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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the February edition of Window on Wesley's. Whether you are a regular member at the Chapel, or just passing through London, there is much this month in the news to draw our concern. Times of public anxiety add stress to everyone's lives, but can be especially anxious for those of us less secure in our work or unemployed, working on an immigration status, or making any big life transition. At church, we have been doing the slow, durable work of resisting anxiety and building one another up. Not just for our members, but for our local area and as we can, our global Methodist community.

Nevertheless than now, God is faithful. And we are about global welcome, and local service on behalf of Jesus Christ.

How can we resist public anxiety? Acts of service, and prayer: want to do something concrete to oppose a climate of hostility to migrants, and homeless Londoners? Come sort clothing at Whitechapel Mission, on Feb 14, Valentines Day at 10 am, or serve breakfast on March 1 from 6 am. A days' service does not make a problem go away, but it does offer a concrete sign that resists evil. See the note in this magazine or contact the Office for how to sign up, and if you have not been to Whitechapel before, you are likely to be both encouraged and disheartened to get a glimpse of the lives we touch there.

How can we make a positive change? Come along to the Employing Mind, Body, and Spirit Conference on Saturday 9 February at Wesley's Chapel, and do a stocktake of your own paid or volunteer work, or get skills to change it. Are you thriving in the work you do? Does your workplace reflect values you admire?

How can we build our own resilience and faith? Worship, study, and fellowship: have a look at the monthly Faith Development Programme we are offering after church on the third Sunday of the month, on the theme 'Sanctuary', as part of the

London District of the Methodist Church. Or consider going along to the Wesley Chapel Men's Fellowship, or the Methodist Women in Britain, both of which have fellowship and faith development programmes after church on the first Sunday of the month. Or be more daring and investigate some of the 'Lifelong Learning' programmes available through the London School of Theology, or the short courses at the Susanna Wesley Foundation, Roehampton, or Wesley House, Cambridge.

Nevertheless than now, God is faithful. As we move in tiny steps towards spring, please stay in touch with the Chapel, and never give up hope.

All best, Jen

Susanna Wesley 350th Memorial: 20 January 2019

This past month saw us celebrate the 350th anniversary of Susanna Wesley's birth with a special service on 20 January and a walking pilgrimage after church, from 'Birth to Burial.' This was led by Jill Baker, former Vice President of the Methodist Conference, and drew a crowd of 70+ pilgrims from all over the



country, including the Susanna Wesley Mission Auxiliary, who also sang in the service. It was poignant to compare Susanna's day to ours, and to feel how she would marvel at the global reach her life has had. How many schools, hospitals, and churches bear

her name, or that of her sons John and Charles?

Most of us do not make the headlines of history, but each of us has a similar global reach in the kindness and service we offer.

Happy Birthday Susanna!

Behind the scenes in January at the Chapel: A few highlights, in random order...

- Curator Christian Dettlaff reports the highest ever number of heritage visitors for the month of January, at over 1100
- Trustees started the search for a manse to house our second minister arriving September 2019, and approved a revised Safeguarding Policy
- 28 local preachers from around the London District gathered for a study day led by Jen Smith: '*Where Angels Fear to Tread: Preaching on Controversial Topics*'
- The new-look '2017-18 Annual Report' was launched, distributing over 500 copies in the first three weeks
- Global Mission Fellow Tony Chen published his first newsletter about his work at Wesley's and Whitechapel Mission
- Finance Trustees began a series of 'road shows' to showcase the Chapel's mission and resources
- Jen Smith travelled to Derbyshire to give a keynote for the biennial national conference of higher education chaplains (<https://www.chelguk.org.uk/welcome.htm>) and *The Methodist Recorder* (25 Jan) published her study 'A Growing Church'
- Judith Bell and Mission Trustee Sagan Daniels visited the Leys School to offer mentoring and support to scholars, and staff
- Learning Officer Gemma Smith gave three talks on Wesley and health for 'Open Age' (<https://www.openage.org.uk/>) and welcomed schools on site for learning visits
- Sally Rush continued her weekly drop in at the Soapbox youth centre (<https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/>)
- Young adult members of the congregation filmed and edited video promo for Employing Mind, Body, Spirit Conference, widely disseminated by social media

- Jen Smith continued work with Methodist national officers to develop purchase of Oliver House, next door on City Road
- Keith Riglin joined the Ghana High Commissioner and other dignitaries to represent Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission at the launch of the new Association of Ghana Students, a national umbrella group for Ghanaian Higher Education groups in the United Kingdom

And in the Museum:

- A full revaluation of our collection: last valued in 2012, since then we have accessioned roughly another 2500 objects (sounds lots, slides, newspaper articles etc). Includes also significant items, such as J. Wesley's certificate 'ordaining' Thomas Coke for the work in the Americas (1780s), 18th & 19th century letters and an 18th century 'chamber horse'
- Volunteer Claudia Vagg curated a special Susanna Wesley exhibition, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Susanna Wesley's birth
- Selection of new books on Georgian life and London in the museum shop, including cookery and architecture

Free Daily Bible Reading Notes

Want to try daily scripture readings with the International Bible Reading Association, *Fresh from the Word 2019*? A limited number of books with a daily reading, and reflection for 2019 are available from Jen Smith. If you would like a copy email administration@wesleyschapel.org.uk or contact the Chapel Office on 020 7253 2262.

Life as a Youth Group Leader

Can you remember your Sunday school teachers who nurtured you in your faith?: those who listened to your questions and doubts; those who probed you to think for yourself; those who gave you confidence to stand up for your Christian faith..... I

remember mine fondly. I was never particularly keen to go to church when I was a teenager, but looking back, I'm glad I did (even when my friends had stopped attending). When I was a little older, before going to University, I started to help out with the younger children at Sunday School. As well as Sunday School, we also had various circuit activities for youth and young adults. I enjoyed meeting young Christians from other churches in the circuit and discussing pressing topics of the day.

I'm also thankful for our circuit Pastor who, when I was leaving for University, put me in touch with the Methodist Minister in Bristol. Thanks to that, I was confident enough to attend a new church once I started University and became actively involved in Methsoc. When I moved to London, it was then, of course, only natural that I would want to find a new church home (and found Wesley's Chapel). Now it's my turn to help create a church which welcomes young people.

I never particularly saw myself as being good with children. I live and work in a very adult environment, I don't have children of my own and I've never been particularly patient with teaching (as my little sister would confirm). However, I have really enjoyed my time as a Youth Group leader over the last year. Before I started out, someone had mentioned to me that I would learn from the young people, rather than me teaching them – I'd have to say that this is absolutely true. My faith has been enriched by my experience with the youth.

Our Youth Group at Wesley's Chapel is something to be proud of. Every single member of Youth Group brings something different to the group. They are insightful, kind, practical, vocal, true, loyal, contemplative.....I could go on.

We are short of Youth Group leaders and I would challenge each member of the congregation to think carefully if this is something they could do. Judith prepares the classes and materials each week and the only preparation you have to do is to read the instructions that she has prepared (and Bible reading, if there is

one) and think about it before leading the class. Class sizes fluctuate each week, but it's usually a small group of about four people and we meet in the comfy seats in the Philadelphia Room. We discuss a Bible reading or other topic for discussion and we share our prayers.

Therefore, if you are interested in being a Youth Group leader, please speak to Judith.

Cheryl Gurnham – Senior Circuit Steward

The World Day of Prayer (formally Women's World Day of Prayer) is a women led, global ecumenical movement. It's taking place on Friday 1st March. Our service will be at 7pm in the Foundry Chapel at WCLM and all are welcome.



The theme this year is Come – Everything is Ready. Each year a different nation puts together the service and this year it has been prepared by Christian Women of Slovenia.

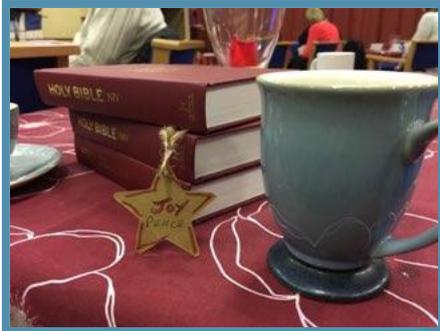
So....if you happen to be Slovenian we'd love you to contact Sally (cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk) and so we can talk to you about how we might be able to involve you.

This is an event that Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission have been involved in for many years. This year we have women from Sisterhood, Methodist Women in Britain, young adults, the choir and the book group taking part in leading the service.

If you are coming straight from work feel free to bring something to eat with you and eat it at the Chapel. We will provide tea and coffee for you. It would be great to see as many of you as possible there for this service which will last an hour.

Stars

At our All Age Worship in December, everyone was invited to take a small star as a reminder that we are each part of Jesus' family in the world today.



It's been so lovely hearing where stars have ended up!

Some joined our Jesse Tree in the vestibule, others have been visible in recent weeks on bags and coats. A bundle of stars went with our good wishes to a fellow Methodist Church who had a worship leader visiting us that day.

The furthest we've heard of our stars travelling so far is Devon! Thank you for these photos of the stars being left as a reminder, or message of hope, to whoever might see them.



Do you drive to the Chapel?

There are new charges beginning in April that may affect you. From 8th April 2019 the new Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) will be in place 24 hours a day 7 days a week. If your car does not meet the minimum emission standards, you'll need to pay a charge every time you enter the congestion charging zone, **even on a Sunday**. From 2020 the ULEZ will expand either further. We'd encourage everyone who drives to the Chapel, to check their vehicle and the zone boundaries. Don't get caught out! For more information, visit: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone>

London District Safeguarding Conference

The London District of the Methodist Church is holding a conference on Saturday 16th March at Methodist Central hall, Westminster. The theme is safeguarding and wellbeing. These conferences have in the past been very interesting and thought provoking. They also provide a great opportunity, over coffee and lunch provided by the District, to meet other Methodists from London who are interested in helping everyone to thrive.

Booking via Eventbrite, by 1st March, is essential. Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-district-safeguarding-conference-2019-tickets-55207369729?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
Hope to see you there!

Count Your Blessings – put your faith into action through daily reflections, prayers and challenges



I can hardly believe, so soon into the New Year, that I'm writing to you about the beginning of Lent – Ash Wednesday is the 6th March! But I was reminded of the proximity of this important Christian season because I received a mailing from Christian Aid this week (January 17th).

Once again the organisation encourages us to think about our many blessings, things we often take for granted – food and warmth, light, safe homes, comfortable lives. This year we learn of the lives of people on small and remote islands in the Philippines and the way in which Christian Aid's partner ICODE is helping them to thrive.

Through Lent themes of awareness, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, transformation and blessing, we'll discover more about the lives of those who are pushed to the brink of survival by climate change and precarious livelihoods. Each daily action will

help us to give, act and pray so our neighbours around the world can rise up and overcome.

Booklets will be available in church the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (March 3rd), I hope you will take one.

Thank you,

Zena Goss – Church member

Hi! I start with a question for you. What will the following people have in common on 9th February 2019?

Stephen Millar, Managing Partner, law firm CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP, Henrietta Mbeah-Bankas of the NHS, Bevan Powell MBE, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion officer for the Methodist Church of Great Britain, Brian Smith Youth and Children's Coordinator for the London District of the Methodist Church, Cheryl Gurnham of CMS, Estanis Bouza, Careers Consultant at City, University, Fabian Akinola's of Ludlow Thompson, James Dellow a youth worker, Jenny Lee, an Actuarial Consultant, and author as well as Founder and Director of the I Will Tell International Film Festival, Jennifer Smith, the Superintendent Minister at Wesley's Chapel, Jonathan Mead Learning and Development Co-ordinator for the Methodist Church of Great Britain, Melanie Thallapally, a student currently on gap

year with the Sapphire charity and myself, (Sally Rush).

Employing Mind, Body and Spirit:
A free one-day conference taking a holistic approach to finding work and thriving in it.

Venue: Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission, 49 City Road, London
Date: Sat 9 Feb 2019
Time: 10am – 5pm



Booking via Eventbrite: employingmindbodyandspirit.eventbrite.co.uk
For more info contact: Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission - cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk - 020 7253 2262

The answer is all of these people will be speaking at the Employing Mind, Body and Spirit conference we are organising, as part of our mission work. The tag line of this conference is about helping

people find employment and thrive in it.

You may well have seen the poster, designed by Jordan Abankwah, around the church or in a local newspaper. You may have seen the flyer in a local supermarket, library or Job Centre Plus office or even on the back of a toilet door in Look Mum No Hands, café in Old Street. Alternatively you may have seen the promotional video that Sylvester Mbeah has produced for us on social media.

The event is a collaboration between Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission and a range of partners. The London District Mission Fund has contributed one third of the budget for this conference with Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission contributing the rest. Methodist Insurance have provided travel cups and pens. Soapbox, a local youth centre, are providing entertainment over the lunch period which also has a market place where Roehampton University, The Methodist Intern Programme and Ludlow Thompson will all have a presence.

As I've contacted local schools and colleges about this initiative, as well as our ecumenical partners and other groups we have regular contact with through our work in the local community such as the Muslim Welfare House and St. Luke's Community Centre what has struck me is how this mission activity seems to be recapturing something of our historical essence.

Just as Wesley did in his time and the Leysian Mission in theirs what we're doing is seeking to reach out and help give opportunities, aspiration and choice to the local community. We're looking out at who we want to help, as well as supporting people within our own congregation. We're also looking out at how we can work together with different parts of the Methodist Church and other partners in the community. As I wandered round and popped flyers into a local pub and a vape shop I realised I was stepping, in some ways, in the footsteps of the past as well as the present. Mission in the local community has been continuous for over 260 years, this is part of what it looks like now.

You all probably know somebody who could benefit from this conference, which whilst aimed primarily at 18-30 year olds, is open to all. It may be that they are worried about stepping into a new space on their own. If they are why don't you book on and come with them. All who are interested in finding work or changing career are welcome and the conference is free. Bookings can be made via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/employing-mind-body-and-spirit-tickets-53388556610> right up to Friday afternoon.

THE METHODIST WORSHIP BOOK

Twenty years ago this month on Ash Wednesday, 17th February 1999, the Methodist Worship Book (MWB) was launched at a



Press Conference held here at Wesley's Chapel. Present were religion correspondence from many of the daily papers, representatives from television channels, a number of writers from religious journals and a good sprinkling of Methodist friends. I'm not sure we would get such a

good turn-out today.

I was a member of the liturgical committee, which had spent over five years preparing and testing the new services, so I sat with my colleagues at the front, ready to be questioned by the assembled throng. As far as the press were concerned there was one particularly controversial issue in the MWB which everyone wanted to ask questions about. This concerned the wording of the prayer on page 204, in which we pray to God as 'our Father and our Mother'. We are all used to addressing God as 'our Father,' but also to address God as 'our Mother' was controversial in all the churches. (There is a difference between saying that God is like a mother, which is biblical, and actually addressing God by this title).

The use of 'our Mother' had been controversial in our committee, in the columns of the Methodist Recorder and at the Methodist Conference. Nowhere in the Bible is God addressed as 'our Mother'. The very first, and predictable, question from the press to our chair was, 'Why have you overthrown 2,000 years of tradition by addressing God as Mother?' I was stunned when the chair of the committee avoided replying and turning to me said, 'John would you like to answer that?'

Apart from trying to respond in a coherent way, I had to defend a decision which (unknown to most people at the time) our committee had not agreed with. In an early draft of the service, written four years before the final publication, we had included a prayer with these words in an experimental service to 'test the judgement' of the church. The response we had from many churches which had trialled the service was voluminous and very divided for and against. We as a committee were divided among ourselves, but decided that the reference should not be included. The final draft had dropped the words.

However, the final decision on the words of the service had to be approved by the hundreds of members of the Methodist Conference, which is the final arbiter of our faith and doctrines. A group of members of Conference proposed that the words 'and our Mother' should be re-inserted, and Conference, after a vigorous debate voted in favour of putting the words back. It is rare for Conference to act so radically!

At the press conference I set out the grounds on which it is possible to justify the use of the words and found myself quoted in several papers as 'a Methodist representative'. Afterwards I was invited on several television and radio programmes to speak more about it, on one of which I was opposed by a member of the very conservative Anglican group the Prayer Book Society which wanted to keep the traditional words of the Book of Common Prayer.

Controversy about these few words tended to overwhelm an awareness of the many significant changes from the little red Methodist Service Book (MSB) which was in use from 1975 until 1999) and which many members will remember.

The new MWB contains many more services than the old MSB. There are, for example, a wide variety of Communion Services, including ones for each of the different seasons of the Church Year. The services set out to capture the distinctive 'flavour' of the festival in its liturgy. I love the intercessions on the epiphany of Christ in the Christmas Communion, 'Unlooked for', 'Searched for', 'Longed for' and 'Prayed for.' And my spine always tingles with the closing words of the Advent Communion, 'The day of the Lord is surely coming.....'.

Also there are three services for 'Ordinary Time,' which is any day which is not part of a festival season (Advent, Easter etc). Ordinary time includes a few weeks between Christmas and Lent, and the much longer period from Pentecost to Advent. One of the biggest expansions in the MWB is in the Funeral section. Apart from four different funeral services, there are services of 'Prayer with the Dying', 'Prayers after Death' 'A Vigil', 'An Office of Commendation' and a 'Service for the Burial of Ashes'. Finally, there are special services for the 'Blessing of a Home' and the 'Dedication of a Church'.

The committee spent many hours debating whether or not the 'traditional' prayer in the Covenant Service (page 290), 'I am no longer my own, but yours' should be updated. One very skilled member wrote an alternative, which the committee hardly altered (normally everything was torn apart and re-assembled) and this can be found on page 288). Much as I admire the writing, I have never wanted to use it!

When the MWB was being planned part of the purpose was to offer worshippers a wider and richer way of expressing praise and thanksgiving to God than had previous been offered. It was not

laying down how things had to be done; rather to offer a broader and more varied 'menu' of worship.

All the services were 'trialled' throughout the church and were used in many local churches for a number of months. Every response was carefully considered, although it was difficult when those who were either for or against a change were split 50-50. The responses which were the result of actual use of the service – how they worked in practice – were particularly valuable when it came to revision. There is a world of difference between a text which looks right on paper and a text which 'works' for a congregation. It is interesting that the service which has been most criticised (perhaps I should not say which) was one of the last to be written and was trialled for the shortest time and there was little opportunity for adequate responses!

Let me say a word about two sections in the book which are particularly precious to me. First, the book includes a lectionary (a schedule of biblical readings to be read over the church year). It is worth having a look at it (see pages 565 onwards) perhaps before the service starts – or afterwards. It runs over a three-year cycle (A, B and C), each of which begin on Advent Sunday. One of each of the first three Gospels is read, almost in its entirety, during the year, with John's Gospel divided out among them. There is extensive use of the Old Testament, and most of the Epistles are read (in this context 'Epistle' means any New Testament book other than a Gospel). We are now in year C, which uses Luke's Gospel.

Apart from the guidance the lectionary offers to preachers, it means that a far broader selection of the Bible is read in church than would be if choice depended on the whim of the preacher. The official title of the lectionary is the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). This was originally the work of Roman Catholic scholars, but it was much revised after comments from other churches. Apart from the world-wide Catholic Church, it is now used by the Methodist Church, by the Church of England and by many Baptist and United Reformed Churches. That is why often,

a service on the radio will use the same lessons as we use. (And it has helped me when I have worshipped in a Catholic church in France or Spain, even though I do not know the language in any detail). The RCL is one of the richest fruits of the world-wide ecumenical movement.

Second, the section on the Collects offers two prayers for each Sunday of the year which 'collect' together particular themes and ideas which are included in the lectionary. Many of them are ancient prayers of the church which speak to us in their careful and succinct use of words. I had to learn some of them when I was a schoolboy, so these can sometimes bring back mixed feelings, though I value those which did nothing for me over 60 years ago.

Finally, there was another recommendation of the liturgical committee which the Methodist Conference did not approve. We suggested that the worship book should be called 'Wonder, Love and Praise' (after the last line in Wesley's hymn 'Love divine, all loves excelling'), but the suggestion got a liturgical 'thumbs down'. Although it has the more prosaic title, Methodist Worship Book, it will have succeeded if it enables congregations to worship God with 'Wonder, Love and Praise'.

***The Revd Dr John Lampard
Supernumerary - Wesley's Chapel***

SERENDIPITY TWENTY-NINE

Still More Questions – The Foundry **Part One:**

Earlier Serendipity articles published in Window on Wesley's listed some of the questions that visitors to Wesley's Chapel have asked Heritage Stewards. Such questions have sometimes related to the "Foundry Chapel" when, as told in an earlier edition of Windows on Wesley's, it has to be explained that this former vestry was only erected during Victorian times

and so was not actually John Wesley's original *Foundery*. Instead the building that was Wesley's first London headquarters, and which was demolished at the end of the 18th Century, was sited some two to three hundred metres south of Wesley's Chapel on the east side of what is now Tabernacle Street; however, more remains of interest to be told than just this bald statement.

What is "Foundery"?

"Foundery" is an archaic, 18th Century, spelling of the word foundry which is what a work place is called where metal is melted and then is cast, (or poured), into moulds to be left to cool to set in the shapes dictated by that of the moulds. It was also the name given to John Wesley's first London Headquarters.

What was the Origin and the History of the Foundery?

Following John Wesley's evangelical conversion in May 1738, he was compelled by his conviction, that God had chosen him for a special purpose, into using every opportunity that came for, "*declaring the glad tidings of salvation to all who were willing to hear*". At first he sought to do this from church pulpits but when he was not permitted to do so in Church of England or on dissenter premises, he was forced, against his inclinations to impart the Good News by "field preaching", that is by speaking at open air gatherings. To his surprise, he found that by standing and announcing his message at any convenient place, such as at a market cross, then the novelty of a clergyman doing such a thing outside a church was enough to attract the curiosity of all ranks of men and women. He realised that, in this way, he could deliver the glad tidings of salvation to mass audiences of the people who gathered to gape in amazement; the many who would never venture inside a church. Then, so that he could get to meet, and impart the Gospel of Christ, to as many men and women as he could, John continued to "field preach" for the rest of his life in the cities, towns, villages and

hamlets, as well as the actual fields, wherever he stopped on his perpetual journeys around Britain in his bid to revive the Church of England.

If he were alive today, and in London, he would, almost certainly, like that famous Methodist preacher of recent times, Donald Soper, go to Hyde Park corner to fulfil his calling. But in 1739, when he started his field preaching in the metropolis, he went to, among other London venues, the Moorfields. These were the large open areas of ground laid out as parkland with trees, lawns and paths that then existed a few hundred metres, south of where Wesley's Chapel now stands, and outside the Moor Gate entrance to the then walled City of London. The Moorfields were used by many of the citizens of London for sport, recreation, entertainment as well as for mass public gatherings and meetings of all kinds. With its large crowds, Moorfields were thus ideally suited to be where the Wesley Brothers, and other Methodists, such as George Whitefield, could attract attention and get an audience.

Of course the Moorfields that John Wesley knew are long since gone and the only open remnants of the once parklands, are the bowling greens and gardens of Finsbury Square and Finsbury Circus. The rest of the area has long since been developed and covered over with buildings; indeed this was happening during John's lifetime. Thus it is no longer possible to locate the actual site of the beginning of John's London work.

By the late autumn of 1739, Wesley's regular preaching in Moorfields was starting to bring together a number of people who were sufficiently attracted by and interested in what they were hearing to desire to learn more. In their anxiety to discuss the implications of the message that had been implanted in their hearts they wanted the opportunity to be able to meet regularly with Wesley and others in order to work out their own salvation. For this purpose, they urged Wesley to form a religious society and for this to meet they needed somewhere they might gather. There was also an additional factor, it was

getting late in the year and it was becoming difficult for John to continue to carry on his field preaching campaign in the open air under the exceptionally cold conditions of that winter, so if Wesley was to continue the work he had started in London, then he needed a place of shelter.

Fortuitously, it so happened, that close by there then existed a potential venue which might be capable of being adapted to meet John's needs. This was in the unlikely form of a ruined factory that then stood a short distance north from Moorfields on the east side of the lane called Windmill Hill, (now Tabernacle Street). There it could be reached through a narrow alley that turned out of Royal Row, (now City Road), a little south of Bunhill Fields burial ground. The ruins being all that remained of the Royal Brass Foundry which was a government ordnance factory established during the English Civil War for the manufacture of cannons; the heavy artillery weapons of the day. Although, from 1684, as the privatization of public assets seems not to have been confined to the policy of recent governments, the factory had become known as Bagley's Foundry.

How did the Ruins come about?

The circumstance that led to the ruination of the factory came about when the foundry was being utilized for the recasting of the French artillery captured by the Duke of Marlborough during his Flanders campaign in the "War of Spanish Succession", (1701 – 14). The recasting technique involved first melting the broken brass guns in crucibles heated in a furnace and then pouring the molten metal into clay bonded sand moulds of the new guns. The melting process, with the roaring brilliant flames of the furnaces, and the pouring of the glowing streams of molten metal from the crucibles into the moulds, was visually spectacular. Because of this, taking place as it did in semi-public conditions, it tended despite the inherent dangers, to attract fascinated crowds of spectators; the modern concept of "health and safety" being then unknown, it would seem.

On the particular occasion, in May 1716, with which we are concerned, an unusually large audience was present to witness what was normally a routine, trouble free procedure.

Unfortunately, this time, carelessness on the part of the workmen involved would appear to have allowed water to be absorbed by the sand used to form the moulds. This was potentially perilous, for if not noticed before casting was begun, then the introduction of the very hot liquid brass could result in a violent reaction, with catastrophic results from the explosive generation of super-heated steam and the wholesale scattering of red hot metallic particles.

Although the dangerous condition of the moulds was detected, it came too late to halt the work. Thus the pouring of liquid metal took place with the result that it produced an effect so violent and so loud, that it could have been heard at Charterhouse School, right across London, where the thirteen-year-old John Wesley was then a pupil. Regrettably, the explosion was also very destructive too, for it killed 17 people, (including the eponymous Mr. Bagley, the founder), injured many other spectators and badly damaged the building.

Such were the immediate results of the neglect of elementary precautions, but the ultimate consequences were of much greater importance. When the ordnance factory was first established it was, on a site both convenient for the artillery grounds and in open country but, by 1716 it had become hemmed in by other buildings. After the accident, the inhabitants of the surrounding area, alarmed by what had happened, and fearful of the potential danger to their lives and property, clamoured for the factory to be decommissioned. The authorities, appreciative of the limitations of the site, and reluctant anyway to spend money on restoring the facilities, yielded to the protests. The factory was closed down and the building left to fall into ruin. The work was then taken back into Government hands and transferred across the Thames to the new, more modern ordnance factory, then being set up on a

green field site at Woolwich where it eventually became the famous Arsenal.

As for the abandoned Bagley's foundry, it and the rest of the factory, remained a derelict, empty ruined shell, for more than twenty years. That is, until John Wesley's attention was drawn to the properties existence and the potential for his use.

At this point, we will close this part of the story, having told of a possible solution to John Wesley's needs; both for somewhere that the men and women he had "awoken" could meet, as well as a place of refuge where he could continue to evangelise despite the vicissitudes of the weather. If you are sufficiently interested in the outcome, and want to learn more about the establishment of the Foundry and of its history, then make sure of getting the next edition of Window on Wesley's.

Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward

Volunteering at Whitechapel Mission

Throughout 2019 there will be various opportunities for us to learn more about the work of Whitechapel Mission and be involved in their work with the homeless.



There are two volunteering opportunities in February and March:

- 14th February – clothing/donations sorting – 9am start
- 1st March – preparing and serving breakfast – 5:45am start

It is an early start, but is definitely worth the effort.

If you are interested, please speak to Cheryl Gurnham or complete a form which you will find on the table at the back of the Chapel and leave it in the green post box for collection.

Alternatively please contact the Chapel office on 020 7253 2262 or email administration@wesleyschapel.org.uk for details.

Global Mission Fellow's Newsletter

CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION



Newsletter # 1

January 15, 2019



The first day in London
Kuya JoJo, Minster Jen, and Me

Prayer

- For the hardship of people migrants and homeless people.
- My daily life and mission here in London. For having wisdom as I navigate a new country, for my health to serve God and to improve my English for reaching out to more people.
- Pray for my mum and beloved ones who lives in Cambodia for joy and peace as we are living in different countries. I hope she does not miss me too much and I pray for God's protection over her.

Give to Advance Projects
#3022475

Happy New Year,

A warm welcome and my heartfelt greetings to you as we begin 2019 with love, joy and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ. As we begin a new chapter of life, I would like to share my story since coming to the UK on the 22nd of October 2018.

My name is Sopha Touch. Most people know me by 'Tony'. Coming from my home country Cambodia, I am a Global Mission Fellow from Kampong Chhnang Vision Methodist Church, a Cambodia Mission Initiative.

As the first missionary from Cambodia to work with The Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission (Mother Church of World Methodism) as a lay worker, I have received welcome and guidance from my Supervisor (Jen, Wesley's Chapel Minister), co workers, congregation, and my new Benin and Filipino family. As I experience the cultural differences between London and Cambodia with lifestyle, language, weather and food amongst others, it has been a nurturing journey so far.

As part of my everyday growth with Wesley's Chapel, I am involved with our young adults group, the church choir and community activities such as working with our district lay workers and London Citizens Mayoral Assembly 2018. I have also been working as a staff member at The Whitechapel Mission, supporting homeless Londoners. This outreach is the church dedication to work against anti-poverty, mental health in relation to issues of migration and immigration.



Singing with Wesley's Chapel Choir



Diabetes Awareness (Top) & Christmas' Meal

At 4 in the morning, I am up and prepared to serve our community at The Whitechapel Mission. As a team, we work daily by cooking, serving hot food, cleaning and providing showers and fresh set of clothing. I will soon be starting a new role with the Mission in life skill training. The purpose is to provide advice for people to overcome the challenges of homelessness. This includes supporting people with complex needs and counseling to build confidence in making lasting changes in their lives.

On reflection about the time when I first lost my phone and got locked out of my room, it took time for me to realise that God placed these experiences to prepare my work as a missionary and volunteer. I have always lived with my belief in feeling peace, joy and love from God through the good and bad times. At first, I kept asking why these events happened to me only to realise the work God was doing in my life. I am thankful of this lesson learnt that when life seem unstable, be quiet and turn to God for he never gives up on us but is our forever teacher.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6.”

As we grow in the likeness of God, I would like to invite you to join this mission with me by sharing your stories, experiences and prayer requests. Your encouragement through prayers and donations will be deeply appreciated. Donations are received by the Global Mission Fellows program through my advance number #3022475. I sincerely like to keep in touch! Please feel free to reach me through my contact details.

Jesus Bless You!



Some Activities at The Whitechapel Mission



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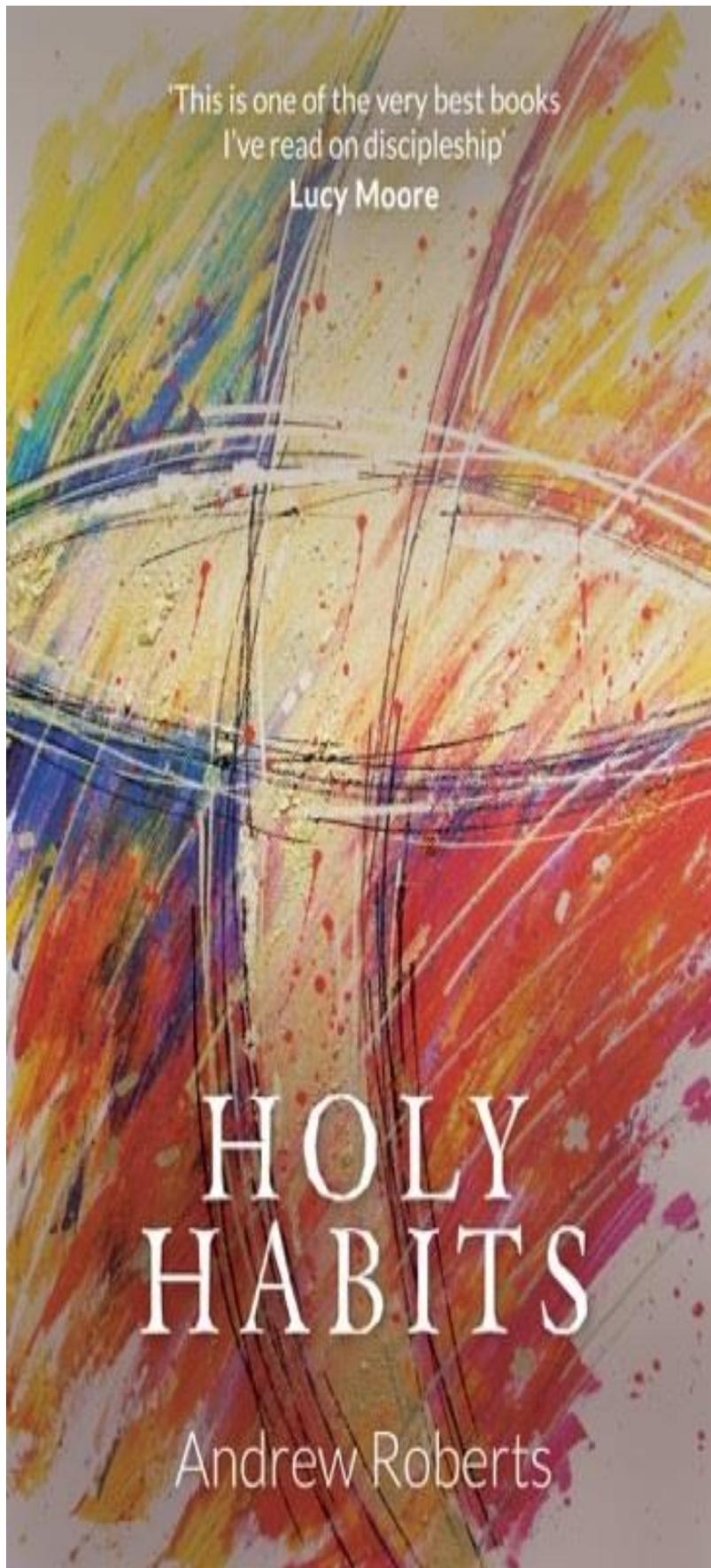


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'This is one of the very best books
I've read on discipleship'
Lucy Moore

HOLY HABITS

Andrew Roberts

WESLEY'S CHAPEL & LEYSIAN MISSION 18- 30 LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Meet 12:30pm
outside Wesley's and
head out to lunch
before coming back
to dive into some
Holy Habits:
Jan - Introduction to
Holy Habits
Feb – Biblical
Teaching
March – Fellowship
April – Breaking
Bread
May – Prayer
June – Sharing
Resources
July – Serving
August – Eating
Together
September –
Gladness and
Generosity
October – Worship
November – Making
More Disciples
December -
Conclusion



John Wesley
The Museum of Methodism
& John Wesley's House

Secret Life of John Wesley

Weds 20 February, 11am-3pm

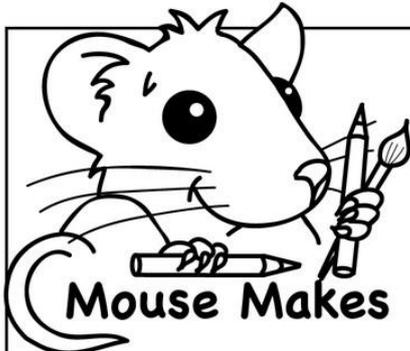
Come and explore our 18th century townhouse and find out what it was like to live here in the 18th century. There will be lacemaking and you'll be able to try 18th century recipes! For our free family activity you will be able to make your own 18th century toys to take away.

Free Entry, 11am - 3pm



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WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP
CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP

God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvidi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpf xip cfmjfwft
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Kpio 3:16



How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

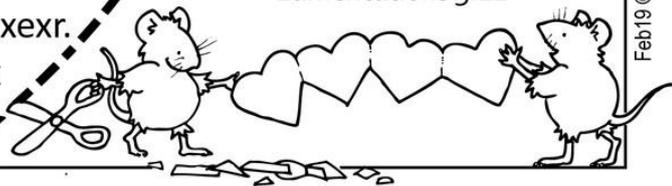
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the word, so that we
etil evst trjim
miH hgurott
e:4 noh 1

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

xxGxixvxexxtxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxtxhx
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xoxxodx,xxHxixsxsxxtxeaxdx
fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxeexnxdu
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.
xpxsxaxlxmxx
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases"
Lamentations 3:22



WESLEY'S CHAPEL
& LEYSIAN MISSION

Lunchtime Music Recitals

Tuesdays at 1.05 - 1.50pm

FREE
ENTRY

February 2019

- 5th No Recital this week
- 12th Niklas Oldemeier (Piano)
- 19th Kevin Cahill (Guitar)
- 26th Edward Leung (Piano)

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Weekly programme of events

Sunday	9.45am	Holy Communion (except first Sunday in month)
	11.00am	Morning Service
	12.30pm	Methodist Women in Britain (MWIB) (first Sunday in the month)
	12.30pm	Wesley's Chapel Men's Fellowship (first Sunday in Month) (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	2.00pm	Sisterhood Fellowship
Tuesday	10.30am	Teddy Bear Service (last Tuesday in the Month)
	1.05pm	Lunchtime Recital (except July, August & December – free entry)
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association (11 & under)
Wednesday	10.00am	Stay and Play (pre-school – term time only)
	12.45pm	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday	12.45pm	Lunchtime Service
Friday	1.00pm	Book Club (Second Friday in the month)

If you would like to submit an article, poem, prayer or item of interest for this magazine please email it to:

**manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk or alternatively
administration@wesleyschapel.org.uk**

Evening's

TALIZIE

at Wesley's Chapel

A SERVICE OF PRAYER, SONG
AND REFLECTION.

LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

AT 7.00PM

IN THE RADNOR ROOM

