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Dear Friend

Where did the summer go? Who stole it? Who's hidden it? I swear that I blinked my eyes two (or was it three times) and, hey presto, it had come and gone. They say that time passes more quickly the older you get. Well then: I must be as ancient as the hills. Time is now passing at the speed of light.

The autumn is here. Holidays are in the past and the programmes of the church now unfold all over again. The Boys' Brigade has begun its activities for the new session. There's a new development in that part of our programme. With the approval of the Circuit Meeting, we are to make the Boys' Brigade a co-educational affair and girls will soon be admitted. The Girls Brigade 2nd London Company is now being disbanded and they'll become part of a renamed Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association. Welcome to this new development.

One of my Predecessors, the Revd Dr Ronald Gibbins, died a few weeks ago at the grand age of 92. He was living with Olive his wife in faraway Tavistock. I was very happy to be at the funeral as an act of solidarity with my predecessor-but-one. He and Olive were here at Wesley's Chapel from 1978 – 1988. There will be a memorial service for him in the London area later this month and his ashes will be interred in our Memorial Garden on Wednesday 21st. May he rest in peace.

The passing of the summer, and the passing of one of my predecessors, builds up to the mention of my own eventual departure. It's less than two years now before I skip on my merry way into other paths and a new chapter in my life. There's a lot to do and I look forward to buckling down to get it done. It's not time yet for a valedictory note to be sounded but the approach of the finishing line at Wesley's Chapel focuses my mind and redoubles my efforts to leave things as tidy as I can.

Our students have done well in their examinations and a number of them are now moving from school to university, from graduation

into the world of work. We wish them all well. I would so love to enable every reader to this letter to catch a sight of the talented youngsters who from part of our church family. They are truly amazing. I think it might be nice to invite some of them to contribute an occasional article to this august journal – just to tell their story and to give you a flavour of the personalities and talents that we all see at a distance but rarely get to know close up. That's a little project for the future.

And now, as I bring these thoughts and comments to an end, I look forward to the completion of our new Museum of Methodism – the final display case is soon to be installed. And I look forward also to the appointment of a Training Officer to improve the skills and extend the reach of our heritage work.

I'm aware that I shared with you some details of the financial crisis that we have been going through over these last months. You are due another statement of where we've reached on that front. Things haven't come fully together yet but I do hope that I can give you a picture of how things are going in this area in my next letter at the beginning of November. Let me just say at this stage that all is proceeding as it should and we should have made significant progress towards pinning down the details of a very messy situation.

This comes to you with warmest good wishes.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

Leslie Griffiths – October 2015

The Wesley Scholarship

Applications for the next Wesley Scholarship place are now open. The Scholarship fully funds one pupil per year to attend The Leys School, Cambridge. The scheme has been running for more than 15 years and is kindly funded by a former pupil of the school.

The Leys School has had links with Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission since its formation. The school has a Methodist foundation and maintains its Christian ethos through aiming to help children excel both academically and in all aspects of their life. More about the school can be found on their website:

<http://www.theleys.net/>

Children currently in year 6 (who will start secondary school in September 2016) and have a connection to the Chapel through its worshipping or community life are invited to apply to be considered for the scholarship. There is only one place available and so parents should continue to make application for other schools. The final decision rests with the school.

To apply, a brief letter must be sent to the Leysian Missioner, Judith Burton, c/o the Chapel Office by 31st October. Please be aware that, priority is normally given to those families who have not already benefited directly from the scholarship. More details can be obtained from Judith.



Church News

It has been a long time since we last looked at what has been happening – the end of August to be precise and a lot has been happening.

On Friday 21st August *Carrie Rawlings* and *Gerard Kennedy* were married in the Chapel. Carrie is no stranger to Wesley's Chapel, although now living in Welwyn Garden City as she used to be the music teacher at St Luke's School and brought the children here for services. As an actor, musician and vocal coach she has also worked with The Leys School in Cambridge. We wish them both all God's blessing on their future together.

In September there two weddings and a wedding blessing. On 12th September we had the marriage of *Nanalena Yirenkyi* and *Kofi Appiah-Kusi*. The Yirenkyi Family are worshippers at St Mark's Tottenham and so Rev Valentin Dedji, a friend of Wesley's Chapel and former minister of St. Mark's also helped officiate at the ceremony. We wish Nanalena and Kofi God's blessing on their future life together.

On the 19th September there was the marriage of *Sharon Adjei* and *Lawrence Nicol*. (See photo of Lawrence with his best men!) Sharon and her family are members of Bow Road Methodist Church so this service was shared with their minister, Revd Cameron Kirkwood. We wish Sharon and Lawrence all God's blessings also.



On the 26th September we hosted the first instalment of the wedding blessing of *Joyce Davies*, daughter to Regina, and *Imran Sesay*. They proceeded to the mosque in Edmonton for the second part of the blessing as Imran comes from a Muslim family. Good wishes to both of them in their future life together.

In contrast we have had only one baptism during the months of August and September and that was of *John-Daniel Hyojun*, son

to *Hijun* and *Daniel*. We welcome John-Daniel as a member of our family here at Wesley's Chapel and pray that he will be a true blessing both to his parents and all of us here at the Chapel.

We have also had several births during these past two months. *Sara Carter* and *Sagan Daniels* have become parents to a son, *Dillon Obi*, *Kadija* (daughter to *Dorothea Salim*) and her husband who have had a daughter, *Anita* and *Sombo Mukasa Joaquim-Alberto* and her husband *Jose* have a son, *Elijah*.

Sadly we have also had a number of deaths connected to the Chapel over the past few weeks.

Ronald Gibbins, a past Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel from 1978-88, died after a long illness at his home in Tavistock. Leslie attended the funeral there. A Thanksgiving and Memorial Service will be held at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church on 22nd October and Ron's ashes will be interred here at Wesley's Chapel in a service at the rear of the Chapel at 2.30pm, Wednesday 21st October. Our prayers and thoughts are with Olive, his wife and his children and grand-children.

Sydney Albert Hickman, a former member of the Leysian Mission and long-time member of the Boys' Brigade died on the 2nd September in Leeds aged 91 years. Sydney was married here at Wesley's Chapel and continued to help out here over the years especially by playing the piano and organ at Christmas. We are very grateful that he and his daughters designated donations in his memory to Wesley's Chapel. May his soul rest in peace.

Dorothea Salim's husband died in Freetown, Sierra Leone and *Dorothea* and *Samira* have gone to attend the funeral. Our prayers are with them in their grief and for travelling mercies.

Rev David Gamble, past President of the Methodist Conference and a person who had served his Church in many important



capacities died suddenly on Friday 11th September. Two days previously, on Wednesday 9th September he had preached at the lunch time Communion Service in Wesley's Chapel and had been part of the tutoring for the London Local Preachers' course in the evening. He was much loved and respected in the Gambia

as he helped to draw up the Constitution of the Church prior to their being granted autonomy.

He was also responsible for pioneering work in connection with safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults which has helped to make both the Methodist and Anglican Churches safer communities.

His funeral was held at Muswell Hill Methodist Church on Friday 25th September and a Memorial and Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Wesley's Chapel at 11.00am on Saturday 31st October.

Jean David Eynard, one of the students who lives in the bedsits at the Chapel also suffered a recent bereavement with the death of his grand-father back in Italy. We hold him in our prayers.

The Cadogan/Jean Marie families have also had a very mixed time over the past two months. They were all extremely happy when Leah achieved wonderful results in her A Levels at The Leys School. Her grandfather, Reynold was overjoyed that he was able to attend Leah's final Speech Day at The Leys. His



health deteriorated quite rapidly after that and he died on the 29th August. His funeral was held at Willoughby Road Methodist Church on the 15th September. We send all the family our sympathy on Reynold's death.

We would also like to congratulate all other young people in the church on their results in GCSE and A levels. Young people, please let us know how things are going for you at School, College or University and especially if you have gone away from home when we can put you in touch with the Chaplain and local Church near your place of study.

Kay Chapman's daughter-in-law, *Kim*, who lives in Australia has had major surgery – a liver transplant. Kay and her husband, David, have gone to be with the family. We understand that Kim is progressing well and we pray that her recovery will be speedy.

We have heard from New Zealand that *Joy Cruickshank* has had a mild heart attack. She is now out of hospital and being looked after by *Graeme*. If all goes according to plan, they hope to return to Britain next year.

Minho Lee our intern from Kwanglim Methodist Church is now back home and our new intern *Saewoo Lee* has come. He is presently at English Language School and we see him on Sundays. As he becomes more proficient we shall see him taking part in worship. We wish him a very enjoyable and blessed stay at Wesley's Chapel.

Jojo Ebenezer Annan is in the process of candidating for the Methodist ministry. He came before the Circuit Meeting in September and was given a unanimous endorsement to proceed. Please hold him in your prayers as this process is a demanding one.

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade



A recommendation was brought to the Circuit Meeting on 21st September that a joint Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association be formed.

This means that the Girls' Brigade Company will be disbanded. This was passed unanimously and will be operative immediately with the younger age group.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 18th October

Please note in your diaries that this year our Harvest Festival will be on the 18th October. As usual we will collect for the work of the Whitechapel Mission with homeless people. From their website we are able to know which items they need most at present. They are desperate for plum tomatoes, baked beans, hot chocolate, sugar, squash, coffee and honey. Biscuits are also needed. As you know they also need toiletries and these are the most needed items – towels, toothbrushes, razors, shampoo and deodorant.



If it is difficult for you to bring the items listed above there will be a collection on the day to help the work of the Mission.

Last year they were able to refurbish the showers and 15, 712 used those showers over the past year. In the coming year they are trying to raise £10,000 for the refurbishment of their kitchen which serves an average of 288 breakfasts a day. Over 4000 volunteers worked at the Mission over the last year offering a total of 24,000 hours of their time.



If you would like to volunteer at the Whitechapel Mission either go onto their website – www.whitechapel.org.uk or ask Jennifer for more details.

Jennifer Potter

Islington in Bloom

For the second year in a row Wesley's Chapel has attained third place in the Best Community Centre Garden category in the Islington in Bloom competition.

On the 22nd September, Jennifer and Tracey attended the Award-Giving Ceremony at the Assembly Rooms at Islington Town Hall.



As you can see from the photograph the Mayor of Islington presented the awards. Our certificate is up in the office and we have a voucher to spend on additional plants for the garden.

Next year we hope we might manage to get a silver second place!! We have planted lots of bulbs for Spring!

General Church Meeting

At the end of worship on **Sunday 18th October** there will be the General Church Meeting. Please put this date into your diary. It is an important occasion for you to be brought up-to-date with developments in the Church and for you to give your input. We try to make the meeting as brisk and efficient as possible and it never lasts longer than an hour.

We really would like more people to attend and would like to ask you to make this a priority. The more you put into Church in terms of ideas and presence, the more you will find you get out of it

The International Lunch – September 6th 2015

After some rainy days when we considered how we would



manage, Sunday September 6th was a wonderful sunny day for us to welcome the President of the Conference, Rev Steve Wild, the Vice President, Dr Jill Barber and our new Chair of District for the North London Area, Rev Nigel Cowgill.

After a wonderful service in which Steve preached, Jill led the prayers and Nigel presided at the Communion, the International Lunch was served in the garden at the back of the Church and, as you can see from the photo a good time was had by all. There was food from around the world – from West Africa, from the Pacific Islands, from the Philippines, the Caribbean and all other places east and west including Britain and people really enjoyed it as you will see from the selection of photos.



The queue was long but quite orderly and as with the Five Loaves and two fishes, miraculously there was enough for everyone. If you have never experienced an International



Lunch at Wesley's Chapel put the first Sunday of September 2016 into your diary.

Katherine Baxter presented the President of Conference with one of her maps of Wesley's Chapel but also with a map of the part of Cornwall

where he lives. Nigel also got a map, too. But who is the man with the funny waistcoat next to the President?

Jennifer Potter

“Pilgrims on a Journey”

This is the title of the Prayer Handbook for 2015/2016. It is a wonderful source of prayers by and for people all around Britain and the rest of the world where there are Methodist or United Churches. This handbook enables you to pray each day for a different part of the world and gives details about the leadership of the churches and the people working there as missionaries there.

This year we sold out of the first batch of the Prayer Handbook which we ordered but a new supply has arrived and is in the Museum shop at the price of £3.75.

The title, *Pilgrims on a Journey*, is taken from the hymn “Brother, sister, let me serve you” written by the New Zealand writer, Richard Galliard and unpacks the concept of being servants for each other. The hymn recalls the occasion, prior to their sharing the Passover Meal together, when Jesus insisted on washing the feet of his disciples – a task usually assigned to a servant.

When Peter protests at Jesus wanting to wash his feet, Jesus says firmly, “If I do not wash your feet, you have no part with me.” (John 13:1-11).

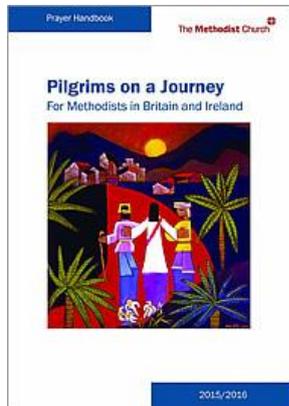
Richard Galliard says that these verses were in his mind when he wrote the hymn together with the re-enactments of that moment which he had experienced while attending Church in New Zealand.

Richard wrote the third verse of the hymn first. “It was the first half of 1976 that I wrote verse 3 (“I will hold the Christ-light for you”) but initially no more than that. It was not until the end of 1976 that I found the scrap of paper on which I had written those lines and began to meditate upon them. I remember that the other verses came quickly after that, although not in the order in which they are now sung.



It is interesting to understand the holding of a “Christ-light” (the example, love and companionship of Jesus held, as it were, like a candle) as a starting point for pilgrimage and servanthood.

Pilgrimage is not just about walking towards a point of worship and meditation; it is an opportunity for companionship.



Likewise, servanthood is imagined here as being alongside others, whatever their need or situation. What is important is the gift, at all times, not only of supporting others but also of being able to receive graciously the gifts, support and companionship that others have to offer.

“Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too”

If you want to study this hymn more it is 611 in *Singing the Faith*.

Jennifer Potter

“God and Mrs Thatcher”

A Talk by Eliza Filby based on her Book of that Title.

Venue: St Lawrence Jewry, next to the Guildhall, 15th October
Bookings: katrina@stlawrencejewry.org.uk

On The Morality of Disruption - Dr Eliza Filby

In 1978, months before she became Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher stood in the pulpit of St Lawrence Jewry and boldly set out the moral case for free market capitalism, laying down the principles which would sustain her through eleven turbulent years in Downing Street. Margaret Thatcher, who had been born a Methodist and was a lay preacher before she had entered politics, believed wholeheartedly in the Christian underpinnings of economic liberalism, one rooted in God-given free will and individual responsibility. Thatcher was undoubtedly a woman of

principles but also an agent of disruption whose 'reign' was typified, as we know, by discord rather than the harmony as she famously promised on the steps of No.10. She ripped the bandage plaster off Britain's wounded economy as the Big Bang was unleashed in the City of London while the north underwent the harsh process of de-industrialisation. Thatcherism may have been rooted in solid convictions but even Margaret Thatcher herself later admitted that the full consequences of such upheaval were not always given due consideration nor were the outcomes always the ones she had intended.

As Peregrine Worsthorne rather harshly remarked, 'Margaret Thatcher came into Downing Street determined to recreate the values of her father and ended up creating the world of her son.' Thirty years on, we are undergoing a similar period of upheaval as markets remain volatile in the wake of the Crash and digital disruption tears through traditional services and industries at lightning speed. Disruption is no longer simply the buzzword of hipster techies within Silicon Roundabout but one uttered by every business in this City. As much as a threat as an opportunity, disruption is capitalism in its natural and most brutal state and yet, in its current form, has been subject to remarkable little scrutiny. What are the principles and values behind this new culture of creative destruction? Is our blind optimism about technological progress obscuring a frank discussion about its consequences: social, economic as well as psychological? Today's politicians, businessmen and entrepreneurs may not conceive what they do within a Christian framework as Margaret Thatcher once did, but can they afford to treat digital disruption as if it exists in a moral vacuum? Returning to the themes set out in Margaret Thatcher's 1978 St Lawrence Jewry address and using the *Rules for the Conduct of Life* as her reference point, Dr Eliza Filby will offer some crucial and illuminating insights into the aims, character and possible unintended consequences of capitalism, technology and disruption in the 21st century.

(Dr Eliza Filby is a historian of contemporary values at King's College London and author of God and Mrs. Thatcher: The Battle

for Britain's Soul (Biteback, 2015). Eliza regularly appears in the media commenting on various aspects of religion and politics and has written for The Times, The Guardian, Standpoint, The Telegraph, and Spectator and has reviewed for The Tablet.)

Financial Support for Refugee Work in Europe

In the last edition of Window on Wesley's there was an article about the European Refugee Crisis and the work of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy was highlighted – their project is called 'Mediterranean Hope.'

The World Church Relationships Office of the British Methodist Church began to receive unsolicited gifts for refugee work in Europe and so now they have opened a special account for these gifts.

The United Methodist Church in Europe wrote the following about the crisis. "We are currently in contact with our partners in Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary and Austria. At present most of them are still in consultation about the most beneficial role they can play. Most of them are planning long term support, especially because of the approach of winter.

Most active is the Church in Macedonia. They deliver water and food from their centre in Strumica to the refugee camp in Gevgelja and have a person in charge of the delivery and supply programme. They also provide blankets and toiletries. With a current influx of around 5000 people a day there is a lot to do."

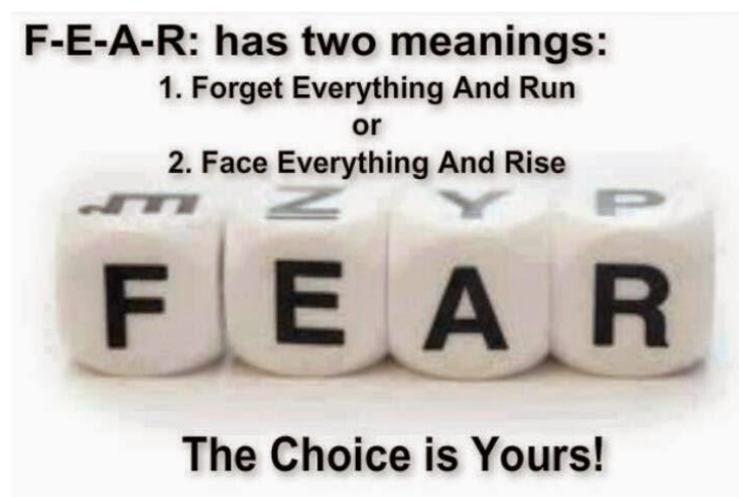


The British Methodist Church has already sent £6000 to Macedonia and will continue to help small churches in Europe who are helping the refugees. The possibility of sending volunteers from Britain is also being investigated. If you wish to know more please go to the website – www.methodist.org.uk/mission/world-church/news or ask Jennifer for more information. If you wish to send money please make your cheque out to Methodist Church World Mission Fund and mark it for Methodist Refugee Support. You can then send it directly to the Methodist Church, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR or give it in to the Wesley's Chapel office and we will forward it.

Jennifer Potter

Some Thoughts on Fear

There is an old French saying which goes, “fear is the deadliest assassin; it does not kill but it keeps you from living.” This saying resonates with us as we watch our TV screens and see people in war zones, fleeing refugees, gang violence and so many situations which cause us to fear for the future.



Pervasive fear threatens our most precious capacities – our ability to be social, to express solidarity and empathy, to think, to struggle for justice and to be willing to act and change the world and ourselves along with it. Fear is associated with silencing and

inducing a sense of helplessness as well as encouraging cruelty and justifying all manner of oppression and violence.

There is a Christian response to fear in 1 John 4:18 'perfect love casts out all fear' – a tough and challenging remedy for fear but an effective one.

SERENDIPITY TWENTY

George Whitfield –The Forgotten Methodist? Part III:

In the previous episode of this article, it was described how George Whitefield and the Wesley Brothers were some of the agents for the evangelic revival known as the 18thC “Great Awakening” which ultimately resulted in the world wide Methodist Church.

At this point, it should be noted, that although Whitefield and the Wesley's were as one in their objective of conveying their understanding of the love of God and Christ's Gospel of forgiveness to “unawakened” men and women, they differed in their understanding and interpretation of the message of the New Testament. Whitefield was convinced, like Calvin before him, that God had from eternity predestined the majority of humankind to damnation and a few to salvation through Christ Jesus; the purpose of Whitefield's evangelistic activity was thus always to seek to gather to Christ those who were predestined to salvation, for as he said, he did not know who they were.

To the Wesley's, the belief that God's Grace was restricted to the elect few, was utterly repugnant to their understanding of the New Testament, they believed and preached the doctrine of “Universal Salvation”. They totally rejected “predestination” root and branch, for they were quite sure that Christ had really and truly died for all mankind.

Whitefield's views were, however, widely accepted amongst a proportion of the Methodist movement, thus, although Whitefield and the Wesley's remained good friends and collaborators, as well as refraining from an engagement in public controversy, it did lead to the estrangement of their followers in later years, as noted in Serendipity Fifteen.

First, however, it fell to Whitefield to "stoke the fires" of the revival by stirring curiosity and arousing interest. Thus, at the time when John Wesley was still far away across the Atlantic Ocean struggling with the settlers in Georgia, George Whitfield, "the stripling with the golden voice", was laying the foundation of Methodist popularity and preaching repute, upon which the Wesley brothers were to build. As the Methodist historian Tyerman was to write, *"It may be fairly doubted whether Wesley's preaching in 1738 would have attracted the attention it did if Whitefield had not preceded him in 1735"*.

As it happened, Whitefield was only finally able to depart for the colony of Georgia just as John Wesley arrived back in England, from there, and by a strange coincidence George's outward bound ship, and the incoming vessel carrying John Wesley, were actually both together in Deal Harbour at the same time. John learning that Whitefield was aboard a ship and about to set off for Georgia, sent him a message advising him not to go, then without troubling to discuss the matter, set off for London. Fortunately Whitefield knew that his call was for Georgia, and ignored John's advice which was probably based on the latter's own unhappy experience with the settlers in the colony.

So it was that in 1738, George Whitefield set out on his first of what was ultimately to be seven visits to the North American continent. These being, in what seems to us now, incredibly small ships, which wind being their only motive power, took anything between eleven and twenty weeks to cross a frequently stormy Atlantic Ocean, at a time when Britain was at war with either France, or Spain, and when piracy was by no means uncommon.

This first visit to Georgia, from Whitefield's arrival in May 1738, to his departure in the August of that same year, and although comparatively short, was singularly successful as he preached to large congregations and, (unlike John Wesley), proved popular with more than just a few of the colonists. He, moreover, uncovered a crying need for some way of taking care of the large number of orphan children whose parents had failed to survive the harsh conditions of the colony. This he envisioned as being by means of some form of institution set up along the lines of the "Foundling Hospital" which Thomas Coram was then trying to open in London.

Although George had used the occasions of his preaching in Britain as opportunities to collect money to take with him to America to provide for the poor of Savannah in Georgia the amount he had with him was not nearly enough to pay also for the erection and operation of the orphanage that seemed to be needed.

The early termination of his first visit to America was therefore brought about, because Whitefield realised he needed to build what became his Bethesda Orphan House but, before he could do this he had to return to Britain, first to become ordained as a priest so that he could secure his appointment to Georgia from the Trustees of the colony and then, finally, to raise the necessary funds.

On his return to his home land, George was to find conditions much changed as a direct result of the momentous events of May 1738 as described in Serendipity Eighteen published in serial form in previous editions of Window on Wesley's.

The preaching of the Wesley brothers, John and Charles, had, whilst contributing to the cause of the Revival, made them marked men and Methodism subject to much criticism on the part of the clergy, as well as the suspicion of the civil authorities. Because of his association with the Wesley brothers, George too found himself barred from many of the pulpits where before he had been

freely welcomed. But this did not deter him from speaking when and wherever he could with the same results he had experienced earlier. Nevertheless, before he could seriously set about accumulating the money needed for his Georgia project he had, as noted earlier, to secure his formal appointment from the Trustees of Georgia to the incumbency of Savannah, in succession To John Wesley, and to receive his “orders” as a priest from that same Bishop of Oxford who had ordained him as a deacon.

With these needs accomplished, Whitfield now set out on his self-appointed task of raising money from charitable donations by preaching where ever he could secure an invitation. Nevertheless, despite his popularity he still, from time to time experienced opposition similar that which the Wesley brothers were encountering, although, it should be noted, Whitefield preached only where he was invited, which was not necessarily the case where John Wesley at least was concerned. Thus it was that on a particular occasion when he had been promised a service at Bath Abbey, George found on arrival that he was no longer welcome.

Similar treatment at Bristol forced him to make a radical change in the way he had been operating to date, which was to enable him to spread the Gospel not only to that part of the population that was accustomed to attending church services, but to the far greater number who never went to church at all. This was because, denied access to any church in Bristol itself, he turned his attention to the nearby area of Kingswood which was located on a coalfield that was being exploited to fuel the Industrial Revolution. Because it had hitherto, been an unpopulated area, it was entirely without a church of any sort. Moreover, in Kingswood, the miners and their dependents were regarded as sheer heathens and shunned by the “respectable”. Whitefield turned to these poor people, recognised their need and preaching to them from a small hillock, called Hanham Mount, where a monument now marks the event, he gave his first sermon in the open air and found an even greater response to that which had occurred when he had spoken from church pulpits.

This first field preaching, as it was called, to a gathering of 200, or so, was followed by occasions, where crowds of 2000, 5000 and eventually 20000 colliers as well as other people from the area, met to listen to what Whitefield had to say and hung upon his words; as Whitefield wrote in his journal:

“Having no righteousness of their own to renounce, they were glad to hear of a Jesus, who was a friend to publicans, and came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; hundreds and hundreds of them were soon brought under deep convictions, which, (as the event proved), happily ended in sound and thorough conversions.”

Despite his success here, and the need that he saw existed, Whitefield felt constrained from spending much time in the Bristol area, intent as he was on his Savannah project. But, before he travelled on he had the happy notion of inviting the Wesley brothers to leave London and take over the Kingswood work. John Wesley was, initially very dubious about leaving London, and starting upon something that seemed to be so radically different to the work he had been doing there. However, as we know, he fortunately overcame his doubts and travelled down to Bristol where he saw for himself not only what Whitefield was doing but also the results that were being achieved by what was then considered to be unorthodox methods, or as what John described in his Journal as *“the strange way of preaching in the fields of which he set me the example”*.

Then, Whitefield, having introduced John not only to the work he had started in Kingswood, but also to what he had been doing in other parts of Bristol, committed everything into his colleagues hands and then set off back to London. But before he left the Bristol area, George laid the foundations of a school he had promised to have started for the children of the miners. This too was afterwards handed over to John Wesley and became the ancestor of today's Kingswood School.

Thus it was that on Sunday 1st April 1739, John, overcame his scruples, took Whitefield's place on Hanham Mount and so, for the first time, preached in the open air. As he wrote in his Journal entry:

"I began expounding Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, (one pretty remarkable precedent of field preaching)".

This led, as John recorded in a later Journal entry, to: *"submitting to be more vile and proclaiming in the highways and byways the glad tidings of salvation"*.

Now, having seen for himself how successful field preaching could be and also that it was perhaps the only way that the good tidings of the Christian message could be spread to the vast body of the population that never went to church, John continued to field preach in the open air for the rest of his life, although he always retained his preference for the "comfort of a pulpit". At this point, with John Wesley, and as a result his brother Charles, both having been introduced to the advantages to be gained by preaching in the open air, rather than just in churches, and with George Whitefield returning to London, the further details of the latter's career will be left to future editions of Window on Wesley's.

Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward

Lunchtime Recitals in October

6th Stelianos Kyriakidis - Guitar

13th Jac Thomas – Classical Guitar

20th Zoe Lethbridge & Coady Green – Soprano & piano

27th "Togetherness" - Cello & piano



OCTOBER CRADLE ROLL BIRTHDAYS

12th Silva Esdelle 2 years
24th Kirsty Afriyie 3 years

May God bless these children and their families

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

4th 11.00am Morning Service & Holy Communion
Preacher: Leslie Griffiths
Officiant: Jennifer Potter

11th 9.45am Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths
11.00am Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths

18th 9.45am Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths
11.00am Harvest Festival
Morning Service – Jennifer Potter

25th 9.45am Holy Communion – Brian Goss
11.00am Morning Service – Kido Baek
7.00pm Taizé Evening Service

WESLEY'S
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C. S. Lewis

Putting the Case

Thursdays 12.45-1.15pm

October 2015

15th Surprised by Joy
Leslie Griffiths

22nd Screwtape Letters
Jennifer Potter

29th Mere Christianity
Leslie Griffiths

November 2015

5th Reflections on the Psalms
Jennifer Potter

12th Letters to Malcolm:
Chiefly on Prayer
Leslie Griffiths

19th A Grief Observed
Jennifer Potter

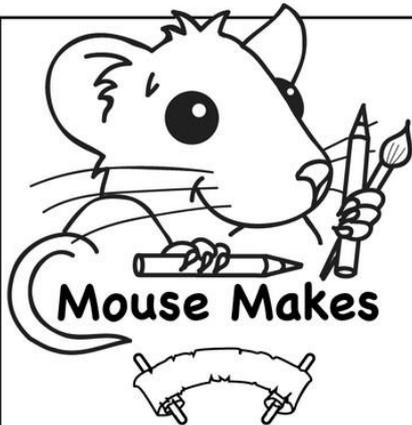
26th The Problem of Pain
Leslie Griffiths

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3rd Narnia: The Last Battle
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The Lord's teachings
are perfect.
*They give **strength**
to his people.*

The Lord's rules can
be **trusted**.
*They help even the
foolish become **wise**.*

The Lord's laws are **right**.
*They make people **happy**.*

The Lord's commands
are **good**.
*They show people the
right way to live.*



from Psalm 19:7--8

Do you have a favourite
bible verse? Write it here:

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Colour in the illustrated bible verse,
cut out and use as a
bookmark in your bible.

GOD'S
WORD
is a
LAMP
TO
GUIDE
my feet
and a
LIGHT
for my
PATH
PSALM 119:105

Weekly programme of events

Sunday	9.45am	Holy Communion (except first Sunday in the 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 (Last Sunday in the month)
Monday	7.00am	Prayer Meeting
	2.00pm	Sisterhood Fellowship
Tuesday	1.05 pm	Lunchtime Recitals
	7.45 pm	Boys' Brigade 5 th London Co Company/Senior Section
Wednesday	10.00am	Parents/Minders & Toddlers
	12.45pm	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday	12.45 pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday	7.00pm	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association 5 th London Co Anchor/Junior Section

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