this month. We are over-joyed at his news.

The life of the Chapel continues apace – weddings, funerals, baptisms are all happening over the next few weeks. Worship will

be offered, visitors entertained, lectures given, outreach activities maintained. But it's a hard time for us all and we really do count on your prayers.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

Leslie Griffiths – July 2015

Church News

We congratulate Analecia and Jamal Smikle on the birth of Jeremiah Sitiveni Fitzroy Smikle on 27th June . Congratulations also to the grandmother Vaseva and great grandfather Naibuka Qarau.

At Conference, which has just finished in Southport, a former Superintendent of Wesley's' Chapel, Revd Ron Gibbons was sent a letter of greeting on reaching 70 years in the Methodist ministry. We add our congratulations to that of the Conference, giving thanks especially for his ministry here at the Chapel

We are happy to hear that Harriet Awuku is out of hospital and on the road to recovery. We look forward to seeing her back with us and pray that all will be well.

Two families in our congregation lost young children during this month so our prayers are with the Amankwah and Masukume families at this time.

We are pleased to hear that Alex Sarsah is recovering from his joint replacement operation and look forward to his being back with us soon.

We have seen Michael Appiah-Anderson walking around on crutches as a result of an accident. We pray that he will soon be fully recovered.

Christiana Gibson is now out of hospital. We hope that both she and Apollos are getting better.

A Message to all Church Members

This message was given to the congregation by the Superintendent Minister in the service on Sunday 28th June.

Significant sums of money have disappeared from our accounts and we have taken disciplinary measures against one of our employees and he has now been dismissed. It seems likely that we will be faced with a very serious crisis.

Robust procedures are being put in place while we assess the exact amount of our losses. We are doing everything in our power to ensure that the normal activities of the church will continue. We are in constant touch with all the necessary statutory bodies.

We will endeavour to keep you all abreast of this situation as it develops. We count on your prayers as we seek to deal with this distressing and demanding situation

Leslie Griffiths

Stop Press



Just as Window on Wesley's goes to print we have heard the news of those two people who have been elected as President and Vice President of the Methodist Church for the year 2016/2017. They are Revd Roger Walton, Chair of the West Yorkshire District as President and Rachel Lampard, head of the Public Issues Team at Methodist Church House as Vice President. Rachel is the daughter of Rev John and Mrs Judith Lampard and Judith is one of our Heritage Stewards so we can take vicarious pride in this election.

Jennifer Potter

Hawkshead Methodist Church

If you go to the Lake District on holiday – look out for Hawkshead Methodist Church. It is close to where Beatrix Potter, the writer of children's books, lived. It is not the oldest Methodist Church but it is the oldest building presently being used for Methodist worship anywhere in the world and one of the most unusual.



It was built as a cottage in the 15th century and until 1862 was used for residential purposes. It was then that the building was lent to a small group of Christians. The benefactor was a Mrs E Satterwaite, who later married Rev H Cooke. It was converted to a church and opened on the 20th November 1862 as Union Chapel. When the Rev Cooke died the Chapel was handed over to the Wesleyan Conference in 1926. The Church has services on two Sundays in the month and is open every day.

I received a cutting about this church from Susan King; a lady who visits Wesley's Chapel at least once a year and lives in this area.

Leysian Missioner's Letter

Dear Friends,

Some of you will remember my report in Window on Wesley's last year about our Chapel trip to join **Family Day at The Leys School**, Cambridge. Family Day this year is coming round again, so please put the date in your diary: **Saturday 12th September**. Last year 50 of us made the trip, and helped to cheer on the Boys Brigade in their football match against The Leys. It would be really great to take even more people this time. It promises to be a day of fun, games, sun and ice cream in what is a fantastic location. Just speak to those who came last year to hear more! Once again, we hope to provide a coach for the trip. Tickets will be on sale for coach spaces in August, and more details will be in August's WOW.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity in contributing to our various Christian Aid Week fundraisers. The sponsorship money from the Circle the City Walk has now been collected in and adds up to the fantastic sum of £2,134.45. You may remember that in June Margaret Hazard reported the retiring collections and Sunday School bake sale between them raised £754.41. This means in total **Wesley's Chapel raised an amazing £2,888.68 for Christian Aid!** Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are travelling, especially at this time. If you know of someone in our church community who might benefit from a visit whilst you are away do please let me know. I would love to go and see them on behalf of the church!

Prayers and best wishes,

Judith Burton – Leysian Missioner

Methodist Women in Britain

Dear ladies, when you hear a meeting announced for Methodist Women in Britain what idea do you have? What comes into your mind? What do you understand by Methodist Women in Britain (MWIB)? Take a little time to read this and hopefully you will then have a better idea.

The aims of MWIB are:

1. To know Christ and make him known.
2. To encourage, enable and equip women to participate fully in the life of the Church and in society, supporting the Church to become truly the whole people of GOD. All those who are committed and engaged in MWiB are encouraged to take an active role in reaching out to others at church, community, national and international level.
3. To give advice and help to mothers and children who need it. This organisation is open to all who share the aspiration of MWiB.

MWiB has its meeting on the first Sunday of the month after the morning service and prayer and Bible Study form the core of the meeting. The group also involves itself in the life of the Church – in worship and in hospitality. MWiB has meetings at District and National (Connexional) level and annual residential conferences, which are open to all members. If you need to know more please ask Anna Morrison or another member of the group here at Wesley's Chapel. God Bless you.

Anna Morrison – Church Steward

5th London Company of the Boys' Brigade
Based at Wesley's Chapel



Back row l-r: Nathan, Adam, Shadrach, William, Kevin, Lloyd
Front row l-r: Damon, Kevin, Michael, Joshua

Our Boy's Brigade Company have been excelling in their football games recently and have won a District Shield. They now have this rather smart new kit. Unfortunately in the first match in which they played in their new kit against Toffee Park, they lost 10-5 but Toffee Park had a much bigger squad to draw on so our boys' performance was quite respectable. We wish the team well in their forthcoming matches.

Some reflections on Charleston

I am sure that all of us have read about and watched on the television the aftermath of the shooting at the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. A young white man, Dylann Roof, went into this church and sat with a group of



members who were having a Bible Study for about an hour. He then stood up and told the group that he was there to shoot black people. He then shot nine people dead including the pastor of the church, Rev Clementa Pinckney. Roof had,

perhaps, hoped to begin a race war but the effect has been quite the reverse with the people of the area coming together in solidarity. One of the speakers at Rev Pinckney's funeral commented that, 'Pinckney had opened his doors to someone he did not know, let us not close the doors.' President Obama attended the funeral too and gave a passionate speech, ending by singing "Amazing Grace. "If you have not listened to President Obama's speech and you have access to the internet, it would be time well spent if you listened to it.

Patzy Tyzack, a member of our congregation, lived in Charleston for some time. Here are her reflections that she was moved to write in the wake of the killings.

We moved from Iowa City in the Midwest to Charleston, South Carolina in 1975. As we travelled I was reading 'Gone with the Wind', which is worth a read, because as well as the love story, it is also an interesting look at the ways of life in the Southern States at the time of the Civil War.

I was surprised therefore, to find, at first anyway, that some things had changed very little. The first week I went to the Woolworth's soda fountain, on one of the main streets in this, as it was then, sleepy little place. A young black man asked me politely what I would like. While he was making my coffee, an elderly white lady, dressed as if she'd stepped out of the past,

called in a loud southern drawl, 'Boy! Get me my coffee, I haven't got all day!' I nearly fell off my stool.

I made lots of mistakes during those first months. We sent our children to public, not private, schools, which were fairly recently 'integrated', I was told proudly, I thought all that, in my innocence, had happened years ago. We lived in the suburbs, (all white) but I met the black 'maids' as they came to work there, and I would stop in the road, and have a chat, they looked at me very strangely. Then the lady next door, called to see me, and told me, very politely, that it was not acceptable, to talk like that to the 'Help'. Next a gentleman called from 'neighbourhood watch' to check that I had a gun, as, apparently, everyone did. I began to have doubts about this move south, undoubtedly, it is a beautiful place, but I wasn't sure I wanted to live there. This was, of course, 40 years ago, and having been back a few times since, things have changed, but the shooting that took place recently, made me think, that things have not changed enough.

I managed, with difficulty, to settle into the way of life there, but in a city which was 78% African American, everyone seemed to move in their own circles. Then I started a catering company, and all the people I employed, the waitresses and barmen were black, so I made new friends, and discovered the world from their perspective. We had some really happy times.

Our daughter went to college there and my son was working and playing the music he loved. One thing I really enjoyed about the area was the Folk Music from the Sea Islands of Georgia, and Gospel music. Although I did not attend a church regularly at that time, I used to visit the many different kinds of churches in Charleston. A friend of mine, knowing of my love of Gospel asked me to accompany her to the African Episcopal Methodist Church in North Charleston. One boiling hot, incredibly humid Sunday morning we arrived, the only 2 white people in a congregation of about 250, at the door we were

given a huge welcome by ladies wielding woven fans, an absolute necessity.

When the service began, the choir, the pastor and the band raised the roof. Few people were sitting, but joining in the praise and jumping for joy. There was dancing in the aisles, it was amazing. After the service, again there was more hugging, and showing such an interest in us, and had we enjoyed the service. As we walked out into the 108 +degrees, I felt I'd had a truly 'religious experience' with such joy and love shared.

Unfortunately, this was a couple of weeks before I had decided to return to London, so I never did get to go again, but I have never forgotten it. When I heard that the Pastor and members of that church had been gunned down at a Prayer Meeting, I was horrified, shocked, angry and so sad. At first, I thought nothing has changed, then I heard an elderly lady being interviewed who had been through the whole Civil Rights marches etc., say, " No, things have changed," and she's right. Things are better.

Yesterday morning I had an email from a friend who lives there still, and she said the outpouring of love and support from everyone in Charleston has been amazing, from all denominations, so maybe there is hope, for all the places in the world where these conflicts are going on. We seem to hear of fresh atrocities daily, but hopefully we will learn to live in peace with our fellow men. As the song says, "We shall overcome."

Patzy Tyzack

And here is another song, or rather, a hymn written by the Methodist Hymn-writer, Andrew Platt penned at the end of June 2015 in response to Charleston and other tragedies which have taken place recently around the world.

A world once rent by turmoil
will suffer once again,
the memories once buried
have surfaced with our pain,
the hatred that enslaved us
has found another dawn,
while love and grace are tattered,
bedraggled, lost and torn.

Once Christ had shown through living
the way to human life,
to cut through human hatred,
confronting human strife,
when those who made religion
an idol to defend,
stood fast against oppression
until life's very end.

God give us strength to covet
the love that makes us whole,
to claim again your promise,
the value of each soul.
God give us grace to cherish
your love above each creed,
to value every neighbour
through thought and word and deed.

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SERENDIPITY TWENTY
George Whitefield --The “Forgotten” Methodist?
Part One:



A few months ago, “Window on Wesley’s” carried a Serendipity article which drew attention to the fact that for a period of time covering the latter half of the 18th century and also part of the 19th century, two buildings housing rival centres of Methodism were standing within a short distance of each other. Some of the details of the main reason for this situation are to be found in Serendipity Fifteen which was serialised in the October and November 2013 editions of “Window on Wesley’s”. As explained in that article, one of these centres of Methodism housed the religious society led by John Wesley, first at the Foundery and then later at his New Chapel, (now Wesley’s) which he had built on what is now the City Road.

This being but a short distance from where the Foundery stood at the southern end of a lane then called Windmill Hill, while at the northern end of this same thoroughfare, was to be found the rival Methodist centre, known as the Tabernacle.

This latter building had been erected by the religious society whose members were the followers of John Wesley’s younger contemporary and friendly rival, the Rev George Whitefield, (pronounced Witfield). The man whose likeness in middle age when he had grown somewhat corpulent, is shown in the illustration to this article and also in the portrait which can be found displayed in the northeast corner of the Museum of Methodism, just behind the Foundery pulpit.





The placing of this portrait is a happy juxtaposition, since rival though he was of John Wesley, George Whitefield often accepted John's invitation to venture down Windmill Hill to preach from the pulpit of his friends meeting house.

Both the Foundery and the Tabernacle buildings have long since gone with only the former position of the Foundery being recorded by a plaque on the back wall of Epworth House in Tabernacle Street, and the site of the Tabernacle itself now only being indicated by the foundation stone of a building, a former church, which stands at the junction of Cowper Street and Tabernacle Street (shown in the illustration). We can, however, get some idea of the appearances of the exteriors of these two centres of Methodist worship in their heyday, from the reproductions of contemporary pictures. An exterior view of the Foundery can also be found in the Museum of Methodism, where an original water colour painting is on display.

Although some details of the life and work of Rev George Whitefield were given in Serendipity Fifteen, his importance to the early development of the Methodist Story is now often forgotten and overlooked, at least in Britain, although this is far from the case in North America. Nevertheless, such relative obscurity is not deserved and if for no other reason he ought to be given due recognition since he was the person who persuaded John and Charles Wesley to start to preach in the open air. This, as well as the pioneering role he played in spreading Methodism to the wider world at least merits a dedicated Serendipity article; it perhaps being particularly apt at this time because last December was the tercentenary of George's birth as he entered this world on December 16th in the year 1714.

If we compare George Whitefield's circumstances with those of John Wesley, we find that George's father, unlike the parent of John, was not a clergyman of the Church of England, and again, George, unlike John was not born in a rectory. Instead, although George's ancestry does include a Church of England Rector, his father was a wine merchant and his place of birth was the non-too prosperous Bell Inn in the centre of the West Country town of Gloucester. Incidentally, the Bell being a hostelry where John Wesley himself often stayed when in Gloucester, although by then the inn was in other hands; incidentally, it still exists today in its original 18th century building although it is now used as a wine bar and restaurant.

Perhaps one of the things that George had in common with John Wesley is that he too was born into a large family as he was the fifth son and the seventh child of his parents. However, unlike the Wesley brothers, George did not have the advantages of home schooling or attend a famous public school like Charterhouse or Westminster. But, despite this, he was fortunate enough to be able to receive a good classical education in his home town, since he is known to have attended both the King's School, attached to Gloucester Cathedral and also the Free Grammar School at the Church of St. Mary's de Crypt Here, at the latter, he is said to have revealed a talent for dramatics enhanced by a natural gift of elocution. However, while both of these abilities were to serve him well in later life, it was his other talent of a high level of intelligence that enabled him to make sufficient progress in the classics while at school, to gain the necessary qualifications then required for entry into a major university such as Oxford. Nevertheless, a university education was not at first an option open to George, as financial failings in the family business resulted in his having to leave school prematurely in order to assist his parents by working at the Bell Inn, doing such tasks as cleaning the rooms as well as serving the customers and collecting glasses in the bar. This menial work, though, together with intensive reading of theological works would seem to have concentrated George's mind, served to encourage him to develop an interest in the Church and fostered a desire to resume his

education by going to Oxford University in order to train for the ministry of the Church of England.

In those days, like today, merely having the desire for a university education, and the correct entry qualifications was not enough, for again, as now, it was necessary to pay fees. The scholarships, from their respective schools, which paid for the Wesley brothers to become university undergraduates at Oxford, were not available to George, and neither were his family sufficiently wealthy to fund George's entry. But, fortunately, an alternative means of securing a place at Oxford did exist, for as he had attained the necessary entry qualifications he could obtain a college place by becoming a "servitor", which was the lowest level of student, who in return for free tuition had to assist a number of higher ranked students with both menial tasks and their written assignments.

Thus it was, that in this way, that in 1732, at the age of eighteen, George entered Pembroke College, Oxford, by which time John Wesley had been a Fellow of Lincoln College for some six years and his brother Charles had been a student and later, tutor, at Christchurch for a similar period of time.

Although the one-time "pot boy" of a Gloucester Inn, and now servitor, George Whitefield was separated by the class barriers of his time from the Wesley brothers with their clergy background, public school education and superior university status, he had at least one thing in common, for he shared their quest for Christ's promise of salvation.

At this point in the story of George Whitefield, the "forgotten" Methodist, having learnt something of his early life, and the start of his university career, the details of his meeting with the Wesley brothers and what that led to, will be left for the next episode of this article and a future edition of Window on Wesley's.

Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward

The Pope apologises to the once-persecuted Waldensian Protestants of Northern Italy



Pope Francis shook hands with Eugenio Bernardini, moderator of the Waldensian Church, during the first-ever visit of a pope to the Waldensian Evangelical church in Turin Monday 22nd June.

Pope Francis has asked forgiveness for the Catholic Church's persecution of members of a small evangelical church in Italy whose leader was excommunicated and followers branded as heretics during the Middle Ages.

Francis made the appeal during the first-ever visit by a pope to a Waldensian house of worship, starting the second day of his two-day visit to Turin with a strong ecumenical message of Christian inclusiveness and fraternity.

The Waldensian church was founded in the 12th century by a wealthy merchant from Lyon, France, Pierre Valdo, who gave up his belongings to preach a Gospel of simplicity and poverty that condemned papal excesses. He was excommunicated and his followers persecuted as heretics by Rome.

The movement, an early precursor of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, was branded as heretical and in 1487 Pope Innocent VIII ordered its extermination. Some 1,700 Waldensians were killed in 1655 by Catholic forces

commanded by the Duke of Savoy. Many Waldensians were forced to flee high up into the mountains and live there.

The Waldensians today are united with the Methodist Church of Italy and claim 45,000 followers, mostly in Italy, Argentina and Uruguay.



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Our photo shows Alessandra Trotta, the head of the Methodist Church in Italy giving the blessing at the end of the Pope's visit to the Waldensian Church in Turin. During a speech to a few hundred people in the Waldensian Church of Turin, Francis decried how Christians over history committed atrocious acts of violence in the name of their faith.

“On the part of the Catholic Church, I ask your forgiveness, I ask it for the non-Christian and even inhuman attitudes and behaviour that we have showed you,” Francis said somberly from the altar. “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us!

The Waldensian Church in Italy works in close cooperation with the Italian Methodist Church and the head of the Methodist Church was present when the Pope attended the Waldensian Service.

Jean David Eynard –one of the students resident in our bedsits is from the Waldensian Church.

7/7 Ten years On

Tuesday the 7th July will mark the tenth anniversary of the London Bombings which killed 52 people in three incidents – one tube explosion at Edgware Road and one at Aldgate and the bus bombing just down the street from Euston Station. I am sure we all know where we were when we heard about this just as we remember where we were on 9/11.

I cannot forget where I was. I was on a trip to the USA looking at Heritage sites on the Eastern seaboard. I was with our then Curator, Heather Carson. We were staying with a member of Foundry Methodist Church in Washington DC. I had my radio with me and, as was my custom early in a morning I was trying to tune in to BBC World Service (a very difficult thing to do in the USA). With very crackly reception we were just about able to hear the rolling reports from London – it was chaotic, people knew there had been incidents but not how many, knew that people had died but no details. We rang back to the Chapel office and Joy Cruickshank assured us that, as far as she knew all was well. But there was something she didn't know. Leslie had travelled to Heathrow that morning and we were due to meet up later in the day at Ashville – an airport close to the World Methodist Council site at Lake Junaluska to which we were all heading for a special celebration. No one knew whether Leslie had got through to the airport alright

Our American hosts were panic-stricken, far more panic-stricken



then we were. But we were concerned about the staff and volunteers at the Chapel and particularly about Leslie. Happily he arrived in Ashville, not only unscathed but quite ignorant of all that had happened since he left City Road early that morning.

The events of 7/7 were a wake-up call for the people of Britain just as 9/11 had been for the people of the USA. Twelve of the 52 people killed on that day either lived or worked in Islington – the

Faiths Forum worked hard to show that terrorism of this sort would not succeed in dividing the people of Islington and of London in general along religious or ethnic lines.

Ten years on and individuals are still being lured into committing acts of violence and into going to fight for ISIS in Syria or Iraq. There is still much to do on all sides as we seek to understand why young people are lured to violence and extremism. There is still much to do within and between faith groups. So let us pray for all those working to counter extremist messages of all sorts in our society.

On the weekend of the 4th/5th July a group of young people from different faiths are to travel from Leeds (where the bombers came from) to London retracing the steps of the three bombers.

The Leeds Peace Ambassadors will undertake a "peace journey" to mark the 10th anniversary of the bombings, hoping to inspire unity among different faiths.

We pray also for all those still bearing the scars – physical and psychological – from that day ten years ago.

Jennifer Potter

150 Years of the Salvation Army



In 1865 William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard on July 2nd and his services became an instant success. So 2nd July 1865 is seen as the official start

of the Salvation Army and will be being marked this year as the 150th anniversary.

William Booth was born near Nottingham in 1829. Booth's father was relatively well off by the standards of the time but during his childhood the family fell into poverty. By 1842 his father could no longer afford William's school fees and so, at the age of 13 year he was apprenticed to a pawnbroker. Two years into his apprenticeship Booth was converted to Methodism. He trained himself in writing and reading and became a Methodist Local Preacher.

Failing to find work in Nottingham after the completion of his apprenticeship Booth moved to London. In London he tried to continue his preaching but was frustrated that he was able to do so little so he took to open-air evangelising on Kennington Common. In all the churches to which he belonged he was constrained by their structures so in the end he took up full-time evangelism.



In 1855 William married Catherine Mumford. She had also been brought up a Methodist but had been expelled by the Wesleyans for her sympathies with the Reform movement in the Church. Catherine was a formidable preacher in her own right and one of the formative influences in the way the Salvation Army came to be organised.

The name 'The Salvation Army' developed from an incident in May 1878. William Booth was dictating a letter to his secretary and said, "We are a volunteer army." Bramwell Booth heard his father and said, "Volunteer, I'm no volunteer, I'm a regular!" Railton was instructed to cross out the word "volunteer" and substitute the word "salvation." "The Salvation Army was modelled after the military, with its own flag (or

colours) and its own music, often with Christian words to popular and folkloric tunes sung in the pubs. Booth and the other soldiers in “God’s Army” would wear the Army’s own uniform, ‘putting on the armour,’ for meetings and ministry work. During its early years The Salvation Army faced a great deal of opposition, especially from those in the alcohol-selling industry who were concerned that the activities of Booth and his followers would persuade the poorer classes to stop drinking.

In 1890 Booth published his book, *“In darkest England and the Way Out”* which described the appalling conditions in which people lived in East London and set the foundations for the Army’s modern social welfare approach.



Booth faced criticism not just from those who thought he was damaging their business – producers of alcohol, for example, but also from those who said that he appointed his own children to positions even when others were better qualified. There were suggestions that the Salvation Army had become a ‘family business.’ The Church of England was also extremely hostile to the activities of Booth complaining that he was elevating women to man’s status. Many people found him dictatorial and difficult to work with – the evangelist Rodney ‘Gypsy’ Smith left him because of this. In his later years Booth’s reputation increased and he was received in audience by kings and presidents – even Queen Mary attended his funeral in 1912.

The Salvation Army has changed greatly over the years but is still known for its social work with the homeless and for its brass bands. As with other churches, the Salvation Army has suffered a serious decline in membership in recent years. The Army now has 27,183 soldiers in Britain, down from 48,121 two decades ago although the Army still flourishes in many other countries.



The current commissioner of the Army is Clive Adams, a mixed-race South African and a fourth-generation

Salvationist raised in Cape Town. He is married to Marianne, a Norwegian, who leads the Army's women's ministries in Britain. Commissioner Adams is very aware that the Salvation Army needs to change. He believes that the Army has become too inward-looking, complacent, insular, bureaucratic and white middle-class. He wants more crusading soldiers and fewer 'pew-warmers.'

Twice every year students from the Army's International College in Denmark Hill come on a visit to Wesley's Chapel and a very close relationship exists between the Methodist Church and the Salvation Army especially on social issues and in programmes dealing the problem of gambling.

We wish God's blessing on The Salvation Army in this anniversary year. If you wish to know more about the Salvation Army and the events and displays for this anniversary year please go to the website – www.salvationarmy.org.uk/150-years-salvation-army

Jennifer Potter

Sunday Services in July

- 5th 11.00am Morning Service & Holy Communion
Preacher: Leslie Griffiths
Officiant: John Beebe
- 12th 9.45am Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths
11.00am Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths
- 19th 9.45am Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter
11.00am Morning Service – Jennifer Potter
- 26th 9.45am Holy Communion – Brian Goss
11.00am Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths
7.00pm Taizé Evening Service

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

THE FALL OF JERICO
Then the Lord said to Joshua
"See I have delivered **Jericho** into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city **once** with all the armed men, do this for **six** days. On the **seventh** day march around **seven** times and when the trumpets blast the city will collapse"

And Joshua did what the Lord had commanded.

READ
Joshua
5:13 to
6:27

Can you find all these words in the rubble of Jericho?
JOSHUA • JERICO • CITY • WALLS • MARCH • ARK • SEVEN
DAYS • PRIESTS • TRUMPETS • BLAST • ARMY • SHOUT • LORD
COLLAPSE • COVENANT

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July Cradle Roll Birthdays

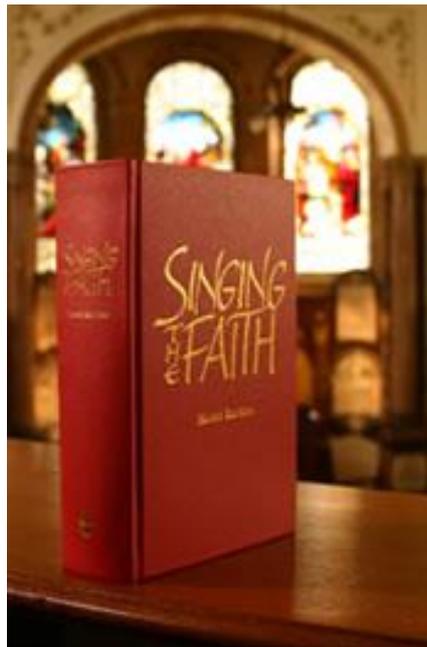
11th Kaitlin Bankas 5 years
20th Jonathan Williams 4 years

May God bless these children and their families.

Thursday lunchtimes in July

“Singing from the same Hymn Book”

- July 2nd Easter: “On the day of resurrection”
- July 9th Ascension: “We sing the praise of Jesus”
- July 16th Pentecost: “Into a world of dark”
- July 23rd Aldersgate: “How small a spark has lit a living fire”
- July 30th Transfiguration: “Swiftly pass the clouds of glory”



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Evening Prayer Service at Wesley's Chapel

Sunday 26th July @7.00pm



Prayer through Song, reflection and silence

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Weekly programme of events

Sunday	9.45am	Holy Communion (except 1 st 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)
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**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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