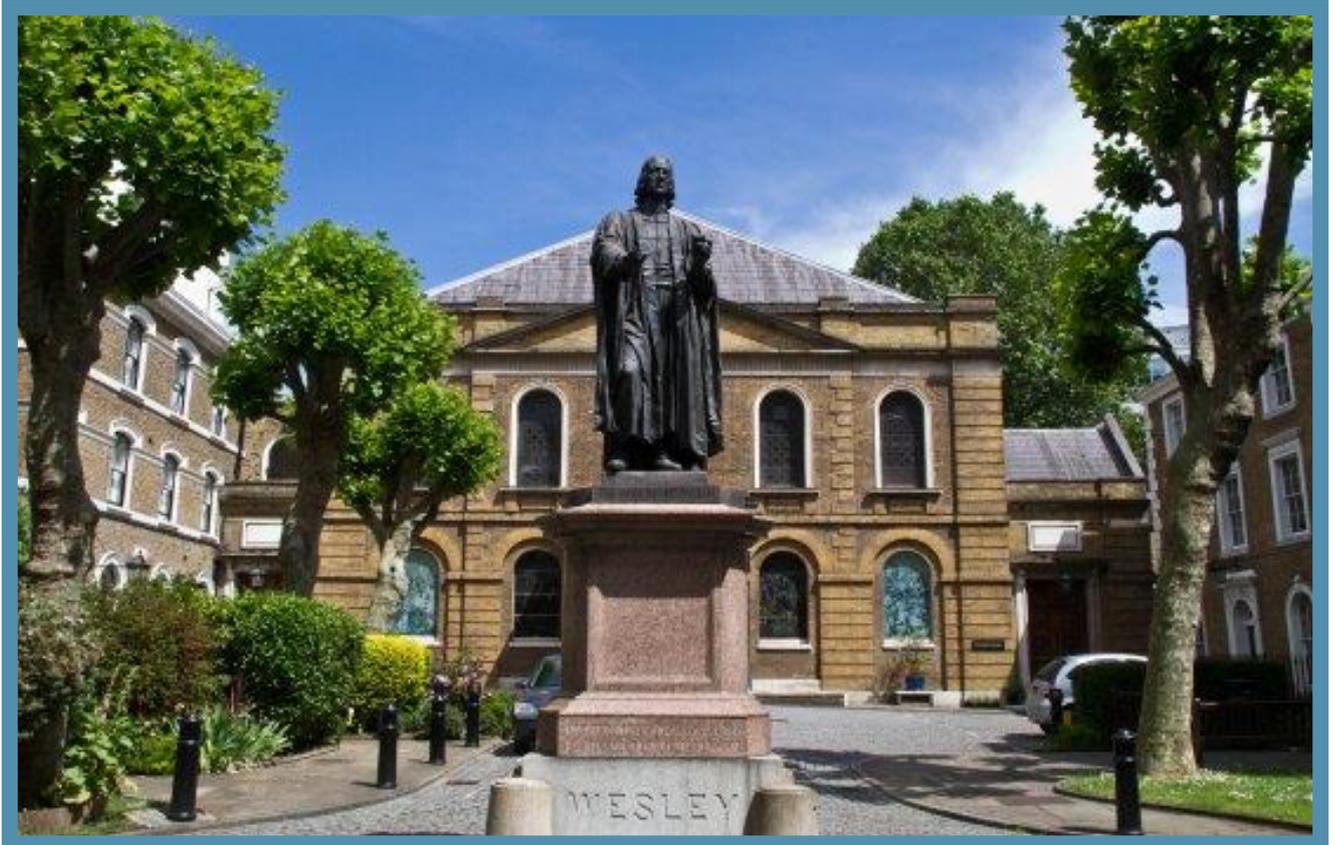


WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



SEPTEMBER 2019

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Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them ‘What do you seek?’ And they said to him, ‘Teacher, where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ John 1.39

Dear Friends,

As we move into a new church year this September, the verse above has been speaking to me. When Jesus notices that people are curious about what he is about, he does not talk about himself, but asks what is happening with them: ‘What do you seek?’ And then even when pressed for more, he still does not try to explain, but invites them to join in for themselves: ‘Come and see.’ Here at Wesley’s Chapel and Leysian Mission, God has built an extraordinary church out of who you are, woven together in this place with our global Methodist heritage. This is a church which catches attention and makes people curious: ‘Really? Hundreds of people together on a Sunday, every Sunday?’ ‘People from all over the world, with all sorts of backgrounds, work, and ways of life?’ ‘What do you do, exactly?’

To which I think God still responds, ‘What do you seek?’ and then ‘Come and see.’ I hope this is what each of us says to friends, or work colleagues, or family members who might wonder why we give our time to church, and the role God plays in our lives. This is how churches grow, not by making observers, but by inviting participants. What is prayer and how does it work? Pray and find out. What does it mean to say scripture reveals God’s truth? Read it and ask. How can such a diverse group of people work together in one church? Don’t look at them, look at the one they gather around, Jesus Christ.

Wesley’s Chapel offers many things: worship with song, sacrament, and word, service, learning, heritage, care and welcome. Mainly, it is a place to grow in God’s grace, to ‘Come and see’ where Jesus is. Now, more than ever, this is worth celebrating. What do you seek? Come and see!

All best, **Jen**

Welcome to the Revd Steven Cooper

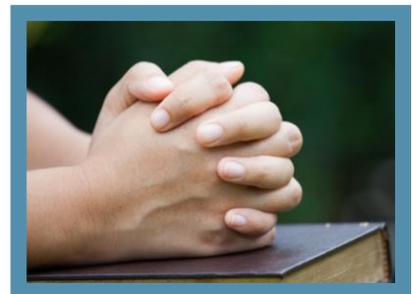
Give thanks this month for the arrival of Steven Cooper, our new Minister here at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission. Steven joins us with his wife Ruth Lyth, and their 3-year-old daughter Seraphina. He joins Jennifer Smith, Superintendent, who has been in post for two years at City Road and is married to the Revd Dr Keith Riglin.



Praying for each other

Pray for the Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission Staff. Eleven people work on site every day for Welcome and Infrastructure, Heritage and Learning, and Church and Community.

Give thanks that over 50 heritage stewards volunteer their time, from all over the country and our local congregation. Pray for the good appointment of a new caretaker. Give thanks for our voluntary community, the six adults living in bedsits onsite.



For all our community, in the uncertainty of Brexit and changing economies, and for our many partner churches across the world.

Pray for the Whitechapel Mission service to homeless Londoners, and the work there of Tony our Global Mission Fellow.

Marriage

One of our overseas members, Sam Mooring, who teaches in Bangkok, was married on 20th July to Stacey March a fellow teacher there in Thailand. Stacey is South African so the wedding was held near her home in Durban. Sam's Godparents John and

Judith Lampard were guests at the wedding, along with family and friends from South Africa, Europe, America, Thailand and Australia. Sam is the son of Methodist minister Revd Peter and Mrs Valerie Mooring. Friends of Sam's at Wesley's Chapel send the couple their warmest good wishes.

Judith Lampard passes on an Invitation to *Reflect*

Reflect - Methodist Spirituality is holding its Annual Open Day Conference at Wesley's Chapel on Saturday 19 October 2019, from 10.00am-3.30pm.

Reflect is a Methodist organisation which encourages spiritual growth, contemplation and silence, retreats and a greater involvement in Christ's world.

The President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Dr Barbara Glasson will give the Keynote Address at the Open Day after opening worship. There will be a variety of Workshops in the afternoon, including;

- Guided meditation
- Introduction to Spiritual Direction
- Storytelling
- Wesley Pilgrimage Walk
- and an opportunity to visit the Museum of Methodism, John Wesley's House and the Physick Garden.

There is no charge for the Day- this is a free event, and all are welcome.

The Chair of *Reflect*, Gill Dascombe, a former Vice President of the Methodist Conference, sends a particular invitation to members and friends of Wesley's Chapel to attend the Open Day.

As the previous Chair of *Reflect*, this work is close to my own heart, and I add my own invitation, and hope to see you here on October 19th.

It would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so I would be glad if you would let me know if you can attend, either by emailing details to administration@wesleyschapel.org.uk or leaving a slip of paper addressed to me, with your name, and Reflect Open Day, in the post box on the table at the back of the Church.

Lunchtime Music Recitals in September (1.05pm) @ Wesley's Chapel

- 3rd Roger Press - Piano
- 10th Grzegorz Mania - Piano
- 17th No recital this week
- 24th Zoe Lethbridge - Voice



Tuesdays @ 1.05pm
Entry Free of Charge

A number of you came along to the Testimony Service, held at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission, in May. You heard Alberta Konadu-Yiadom, Kido Baek and my husband Karl Rutledge tell the stories of how God has been working in their lives. On



Sunday 30th June the three of them got ordained and welcomed into Methodist Full Connexion, (which is all a way of saying they're now full ministers in the Methodist Church of Great Britain).

The day was a great one of celebration and it was good to be able to celebrate it with them.

The reception into full connexion is part of the Methodist Conference and is available to view on line at:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2019/conference-programme/2019-06-30/1045-am/reception-into-full-connexion-and-conference-worship/>

Conference is a week of decision making, but it is also a week of fellowship and worship. The topics for discussion over the week were wide ranging. Whilst the discussions around God in Love Unite Us (on the topic of marriage and relationships) may have been the key talking point for many they were but just one piece of business. We also discussed a range of issues including the environment, the report from 3Generate 2018 - Methodist Children and Youth Assembly and another on the Diaconal Order, produced by the Faith and Worship Committee.

For me a highlight of conference is getting to know more about the Church and its ways of working as well meeting lots of new people. Each year the District looks for people to stand for the elections of conference representatives and I'd encourage anybody to do this. Yes, it involves some reading and preparation but it is well worth the effort in helping the Methodist Church, which is more vibrant than many of us realise, move forward.

Sally Rush – Community Worker (Younger Adults)

Trip to Margate

On Saturday 17 August over 80 members and friends travelled by coach, car, and train to the beach at Margate: the sun shone, music played, the sea was warm! Thanks to all who came, and organised the trip. A great day out. A few snapshots...



September and October is a time when the seasons change. Gone are the long summer days, which our young adults social group enjoyed when they headed off to Regents Park for a picnic and the chill is setting in.



This new season sees the kick off of the Rugby World Cup. It's also the time when a lot of people are new to London. The combination of the two sees us hosting our

rugby world breakfasts as part of our New to London activities this year.

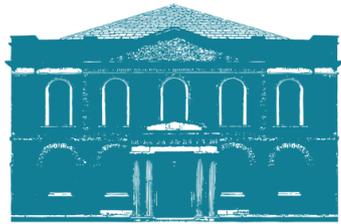
These are intended to enable people who are new to the city to meet others who have been here a while. All are welcome to these matches; a poster is elsewhere in WOW giving dates and times. Obviously to make this initiative work we need people to come and watch the matches with us, to act as welcomers and to help make sure the cereal and croissant breakfasts are set up. If you are interested please see Sally (cw@wesleyshcapel.org.uk).

Many of those who are new to London are students or young professionals. Anybody aged 30 or under is welcome to come along to our socials on the first Saturday of each month and our lunch and bible study on the third Sunday of the month after church. Alcinda, Sopher (Tony), and Sally all have details (email address for more info as above).

It's also the time when people head off to university or head back again. We have links with university chaplains around the country and are happy, with the student's permission, to put them in touch with the university chaplaincy where they're going.

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SERENDIPITY THIRTY: Part Three

Susanna Wesley – Her Life and Times

In the previous instalment of this article we left Susanna at home, alone with her children as her husband had just left, vowing never to return. But, this was not to be, for fortunately, Samuel met with a fellow clergyman who persuaded him, that as a minister, a husband and father, it was his duty to return to his parish and to his wife and children. Back home, at the rectory, Samuel must have quickly sought a rapprochement with Susanna which was aided by the fact that following the death of William in March 1702, the monarch was now the more acceptable Queen Anne.

Anyway, whatever the impetus, on 17th June 1703, Susanna gave birth to the boy who they named John in memory of an earlier son who had died in infancy. Then, the family continued to grow, with a son born in 1705, who was accidentally smothered in infancy, then Martha in 1706, and Charles in 1707. It not being until 1709 that the family was complete with the forty-year-old Susanna giving birth to her last daughter Kezziah.

The care and education of the children was mainly left to Susanna, perhaps assisted in their early years by a succession of young women from Epworth who acted as nurses and maids in the Wesley household. Samuel does seem to have taken some part in educating the children as they grew older, but, in the main he was too involved with his other duties and consequently left Susanna to play the major role in the upbringing of their offspring. Many years after he had left home, and when he was setting up a school, her son John asked Susanna for the details of how she herself had set about imparting a basic education to himself and his siblings.

Susanna wrote: *“While I teach I learn, says Seneca, and while I preach to others I instruct myself. And again, those are the best instructors that teach by their lives and prove their words by their actions. While you instruct your children in the first principles of*

religion, be careful to impress a sense of them on your own mind, and ever take care of your affections, that they may keep pace with and be agreeable to your convictions of the great truths of natural and revealed religion.”

She told John, *“That it is incredible what a child may be taught in a quarter of a year by a vigorous application, if it have but a tolerable capacity and good health. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

In essence, John learnt, that Susanna’s children were first taught obedience, then from the age of five were trained to read and write and conditioned to regularity, diligence, order, self-denial, honesty, benevolence, seriousness and devotion; to fear the rod and to cry softly. But, note, no child was beaten if they honestly confessed their failures and promised to amend their ways, nor were they chided or beaten more than once for the same fault, while acts of obedience were commended and frequently rewarded.

The children then had to live an orderly, methodical existence with Susanna allocating each child a specific period of time to spend alone in her company, while each of them had to get up and to go to bed and to have their meals and lessons at set times. Having been taught their prayers, their alphabet and how to read the Bible at the earliest possible age by Susanna, older children were set to assist the younger ones with their lessons and with dressing. No such things as loud talking, playing, or asking for food outside mealtimes, were allowed and every child was kept close to business for the six hours of school. But all the children of, both sexes, were treated equally in this respect and the girls were not allowed to take up household tasks until they were accomplished at reading and writing. This “methodical” approach achieved its’ purpose for most of Susanna’s children became well educated, and perhaps was then the only way open for a harassed woman to bring up such a large number of children while being almost constantly pregnant, as well as living sometimes, a “hand to mouth” existence.

Nevertheless, advanced for the time, Susanna's teaching would perhaps not now meet with the approval of modern educationalists or child psychologists. Moreover, although hard such an upbringing sounds to us now, the "velvet glove of love" must have been ever prominent, since as John himself observed, he ever after his childhood days were long over, was always returning in his thoughts to the Epworth rectory school room and the regular times he was allotted to spend alone with his mother.

Although her husband had, himself, little time to spare for the children and frequently disagreed with Susanna's actions, he was well aware of her skill at teaching them. He once said to her, "*I admire your patience, you have told this child the same thing twenty times*", to which, Susanna replied, "*I should have lost my labour, if I had just told him nineteen times, since it was only at the twentieth that I succeeded*".

Despite Samuel's apparent neglect of his duties as a father, it would seem absolutely without doubt that he was an excellent parson as even his uncouth parishioners were grudgingly to admit. Nevertheless, although deep courage and tireless energy were the hall marks of his character, his complete absence of business acumen or even plain tact were often sources of trouble. Further, his influence was often absent from Epworth, for Samuel was frequently away in his capacity as a representative of the Lincoln diocese to Convocation. There he spent increasing periods of time engaged in both the business of the meeting and in lobbying to seek some preferment for himself in a more lucrative and less "backwater" parish.

Susanna supported him in these endeavours; as she commented in a letter to a friend: "*I should think it a thousand pities that a man of his brightness and useful knowledge, in relation to the church of God should be confined to an obscure corner of the country where his talents are buried.*" Susanna knew that this was to the family's cost, since Samuel had to stay at his own expense in London where the Convocation met. This was a drain on the annual income from his living which ought to have been entirely

adequate except it partly came from any earnings produced by his glebe farm. But, since, as indicated, Samuel had no head for finance and very little agriculture expertise, his farm probably cost him more to run than he could gain from it. Further, while he was away in London, he had to employ curates to cover for him at Epworth and as he could afford only little payment, such deputies were seldom of first rate quality.

On one occasion in 1712, the curate who was acting for Samuel, was so inadequate that members of the congregation of St Andrews Church persuaded Susanna to let them attend the family prayers that she was leading for her children and servants in the rectory kitchen. These became so popular, and proved so valuable to the villagers, that soon more people were gathering in her kitchen for the prayers and Susanna's homilies than were going to the Church services. This led the curate, a Mr. Inman, to write to Samuel complaining that Susanna was holding illegal services, or conventicles. This prompted Samuel to write a sharp letter to his wife desiring her to desist. Susanna wrote back that the villagers were attending her prayer meetings entirely freely, and not at her request, solely because of the inadequacy of his deputy. She said she would prevent their attendance only, if Samuel would send her a positive command, *"which would absolve her from all guilt, for neglecting an opportunity of doing good to souls, when they both appeared before the great and awful tribunal of the Lord Jesus Christ"*.

This seems to have given Samuel pause for thought since no more would seem to have been made of his wife's "kitchen services". This being particularly the case after Samuel found for himself just how poor a deputy Mr. Inman had proved to be. Nevertheless, it did not prompt Samuel to return home where Susanna was now having to cope with the outbreak of Smallpox which was infecting five of the children including John; miraculously they all recovered from the deadly disease. Fortunately, among her other qualities as a mother, Susanna was a good business manager, but, as noted earlier, even she was unable to keep Samuel out of debt. This was compounded by a

series of calamities which circumstances suggest could have been caused, at least in part, by the machinations of malicious neighbours.

If you are interested enough to want to learn what these calamities were, then you will need to make sure of obtaining a copy of the next edition of Window on Wesley's.

Keith Dutton - Heritage Steward



Where shall we hold the wedding?

A review of wedding laws is underway, which could mean that couples are given a much wider choice of where they are allowed to enter into marriage or a civil partnership.

Currently, the law requires ceremonies to be held in: places of worship, register offices, or buildings licensed by local authorities. But it may be that changes in the law would allow wedding to be held in anything from marquees, private homes, military sites for service personnel, at sea, or even in the open air, as is already possible in Scotland.

The sites would still have to meet the existing test of solemnity and dignity, but they would mean that couples have a wider range of cheaper alternatives to hiring expensive wedding venues. The Law Commission is expected to produce a set of recommendations by 2021 for new legislation.





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8:45AM

22nd Sept: Ireland v Scotland

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+ knock out matches at 8:15am

20th & 9:00am 27th Oct



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If anybody wishes to join the Wesley's welcome team for the Rugby World Cup Breakfasts please contact Sally Rush (cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk).

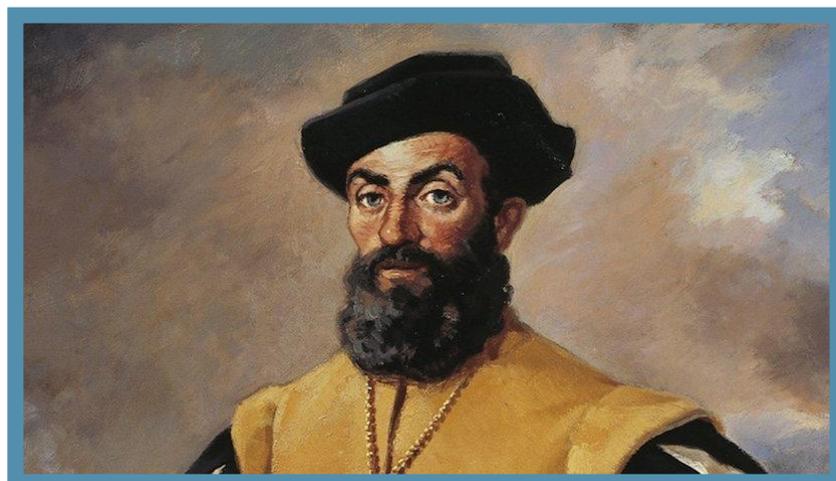
And finally its was.....

First time around the world – 500 years ago

Five hundred years ago, on 20th September 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan led a Spanish expedition to the East Indies that turned into the first circumnavigation of the world in 1522.

Magellan was a minor Portuguese noble serving the crown until King Manuel I refused to support his bid to reach India by a new route, south of America, through what are now known as the Straits of Magellan. So, he switched allegiance to King Charles I of Spain and set off with five vessels to reach the Spice Islands. But Magellan was killed in a battle with natives in the Philippines in 1521, when he took the side of a local chieftain who had converted to Christianity and was defeated by one who did not. The circumnavigation was completed under the command of the Spaniard Juan Sebastian Elcano, in the only remaining seaworthy ship, the Victoria.

Magellan had encountered many problems, including a mutiny. Of the 270 who left on the expedition, fewer than 20 returned, and most of them – including Elcano – were anti-Magellan, whose reputation suffered as a result. But Antonio Pigafetta, a Venetian survivor who had kept a diary, was eventually able to put that right.



Reflect

Methodist spirituality

Open Day Conference

Saturday 19 October 2019

10am - 3.30pm (followed by Reflect AGM 3.30 - 4pm)

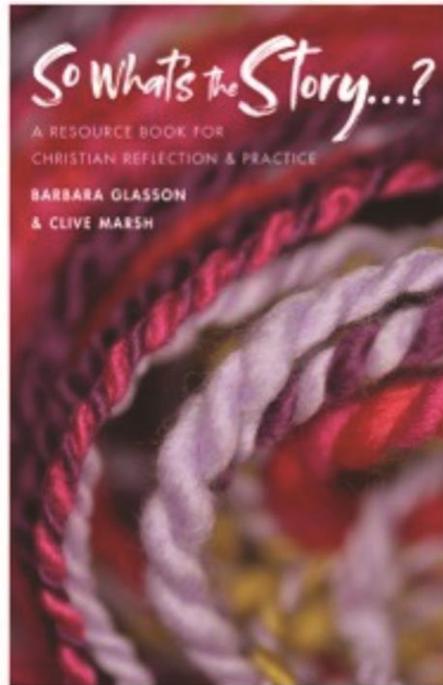
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Keynote address from
Rev Dr Barbara Glasson
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& co-author of
"So What's the Story...?"
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pilgrimage, Introduction to Spiritual
Direction, visit to Wesley's Chapel,
museum, house and physick garden,
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Teddy Bear Service

Last Tuesday of the month, 10.30 - 11.00

Interactive church service for babies, toddlers, and their parents, guardians or carers
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12:00pm Thursday 19th September

Harvest Café Church

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission Weekly Programme

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 Methodist Men's Fellowship (first Sunday in month)
	12.30pm	Young Adults lunch & Bible Study (third 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
Wednesday	10.00am	Stay and Play (pre-school – term time only)
	12.45pm	Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes)
Thursday	12.45pm	Service of the Word (30 minutes) <i>(followed by lunch & fellowship)</i>
Saturday		Young Adults Social (first Saturday in the month) <i>(times may vary according to activity)</i>

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

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