

**WINDOW  
ON WESLEY'S**



**JUNE 2016**

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## Dear Friend

Just back from France. In a hurry to get this little monthly letter done before Stop Press. Mustn't waste time. Let me tell you what an exciting adventure it was getting back from continental Europe. We chose to travel on the day of a national rail strike. We began the day by taking a tram – the last one of the day (at 8.10am!). We knew that our train had been cancelled but had been advised that we could take any other train. There would be no seat reservation and it was likely we'd have to stand all the way to Paris – three and a half hours away. A train came in and we climbed aboard. We colonised two seats and refused to give them up even though crowds of woeful and dolorous people, tickets clutched in their hands, filed past us. The train stood on the platform for over an hour. There had been fire bombs thrown along the track between Montpellier and Nîmes and there were demonstrations at the station itself. Eventually, our high speed train slow-speeded its way north.

We got to Paris. We thought it was a miracle. But these days, we're not supposed to believe in them. Once arrived in the capital city, we had to transfer from one station to another. There was no Métro working because of the strike. There were almost no taxis. We soon discovered why. There were demonstrations being held in the centre of Paris and the whole of that area had become a vehicular nightmare. What's more, the city of the guillotine was sinking into the Seine. There was confusion everywhere. Our taxi driver did two u-turns in thick traffic, careered down bus lanes, and got us to the Gare in the nick of time. After that, it was all roses. We got home in time to watch a little TV and have a light supper. That was yesterday that was.

We were in France for the marriage of our daughter. Goodness me – another wedding in the family. I had to speak French throughout our stay there since our new son-in-law comes from a family who speak not a word of the language of Shakespeare, they seem somehow to be contented with the language of

Voltaire. There was happiness all round. We sang the Welsh and French national anthems with gusto. Now we wish the young couple well.

Nothing theological or spiritual in this month's letter. Just a snapshot picture of a hectic day and a suggestion of oodles of happiness in continental Europe – perhaps the last hurrah before the British public sever our ties with our neighbours. As I compose these lines grey and overcast skies suggest that the weather is in tune with the electorate. Where will be when I write next month's effort? Only time will tell.

This comes with lots of love and warmest good wishes.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

***Leslie Griffiths – June 2016***

### **Church News**

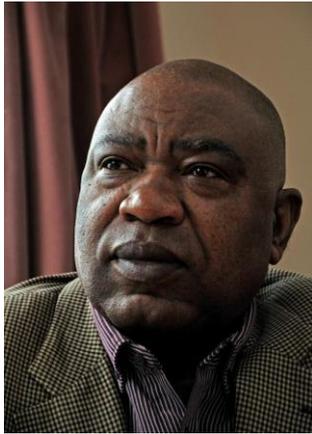
We are happy to announce the birth of a son to *Matthew Smith* and *Silvia*. *Leo Thomas Costloe* was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and weighed in at 3.24kg (7lbs 2oz)



Our condolences go to *Francis Mintah* on the death of his mother in Ghana. She had lived a good long life, may she rest in peace. We send our condolences to *Rachael Kuyembeh, Peter and Petra* on the death of *Dr Hawa Stella Kuyembeh (Rachael's mother)* in Freetown, Sierra Leone on April

27<sup>th</sup> this year. May she rest in peace.

*Sam and Joyce Addo* wish to thank members of the congregation for all their help, prayer and support during their recent bereavements.



It came as a great shock to hear of the death of *Revd Francis Nabieu*, serving as a minister in Croydon, but killed in a horrific traffic accident on the Bo-Kenema Road during a visit to his home country, Sierra Leone.

Rev Nabieu was formerly the President of Methodist Church Sierra Leone during the dark days of the civil war; latterly he had served for five years in York before moving to Croydon last September. We pray for his wife and family here in Britain and for friends and family back in Sierra Leone. May his soul rest in peace.

### **From the Photo Archive**

In the April edition of *Window on Wesley's* we looked at the photos of the rear of the Chapel. They showed a work group tidying up the gardens and having a bonfire of the debris and it also showed the gardens stretching right up to the edge of the road. Up until the 1980s the graveyard at the back went right up to the road – Tabernacle Street.



This month we are going to include photos, dating from 1983, which show the work on constructing the glass-fronted building at the back of the Chapel, currently known as Noble House. First of all, as I hope you remember from previous articles, there used

to be building, attached to the back of the Church, which housed a vestry and other meeting rooms. You can see the full extent of the building in the photo. This was the first casualty of the building operation and disappeared completely.

Once that building had been removed and a protective hoarding had been erected around Mr Wesley's grave, the work began to

sink piles deep into the ground to support the glass fronted-building which now stands at the rear of our premises. You can imagine the amount of negotiation that had to go on with English Heritage, the planning department of Islington Council and the Listed Buildings Group in the Methodist Church. It is never easy to put up a modern building right next to an old building and especially when that building has Grade 1\* listed status as the Chapel does. But the difficulties did not end there. All of Wesley's Chapel is a burial site – in front of the Church, below the Church in the crypt and at the rear of the Church. Over 5000 early Methodists were buried here and we have the complete burial record.

To sink the foundations for the new building at the rear a lot of the catacombs and graves at the back had to be disinterred (dug up). To be able to do this it was necessary to advertise what was planned to try to ensure that any living relatives of those buried in the site could have their say. The Home Office, archaeologists and lawyers were needed for this part of the operation. Finally a resting place had to be found for all the remains dug up and they went to the cemetery in Streatham. You can see a plaque related to this on the wall at the back of the Church. Unfortunately there was no way of recording whose remains were removed and there is no memorial yet, as far as we know, in the Streatham Cemetery marking the burial place of those whose remains were removed.



On the photo you can see how deep the excavations were and the nature of the columns holding up the crypt and the church. Great care had to be taken not to disturb the remains of John Wesley and those buried with him in the same chamber.

The third photo shows an aerial shot from the roof of the Chapel and the muddy expanse before any of the construction was done. We are all so used to how the rear of the Chapel looks now that it is difficult to imagine that, in its current form, it is just over thirty years old.



***Jennifer Potter***

### **Prayers during a time of Elections**

We have had one set of elections in Britain this year and we have the Referendum coming up. On the global map a great many more significant elections are lined up for the rest of the year. Here are just a few which are of particular relevance to members of our congregation:

23<sup>rd</sup> June EU Referendum in the UK  
2<sup>nd</sup> July                      Australia –Parliament  
11<sup>th</sup> August                Zambia – President and Parliament  
7<sup>th</sup> November            Ghana – President and Parliament  
8<sup>th</sup> November            USA – President, House of Representative,  
Senate  
1<sup>st</sup> December            Gambia – President

At some time during the next few months, sooner rather than later, we hope, there should also be elections in Haiti.

In order that people can pray for the elections in the places which are most important for them, here are two prayers, which can be used.

## **PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION**

Lord God, as the election approaches,  
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that  
confront our city/state/country,  
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in  
our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness  
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,  
one and equal in dignity,  
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit  
and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and  
those abandoned,  
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or  
gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of  
leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment  
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,  
live your love,  
and keep in the ways of your truth  
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles  
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### **A Prayer at Election Time**

Heavenly Father  
Source of all truth and wisdom,  
who knows and loves the whole creation  
watch over our nation (or replace with specific name)  
at election time  
that truth may prevail over distortion  
wisdom triumph over recklessness

and the concerns of every person be heard.

Lord Jesus

Who chose the way of the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane  
Help us to turn our backs on self-interest  
And to support policies that sustain the poor  
The vulnerable and the frightened people of this world.

Holy Spirit

Who brought understanding among myriad peoples  
and languages at Pentecost  
give to all your people a passion for peace  
and inspire us to work for unity and cooperation  
throughout the world and in our political life together. Amen.

## BLUE PLAQUES

As you walk around London and look up at the houses, you will see plaques on the wall – most of them are blue, although some are brown, sage or terracotta. They mark places where famous people have lived or worked. This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the scheme began.

For us at Wesley's Chapel this anniversary is of more than academic interest for we have a blue plaque on John Wesley's House and one of a rather rare type.



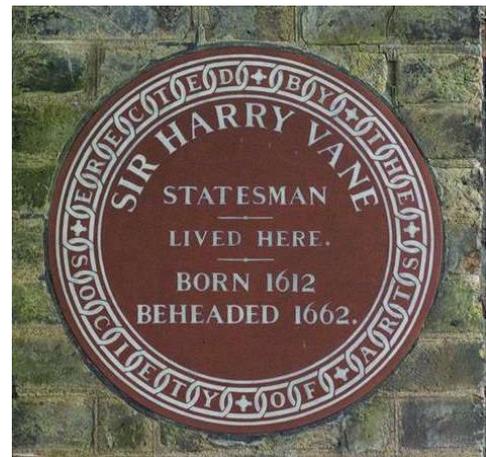
The idea of a commemorative plaque scheme was first put to the House of Commons by William Ewart MP in 1863. Three years later the Royal Society of Arts took the scheme on and erected two plaques in 1867 – one at Lord Byron's birthplace in Cavendish Square and one in King Street Westminster where Napoleon

once lived. Sadly the Cavendish Square House was demolished in 1889.

The Royal Society of Arts managed the scheme for 35 years and in that time put up 35 plaques – unfortunately fewer than half of these survive.

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the London County Council took over the scheme and formalised the selection criteria. It became known as the ‘Indication of Houses of Historical Interest in London – a title which lasted until the Second World War. One of the LCC’s early plaques was put on the house of Charles Dickens in Doughty Street, long before the house had been designated as a Museum and the plaque may well have helped to preserve the house.

Over the years the plaque design has been the subject of regular experiment – they have been made of bronze, stone and lead in square, round and rectangular forms and have been finished in shades of brown, sage and terracotta as well as blue.



The earliest plaques commissioned by the Royal Society of Arts, were handmade pottery from Minton, Hollins and Co. The inlaid border had a distinctive border pattern with the letters of the name of the Society worked into the decorative design. The earliest plaques were blue but this was an expensive and difficult colour to produce and over the next 35 years the Society mainly used a chocolate brown background. After taking over the scheme in 1901, the London County Council continued to use the Minton factory and they developed a highly decorative laurel wreath border with ribbon embellishment. Blue ceramic plaques became standard from 1921 as that colour was felt to stand out best in the London streetscape. They were made by Doulton from 1923 until 1955.

In 1925 and 1926 Doulton made seven of these plaques with a colourful raised wreath border, known as a della Robbia style.

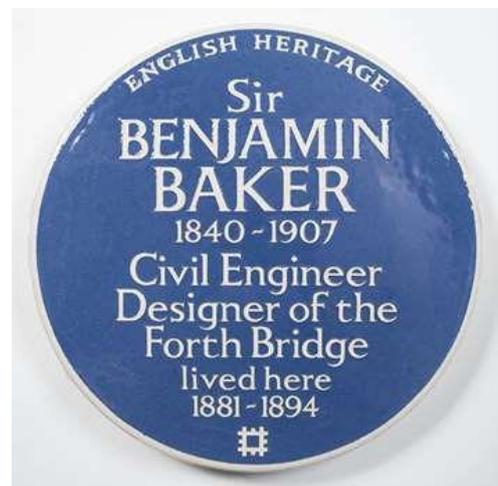


Only five of these type of plaque survive and the one on Wesley's House is one of them. Another is on the house of Antonio Canaletto in Soho.

Attempts to discover the other three have so far been unsuccessful!

In 1938 the modern design of the blue plaque was born, created by an unnamed student of the Central School of Arts and Crafts who was paid just four guineas for his or her trouble. Since 1965 the GLC and English Heritage (took over the scheme after the GLC was abolished in 1985) have continued to use the standard blue roundel with gently raised characters and borders.

In the hundred and fiftieth year of blue plaques – new plaques have been placed on the residences of Elizabeth David, the cookery writer, Tommy Cooper, the comedian and Benjamin Baker, civil engineer and the designer of the Forth Road Bridge.



In 2013-14 government cuts threatened the scheme, but the future of the blue plaques was secured by generous private donations. English Heritage became a charity in 2015 and continues to manage the scheme – all this means that the blue plaque scheme is in good health in its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

***Jennifer Potter***

## Grants available for Methodist Music-makers

The Freeman (Methodist) Music Trust makes grants particularly for tuition for organists, other instrumentalists and singers who contribute to music in worship. People of any age are encouraged to apply, although the trustees especially welcome younger applicants.

Applications should be submitted on forms which can be downloaded from [www.artserve.org.uk](http://www.artserve.org.uk) and sent to the address on the form. They should be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.

## OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

On Open Gardens Weekend the garden at St Joseph's Church Bunhill Row will be open to the public.



This small garden serves many purposes. It is an extension into the neighbourhood of the almost invisible basement Church of St Joseph. It is a patch of vegetation in an otherwise built-up environment, a haven for birds and a space where people may pause and be refreshed.

The garden is a modest tribute to a very great Christian, the late Cardinal Basil Hume (1923–99), Archbishop of Westminster, monk and shepherd, whose life of prayer and service to the Gospel was an inspiration to so many.

The garden was designed by young landscape gardener Simon-Peter Stobart, whose influences included Japanese design and one of the themes from the 'Song of Songs' in the Bible – an enclosed garden in which the Beloved might be encountered and experienced.

The garden is located in Lamb's Buildings, Lamb's Passage, off Bunhill Row, EC1 (next to the Cass Business School of City University in Bunhill Row).

Martin Pendergast from St Joseph's Church writes, "we will be offering strawberries and cream to visitors on these two days and all are welcome" – to help out as well as to partake of the strawberries!

### **The Secret World of John Wesley**

On Wesley Day - 24<sup>th</sup> May - our volunteers and Learning Officer donned 18<sup>th</sup> century period costumes and got in character as we opened up the front door of the house and attracted visitors inside from the street from 11am-4pm.

Visitors were greeted by Betsy the Housekeeper (Aisha Al-Sadie) who was outside doing a spot of sweeping and showing off the new Physic Garden.

While inside Carole introduced them to the house and gave out "Help the Housekeeper" trails for children.



In the kitchen Mrs Hawkins the Cook and Hannah the Maid were busy preparing food and taking their biscuits and cakes to the local baker to be baked.

Unfortunately the chimney sweep hadn't been in so they were unable to light the fires, but visitors were able to sample some of the 18<sup>th</sup> century treats they had made earlier.

Up the stairs visitors were met by Mr Wesley who was in residence, walking between his bedroom and his study as he took some time to greet people and show them around his house.



In total we welcomed 123 local and international visitors throughout the event and received some fantastic feedback and photos. Volunteers and visitors alike thoroughly enjoyed the day and we plan it to be the first of many to come.

***Aisha Al-Sadie***

## **Wesley Day 2016**

It is the 24<sup>th</sup> May. It is 5.00pm and time for Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral. So following in the footsteps of Mr Wesley, Methodists join the congregation for the service. In addition to the President



and Vice President of the Conference, the Chairs of the London District, the ministerial staff of Wesley's Chapel and Methodists from around London and beyond we had a colourful group from the Susanna Wesley Mission Auxiliary –UK (A Ghanaian Women's

Group) and from the Chinese congregation at Kings Cross Methodist Church.

Rev Steve Wild, the President of the Conference, brought the greetings of the whole Methodist people and read a lesson. In honour of the special day the choir sang an anthem by S.S. Wesley and the hymn was “O for a thousand tongues to sing.”



At the close of the service the Methodists together with the Canon in Residence, Revd Philippa Boardman, processed through the North Door to the statue of John Wesley. Revd Nigel Cowgill and Revd Jenny Impey led the short office there and the wreath was laid by Saewoo Oh, the intern at Wesley’s Chapel from Kwanglim Methodist Church, Seoul, South Korea.

The crocodile of pilgrims then wended its way to the Flame



Monument outside the entrance to the Museum of London, the spot close to where John Wesley had his ‘heart-warming’ experience. After a short service, Mrs Judith Lampard, mother of the Vice President Designate and one of our Heritage Stewards laid a wreath

at the base of the flame.

The next stop on the pilgrimage was Bunhill Fields where Susanna Wesley lies buried. The ladies of the Susanna Wesley Mission Auxiliary- UK sang by the grave as people each laid a rose on the grave.





## **Methodist Conference – London 30<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Once again this year the Methodist Conference is in London at Westminster Central Hall. If you have never been to Conference it is worthwhile taking the opportunity when it is in London. Except for closed sessions the public is welcome to go and sit to watch deliberations in the gallery. If you wish to go to the opening of Conference on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> you need to have a ticket. Please go to the website – [www.methodist.org.uk/conference/conference-2016](http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference/conference-2016) or talk to Jennifer.

### **Ordination Service Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5.00pm Wesley's Chapel**

We will be hosting one of the Ordination Services where 7 people will be ordained. We anticipate around 700 people will be attending. We will need a considerable number of volunteers to help us for this service.

1. Communion Stewards for the two serving points on the ground floor and one in the gallery.
2. General welcoming and guiding stewards.
3. Serving of refreshments in the Radnor Room and in the back garden weather-permitting

Please see Jennifer if you are able to help. For those who help there will be an entrance ticket for them and their family. We also have a few extra tickets which members of the Chapel can apply for. The service is a ticket-only event.

***Jennifer Potter***



## **SERENDIPITY TWENTY-TWO**

### ***More Charles Wesley: Charles Still Overlooked? Part I***

In SERENDIPITY Twenty-one, an attempt was made to try to confute the allegations made by visitors to the Wesley's Chapel campus, that Charles Wesley and his contribution to Methodism was being overlooked, or ignored, here. It was shown that this was far from the case since items on display in John Wesley's House, or in the Chapel, or artefacts on exhibition in the Museum of Methodism, all reveal that although the story told by the Chapel complex is primarily focused upon John Wesley, his younger brother is far from being ignored.

Nevertheless, it could be considered that in one respect Charles Wesley is still often overlooked, or at least one aspect of his life might appear to be forgotten. This being the evangelical conversion which actually occurred to Charles some days before John had his "*Heart Warming Experience*". Thus, sometimes, when we honour the latter, it can appear, in the midst of all the celebrations and commemorations that take place in May on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of that month that the similar life changing event which occurred to Charles, on May 21<sup>st</sup> has been ignored. Maybe, but it should not be so, since the interior of Wesley's Chapel is adorned with a stained glass window that records the conversion experiences of both brothers.

High up on the North side of the Chapel, above the gallery, is a window, the third from the East end, which has at its subject, what is usually called, "The Wesley's Conversion". This is the title that this particular window is now given, but when it was originally placed in the Chapel it was put in place for a different purpose, this was, as is engraved upon it:

"To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of the  
Reverend Arthur Wood and of Harriet Siddons Wood, his  
wife, who travelled in Wesley's Chapel, (City Road),

circuit 1891 - 1900. Erected by their children, the Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood MP. , and Mrs Edward Weaver.”

This is the dedication, but never the less, portraits of neither of the dedicatees are incorporated within the window design. Instead, it portrays both the Wesley brothers, with pictures of Charles featuring twice. The main subject being full length portraits of both brothers standing side by side, with a second, smaller illustration, at the bottom of the window, showing Charles surmounted by a symbol of the Holy Spirit, sitting writing at a desk.

As indicated, the window, despite being installed in the Chapel as a memorial to their parents, by a son and daughter, is usually called the “The Wesley’s Conversion Window, because it now principally commemorates the celebrated occasion on May 24<sup>th</sup> 1738, when John Wesley “*felt his heart strangely warmed* “. The event which Methodists the world over celebrate and which the people of Wesley’s Chapel now remember every year by a pilgrimage to various London locations and with services of thanksgiving. Nevertheless, as indicated, the window of course really illustrates some of the events surrounding the life changing experiences of both the Wesley brothers; Charles as well as John.

As already suggested, this is often overlooked, although the significance of the conversion of Charles is no less than that of his brother.

To continue the theme of SERENDIPITY Twenty one, this latest article will try to set the record straight by providing the other half of the story illustrated by the Wesley’ Chapel window.

To do so we need to imagine ourselves back to the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, back 278 years to 1738. To the time when London was still a walled City with gated entrances, and it’s streets were lined with the homes of people, and not just banks and mega office blocks, when houses were interspersed with the occasional

Church, Guild Hall or old market hall. To the time when John Wesley had just returned from his disappointing, and illusion-shattering stay on the North American continent to be reunited with his brother Charles who had fled back to England some months earlier.

To the time when people actually had their homes and lived in the City of London, when coffee shops were places where people gathered to discuss politics and business, or arranged insurance, and the City area held workshops where artisans actually made tangible things of real use.

One such workshop, situated just inside the City wall, in the street called Little Britain, that now runs from Aldersgate Street, with St Botolph's Church on the corner to the junction with Montague and King Edward Streets, was the home and place of business of a Mr John Bray who was a skilled metal worker specialising in the manipulation of brass, and crucially also, was a member of one of the Moravian religious societies.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Little Britain was then longer than it is now, and at that time a stretch of the street, now long since redeveloped, was chiefly occupied by the homes and shops of booksellers including that of a Mr James Hutton, who too was a member of a Moravian society: the one that John Wesley attended in Nettleton Court on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

In early May 1738 John and Charles were lodging with James Hutton, Charles was taken ill with pleurisy and to help him recover he was invited to stay with James' father who had a larger house in the more salubrious neighbourhood of Westminster. But this particular change of residence did not take place, because, as Charles wrote in his journal, *"I was just going to remove to the home of old Mr Hutton, when God sent Mr Bray to me. We prayed together for faith. I was quite overpowered and melted into tears, and thereby induced to think that it was God's will that I should go to Mr Bray's house."*

With Charles moving to stay with Mr Bray we will break off this narrative and leave it to a later edition of Window on Wesley's to tell what happened next to Charles Wesley.

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

## **Syntiche Dedji of the British Methodist World Church Office reports from Korea in her travel blog**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 I'm in Korea to participate in a study workshop for a Korea Peace Treaty. Having spent the past few days in Jeju, we arrived in Seoul yesterday.

This morning I participated in an opening service for peace and reunification which took



place in three languages: English, Korean and German, with amazing traditional Korean drumming.

This was followed by a fascinating lecture by Rev

Kurt Esslinger on the US Occupation's Perpetuation of Colonial Structures and its implications.

I was present at a lecture which began with the words "The situation for reunification in Korea is no longer hopeful". Certainly a good way of capturing our attention! When I posed the question of where that leaves Korea, what his thoughts are for the future, and what our response should be, the answer was that it benefits the US, Japan, China and international governments to have a divided peninsula, therefore realistically the situation is not hopeful. What is hopeful is the attitude of the people. The people seek peace and reunification. Much food for thought and cause for prayer.

20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Today began with a hike up Mt. Soi, which is situated near the DMZ (De-Militarized peace Zone) in Cheorwon.

After a three hour car journey we arrived at the ex- North Korean Labour party office building. North Korea ruled this area for five years. The building was so notorious that people used to say, "Anyone who goes in there never comes out intact".

Outside the building we met two Japanese monks who go there every day to chant for peace and justice. The shorter one of the monks (pictured) is a 38 year old woman who was born in North Korea. During her childhood she had very bad experiences there and so was filled with anger and hatred towards North Korea. She says all those feelings disappeared when she started chanting with the Myohoji group.



We then headed to Mt. Soi, which was closed to the public until 2011 as it was a military base. It is now an area of pilgrimage. Students of the Border Peace School walk up it every day at 3pm praying for Korea. We walked up Mt. Soi in silence, praying for Korea, peace and reconciliation. The climb was no joke! Although just a small mountain, it was a steep climb. Once we got to the top however, we were rewarded with great views, a glimpse of the DMZ, of North Korea and of the North Korean military observatory situated in the mountains.

In the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> May we visited the DMZ (De- Militarized Zone) in Cheorwon and the Border Peace School.

Dr. Jung Ji- Seok, the director of the Border Peace School, is a Methodist who trained at a Presbyterian seminary. He then went to Dublin for 3 years, where he did Peace Studies at the Irish School of Ecumenics and visited Corrymeela. He was very moved by the peace and reconciliation issues he witnessed while in Ireland.

He informed us that "Reunification is not a political matter; it's an everyday matter for us all." And that the purpose of the Border School is to train peacemakers.

On the next day we shared a session with Dr David Suh Kwang-Sun. He shared his personal story of growing up in Korea first under Japanese colonization and then Soviet domination, and then during the Korean war. Tears were shed around the room as he described how his brother fought in the war on his behalf- he never saw him again. He then described how he pulled his father's body out of a river after he and four other ministers were shot dead by the military. He recalled how, as he looked at his father's body full of bullet holes, and wiped the blood off his face, all his thoughts were thoughts of vengeance. He concluded his talk with the words "Peace and unification is the younger generation's work, because our generation is one with too much hate and anger and blood on our hands."

If it wasn't already evident why peace and reconciliation in Korea is necessary, this session made it painfully clear.

On Sunday the attendees of the peace treaty campaign attended different services according to their denominations. Myself and Daniel Kees, the UMC representative, worshipped at Good Meeting Methodist Church where we received a very warm welcome.



We then re-grouped at Seoul Cathedral, Anglican Church of Korea, where we joined representatives from around Korea, the Philippines, Germany, the USA, Canada, Japan and more, for Asia Sunday 2016.



The next day we attended the Monday Prayer for Peaceful Reunification, organised by PROK (Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea), who have decided to hold weekly prayers for peace and reconciliation until the Korean Peninsula is at peace.

We were all given purple scarves as we walked in. Red is the colour for North Korea and blue the colour for South Korea, therefore purple represents both countries.

We concluded the service by holding hands and singing, "We long for unification, this is our dream and our mission. With our whole being we'll labour, 'til unification comes. Oh come, restore our people. Restore our country as one. Reunification welcome,

unification come."

### **LUNCHTIME RECITALS IN JUNE @ 1.05pm**

**7<sup>th</sup> Maite Aguirre – Piano**

**14<sup>th</sup> Kimani Troy – Tenor & Sabrina Curpanen – Piano**

**21<sup>st</sup> Jessie Tse – Soprano**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sergei Podobedov – Piano**

**Recitals will resume again after the summer break on  
September 6th 2016**



# 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016

## CLACTON-ON-SEA

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE**

5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Service & Holy Communion Preacher: Tamara Gieselman Officiant: Mitchell Gieselman
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am 11.00am	Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter Morning Service – Jennifer Potter
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am 11.00am	Holy Communion – Leslie Griffiths Morning Worship – Leslie Griffiths
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am 11.00am 7.00pm	Holy Communion – Jennifer Potter Morning Service – Leslie Griffiths Taizé Prayer Service

### **Smile lines**

A woman gave her four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her granddaughter's enormous pile of sweets, she got suspicious and asked if the little girl hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."



A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother about the reason for his distress, he gulped and said: 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be a fireman.'



**THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES**  
**@ WESLEY'S CHAPEL**  
**IN JUNE**

**“COME OVER TO MACEDONIA”**

***St Paul says, ‘Yes’ to Europe***

**June**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Macedonia**

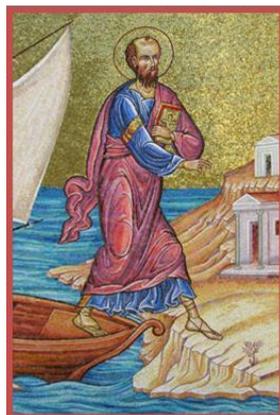
**9<sup>th</sup> Greece**

**16<sup>th</sup> Cyprus**

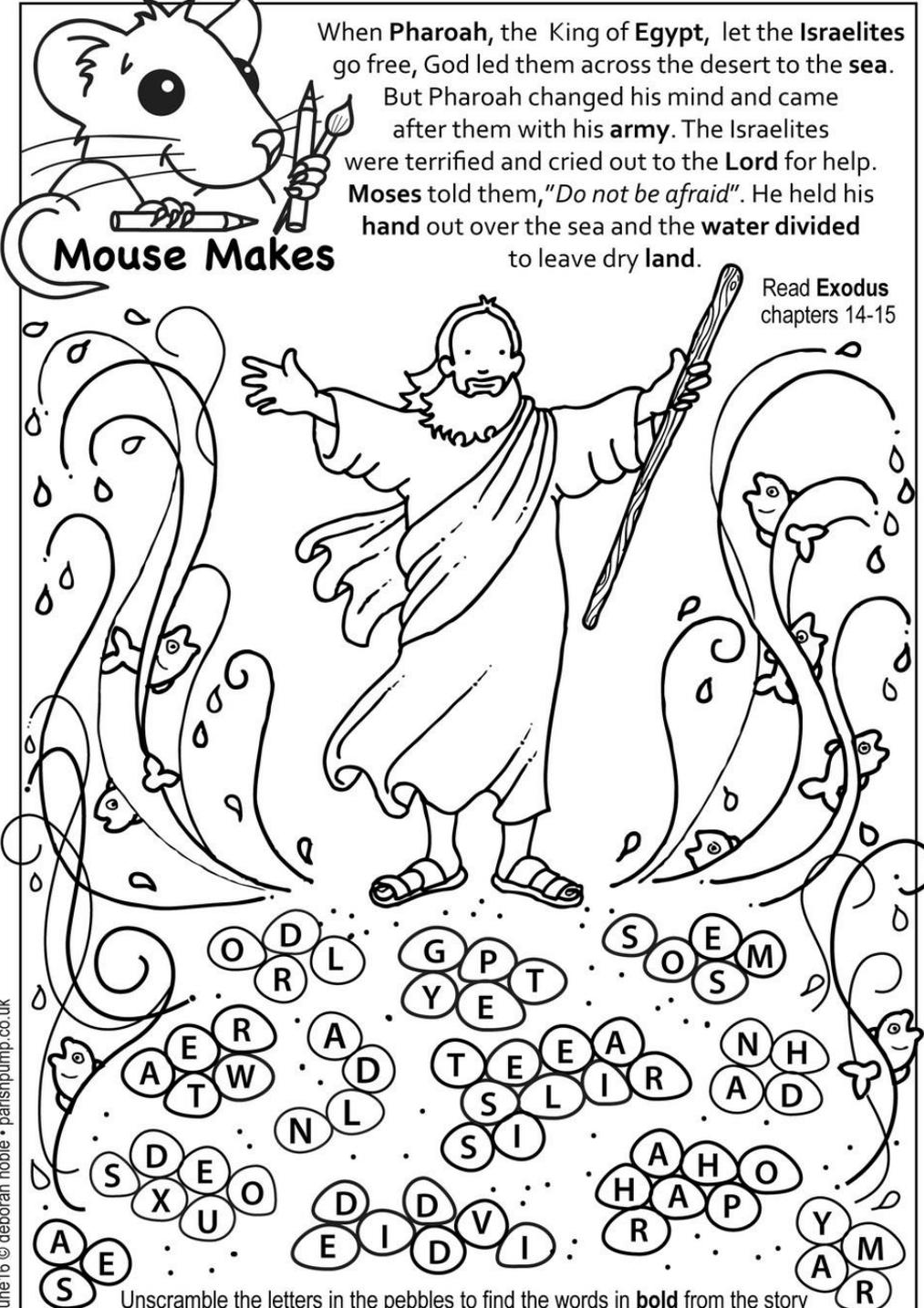
**23<sup>rd</sup> Crete**

**30<sup>th</sup> Italy**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**(12.45-1.15pm)**



# CHIDRENS' PAGE



When **Pharaoh**, the King of **Egypt**, let the **Israelites** go free, God led them across the desert to the **sea**. But Pharaoh changed his mind and came after them with his **army**. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the **Lord** for help. **Moses** told them, "*Do not be afraid*". He held his hand out over the sea and the **water** divided to leave dry **land**.

Read **Exodus** chapters 14-15

**Mouse Makes**

Unscramble the letters in the pebbles to find the words in **bold** from the story

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## 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 (Last Sunday in the month)
Monday	7.00am	Prayer Meeting
	2.00pm	Sisterhood Fellowship
Tuesday	1.05 pm	Lunchtime Recital
	7.45pm	Boys' Brigade (Company & Seniors: over 11's)
Wednesday	10.00am	Stay and Play (pre-school)
	12.45pm	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday	12.45 pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday	7.00pm	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association (Juniors: 8-11 years)

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