



# WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



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Dear Friends,

I hope this special electronic edition of Window on Wesley's finds you well and safe, and at home. We are all finding our way, as church doing our level best to stay in contact with each other, and to care for one another during the Covid 19 outbreak. I am writing this on the last day of March, and I do not know what next week, or the weeks ahead will look like.

What I do know is that we will be equal to whatever comes. As a community, as a church, and as individuals. My expectation is that we will have some grieving to do together, before we are done. And that there will be unexpected joys along the way as well. And along with every other part of our society, we will be working out what this means, and how to deal realistically with this gap in our physical fellowship.

People are more important than buildings, things, or programmes: now is the time to contact each other and be ingenious in how you support one another. And for us all to remember those in much of the world who face this crisis with much less support than we have, as a society.

In good news, you can be proud that our Global Mission Fellow Sopha (Tony) has recovered from a few days of illness himself, and after the right period of self isolation has returned to work at the Whitechapel Mission. They are providing takeaway packs of food, and hoping for warm weather to come soon: London's homeless are extraordinarily vulnerable.

Our learning Officer Gemma Smith and Curator Christian Dettlaff are working from home, and putting more of our Museum collections online: have a look. And we are attracting congregations of well over 5000 people every week. We have had communications from all over the world thanking us and giving news of how different churches are responding.

There is much we cannot yet predict, but we are here and we will continue to serve this local community and to partner our global church. Please, stay in touch: with every blessing this Easter,

*Jen*

### **A Word in Season: Solitary Self Isolation**

This is something many of us are doing and when it was first announced sounded and felt rather formidable. One of the benefits I found was the amount of 'spare time' I had to do other things. There were of course negative side effects – I couldn't get to Trinity, Woking, my home church, for Worship or Friday Prayer Group, follow my calling to preach, visit my Grandchildren in Chesham, make my usual regular visits to Wesley's Chapel, even the Crematorium was locked and I couldn't make my weekly visit to change the flowers at my late wife Christine's Memorial.

Yet there were unexpected benefits – thank God for modern technology – quickly my church set up a weekly Newsletter and, we started a What's App virtual Friday Prayer Group open to anyone and the first one worked, very well. I may not have been able to get to Trinity for Worship but I have taken part in the U tube feed from Wesley's Chapel and I participated in Sunday Morning Worship a week ago and the Holy Communion service last Sunday. Thank you to the team I found them both very helpful.

Our Family Link Worker and I are making up a 40 min. Zoom presentation for our young Friday Fun Club regulars with a Bible themed story and related art/craft activities. As part of that I have started to write a series of stories about 'The Folk of Pilgrim Valley – for the younger ones (2 – 6/7) based in Pilgrim Wood about Matilda Mouse and her woodland friends. For the older ones (8+) a series about the people who live in Pilgrim Valley – the Twins and their family and friends. This week the theme is 'Lost and Found'.

My daughter Daniela and I have a one-to-one half hour video Guided Reading session every school day with the Grandchildren, (Isobel 10 and Clara 8) we see them alternate weeks. It is very satisfying. I have also made four jigsaw puzzles, with a fifth about to start. They are of places with happy family memories. When completed they are framed and hung in various parts of the house.

It has been easier to fulfil my Lent task; as I am not able to fast for medical reasons I undertook to take a walk, or another form of exercise, every day. Today I took my camera on a walk round the Park and Lake near my home to make a Solitary Self-Isolating photo montage. I was part way round when I realised that Self Isolation is not a new idea for part of the meaning of Lent is around the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before starting his mission to bring God's love to the world.

He used the time to focus on God and the task ahead. He was entirely alone with God and spent his time fasting, meditating and praying. As I walked I found myself talking to God and as I took the pictures of bare trees, individuals on their own, the empty, locked, playground and even the coots and swans on the lake were keeping at least two metres apart; there were also signs of new life and hope – bushes budding, a variety of wildflowers blooming, and gardens with new growth. Spring and Easter are on the way, the season of new life and hope.

I found myself thinking of Romans 8:35-39 and Deuteronomy 33:26-27a, Psalm 130 and Romans 8:35-39. (all from RSV) Like us at the moment the Psalmist is crying out to God, the writer of Deuteronomy reminds us of that wonderful phrase –  
*'The eternal God is our dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms.'*

Paul reminds us in Romans that  
*'Nothing, (not even Covid-19) can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'*

Jesus was not separated from God in the wilderness and today nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!

In their periods of isolation for centuries monks have focussed on prayer, meditation and reading scripture. We can take some time in our isolation to read a Bible passage, meditate on it and to pray, try out loud. To share our thoughts, cares, anxieties and needs for ourselves and others.

Taking an amended idea from Roots\* when you have finished your prayers give yourself a big hug and say – **Loving Lord God hold me in your everlasting arms for nothing can separate me from your love.**

May God bless you all as you continue to face Solitary, Self-Isolation

***Graham Warr – Heritage Steward***

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### **Challenge and Celebration**

*Our Minister, the Revd Steven Cooper, writes...*

This is without doubt the strangest month of my life, as I'm sure it is for many of you. Those of you who remember the Second World War will of course have experienced greater upheavals than at the present time; but within my lifetime, nothing else comes close to the impact on everyone's lives of the current coronavirus pandemic. Many aspects of normal life are effectively on hold. But our celebration of Easter this month reminds us that God's activity in the world, and in the life of the human family, is never on hold. Indeed, it reminds us that it is in God's very nature to bring new life to the most wretched situations of death and loss: like a light that transforms even the greatest darkness into day.

This year then, perhaps especially so—and even as we may find ourselves in mourning for loved ones—Easter is well worth celebrating. Coronavirus does not dampen the human spirit; but rather God, who raised Christ from the dead, gives it new life. Even death itself is overcome.

Despite the present need for us not to meet together at the Chapel, you are warmly invited to join in, where possible, in celebrating this great festival through our worship, by means of the livestream on our website. Throughout Holy Week and Easter we will be sharing in a range of services to mark the wonder of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

For me, the service that brings into relief most powerfully the breaking into our world of God's light, new life and mercy is the Easter Vigil—in which, late in the evening of Holy Saturday, we proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to the world. The celebration of the Easter Vigil—while a very ancient tradition of the Church—is relatively new to Wesley's: we first did it just last year. And this year, in our present situation, it feels especially appropriate. Live-streamed on Saturday 11th April, beginning at 8.30pm, it will be a special moment. Do join us if you can—as with all our worship, as detailed elsewhere in this *Window on Wesley's*.

Finally, a reminder that just as God's work is not halted by the coronavirus, neither is that of the Church; and, together with all the staff at Wesley's—not to mention our Pastoral Leaders—I am here for you. If there is anything you would like to talk about, don't hesitate to be in touch. You can reach me directly on 07483 160593, and at [minister@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:minister@wesleyschapel.org.uk)

You can also send particular requests for prayer to [prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk)

I pray that you may be well, and may God bless you this month, and always.

**Steven**

## **Worship at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission**

Whilst the Chapel is currently closed to meeting physically, our worship continues via livestream on the internet. Join us at [www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming)

Worship services are available and are livestreamed at the following times:

### **Monday – Saturday**

10.00am Morning Prayer from the Methodist Worship Book

### **Wednesday**

12.45pm Service of Holy Communion

### **Thursday**

12.45pm Service of the Word

### **Sunday**

9.45am Service of Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

## **The pattern of services will change slightly in Holy Week:**

### **Monday – Saturday**

10.00am – Morning Prayer from the Methodist Worship Book

### **Wednesday 8 April**

12.45pm Service of Holy Communion

### **Thursday 9 April**

12.45pm Service of the Word

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, with a service of Light & Darkness

### **Friday 10 April**

10.00am Good Friday Reflective Vigil



## **Saturday 11 April**

8.30pm The Easter Vigil: proclaiming the light of the Risen Christ

## **Sunday 12 April**

9.45am Service of Holy Communion

11.00am Easter Day worship with Holy Communion

7.00pm International Prayer in the style of Taizé

All live-streamed services remain viewable afterwards: find previous services at [www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/previous-services](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/previous-services)

In addition to all of our usual worship, on Sunday 29 March the BBC's weekly national Sunday Worship radio broadcast was from Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, led by our Ministers Jennifer Smith and Steven Cooper, with special guest preacher Professor Egardo Colón-Emeric from the USA, reflecting on Reconciliation in Difficult Times. If you missed it you can listen to it on the internet at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000qt6k> (available until 27 April 2020)

We also have a new dedicated email address for prayer requests which will be received directly by our ministers Jennifer Smith and Steven Cooper, and will be prayed during the course of the Daily morning prayer service. Please send all prayer requests to: [prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk)



## **Come among us Holy Spirit**

Come among us Holy Spirit  
Give The Truth, thyself the key  
We are ready for The Gospel  
May our hearts be tuned to thee.

Come among us Holy Spirit  
Come with words of grace and love  
Meditating from The Scripture  
Sent from God who reigns above.

Come among us Holy Spirit  
Teach us what we need to say  
As we go and serve our neighbours  
Give us wisdom, Lord we pray.

Come among us Holy Spirit  
As we hear God's mighty call  
Make us channels for His glory  
Serving humankind and all.

This hymn was written especially for this edition of Window on Wesley's by one of our members, John Showemimo, who is also valuable member of our in-house AV team who operates the Chapel sound system on a Sunday. Thank you John.

### **The Curator writes:**

For me, as for so many others, working from home is a new experience. Most of our heritage work usually takes place on site and sadly cannot be transplanted and carried out from home. Fortunately, research and website work can!

One of the projects I am therefore now working on is populating the online museum object catalogue. We have about 16,000 objects in our museum collection and, whilst not every single item merits (or requires) research and discussion, a lot of pieces do.

Luckily, most of the more significant objects in the collection have been photographed by professionals over the years and the images have been preserved on discs. They're now a very useful resource and I can use them online.

Researching objects is fun. It can be a bit like detective work, one never knows what one might learn along the way. Sure, it takes a bit of time condensing all findings into an object label, which is a bit like a mini essay. But now we're all working from home there's ample time in the day, with few interruptions.

Objects also provide a great way to learn. They are a mirror of their day, often a reflection of social and economic circumstance as well as personalities. I'm hoping that our online Collection will make our museum much more accessible to many more 'virtual' visitors, wherever they are. Hopefully, they'll feel inspired to engage with Methodist heritage and will want to visit when things around us improve again.

Finally, the project will go some way towards satisfying requirements for the museum's impending professional re-accreditation, a national museum quality assurance scheme of which the museum has been a member for many years.

Have you visited our online Collection yet? Check it out at <https://www.wesleysheritage.org.uk/exhibits/explore-the-collection/> and watch out for updates.

**Christian Dettlaff – Curator, Museum of Methodism & John Wesley's House**

Hi from my home office,

In the past couple of weeks, the young adults of Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission have started gathering on a weekly basis via Zoom, online meeting. The first week we continued looking at So What's the Story by Barbara Glasson and Clive Marsh – this year's Methodist President and Vice President.

At the second gathering on Saturday we had a chat about what they were doing during to keep healthy during this time, as well as having a quiz. I was the quiz master – using questions from Trivial Pursuit and they took turns in answering questions. If you're 16 to mid-30's and would like to join in please email me – [cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk)

For one person's exercise each day they were going out for a 5 or 6 Kilometre run each morning. Running is also appreciated by one of our online community who is running around the city each evening. Less active pursuits included trying out new recipes such as variations on stir fry or salad, baking or yoga. Some viewing suggestions from the group included getting Disney + and starting with Iron Man working through the Marvel films; Ozark (Netflix) and Self Made (also Netflix).

Recommended reading included: The Age of Surveillance Capitalism by Professor Shoshana Zuboff, Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future by Ashlee Vance. I'd add something a bit more low brow: Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Read.

You'll remember in February we had our concert of emerging talent and one of our performers was Leah Cadogan. She has kindly allowed us to publish some of her poems this month and over the next couple of months. This month's poem is Alone Together.

### **Alone together**

Londoners.  
We're a dirty, grimy, smelly lot  
With faces set in stone and a pop-  
Ulation that smokes like chimney pots  
Alone together we sit we stand  
On buses red, with eco slang  
Slung across the side vents  
Making us deny

We have anything to do  
With the ever-warming climate.  
It's the pollution that coats our skin  
Makes us look harder than we feel within  
Makes us cough and roll our eyes  
When others pass on the bug.  
But when a crack of the lips or meet of the gaze  
Or a busking soul in a sunset haze  
Gives us a reason to open our mouths  
The grime that hides the skin inside -  
Hues all colours of the rainbow meet  
And a glimpse of that glorious spectrum peeks  
Through ourselves, our rock hard selves  
We're a hard lot, us Londoners, we have to be  
But are rock hard shells all we have to be?  
The moment we let our souls spill on others  
We give permission to us, to let our colours  
Distill - into glorious chaos  
And for tiny moments in our grey grimy lives  
We wonder where they are going, then wish them a heartfelt  
goodbye.

*By Leah Cadogan, published with permission*

For some of you writing poetry might be something you are experimenting with during this time. If you are please let me know, again emailing [cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:cw@wesleyschapel.org.uk) as I'd love to be able to invite you to perform at White Cross Street Party which now looks like it will be happening on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, but that is to be confirmed.

Keep safe and keep in contact,

**Sally Rush – Community Worker (Younger Adults)**



## What's happened so far in 2020?

As well as some exciting plans for the future, the House and



Museum have hosted some new events so I wanted to share what we've been up to. I'm actually going to start in December 2019, as we had our first ever late opening at John Wesley's House. The lights were off and the House was filled with (electric) candles, which created a great atmosphere. We had musicians playing

18<sup>th</sup> century chamber music and our costumed volunteers provided non-alcoholic mulled punch and 18<sup>th</sup> century festive treats! Volunteers, visitors and staff all had a great evening and we definitely plan to run the event next Christmas.

In late 2019/early 2020 I also held a series of consultations with families to help improve what we offer. The feedback from the consultations was most useful and has led to several new developments at the Museum including:

- Ideas for upcoming family events
- A new welcome sign for families in the Museum
- New sensory activities for the Museum's Activity Corner

An autism friendly consultation was also held and we are

planning to start running autism friendly openings as soon as



possible. This will mean opening up when we are usually closed to provide a relaxed time to visit the Museum and engage with different activities.

It was a good start to the year for our school outreach programme; I have visited 5 schools across London and further afield, delivering 13 outreach sessions to various year groups. The outreach workshops explore John Wesley's life in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and look at food and health. The outreach programme has been running since January 2019 and has been a great way to engage with new schools.

Whilst we are not able to welcome visitors to the site at the moment, we'd still like to share our open day with you! The links will be live on Wednesday 8th April on the museum website:

<https://www.wesleysheritage.org.uk/family-visits-projects/>

The downloads from our website will help you explore our house remotely and include baking suggestions, a scavenger hunt inspired by John Wesley's House, Curator's Picks and an Easter activity. Please share any photos of you doing the activities with us via our social media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/museummethodism/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/museummethodism>

We'd love to see them.

Take care!

***Gemma Smith – Learning and Community Engagement Officer***



## **SERENDIPITY – THIRTY TWO**

### **John Wesley – Author and Publisher**

One of the interesting duties of a Heritage Steward is to lead guided tours around John Wesley's House. That is the Georgian five storey building on the southwest corner of the Wesley's campus which was the home of Rev John Wesley for the last eleven years of his life and where he died 229 years ago on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1791.

Such guided tours include a visit to the large front room, on the first floor of the house, which is the one, that is understood, was utilised by Mr Wesley as a study and where he entertained his visitors when he was in London. Amongst its other "Wesley related" exhibits, the study contains a collection of books held in the large glass fronted case on the north wall of the room. Although the house contains many books, either distributed around the wall cupboards in the areas open to the public, or in the reference room in the attic, the 474 volumes in the book case in John's study are rather special. This is because they once formed part of Mr Wesley's own personal collection and many are inscribed with handwritten annotations and his signature.

John was an avid reader and although he always referred to himself, (in Latin), as a, "*Man of One Book*", meaning of course, the Bible, he never confined himself solely to the study of the Holy Scriptures. Indeed, he was a student of many other subjects beside theology since he read, and collected, literature on a wide range of topics, although he was particularly interested in science and medicine. These being the subjects, amongst others, he studied when traversing the country during his many summertime preaching tours, while sitting in the saddle, with his horses reins thrown loose over its neck, so that it was free to pick its own course through the ruts and pot holes of the tracks that once constituted the roadways of Britain in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He always ensuring that a selection of newly published, or potentially



interesting literature was packed in his saddle bags where it could be reached, as and when needed.

In later years, when he was no longer on horseback, but was riding in the open carriage his followers had acquired for him, he always kept a selection of books in the special case fitted in the carriage where they were ready to hand for perusal to enable him to continue his practice of usefully passing the many hours occupied by his travels.

Some of the 474 volumes in the study, that were once owned by John, are no doubt publications that travelled with him, either on his horse, or else in his carriage. Nevertheless, they constitute only part of the much larger collection, gathered by Wesley over his life time that was broken up at his death in order to fulfil the legacies in his will. This being necessary since, when he died John owned little more else, than his personal effects and the small change held in the secret drawer in his bureau; all other money that had come into his hands having already been given away.

A glance at the titles of the 474 books will serve to show that the collection consists of volumes printed in several different languages and on many different topics. It will also be noticed that John Wesley himself features as the author of many of the tomes in the collection.

Well known about John Wesley is that for more than fifty years he was a peripatetic evangelist travelling annually many hundreds of miles preaching thousands of sermons at a rate of sometimes three or more a day. Perhaps less acknowledged is that he was also a prolific correspondent writing many hundreds of letters. Finding the time amidst all his travelling and preaching to sit down and to communicate in writing to the many people of his acquaintance with letters of advice and criticism as well as to answer and refute the many adverse comments he received from fellow clerics within the Church of England and from the Dissenter community, as well as from members of his own family, who had

been offended or perturbed by his unconventional approach to propagating the Christian Message and spreading its practical application.

Despite all his other work he still found the time to keep a private diary of the events that occupied his day as well as compiling a Journal documenting his travels; recording in an interesting, readily assimilated form, details of the men and women he met, descriptions of the places which he visited and where he preached, the topics of his sermons, the weather he experienced, the scenery of his journeys and the architecture of the buildings he saw, as well as the high points and the misadventures of his daily life in the course of the mission to which he believed he had been ordained by God. But, not only did he compile his Journal, he also published it in instalments which he sold throughout his lifetime. In fact, it is still available now either in print, in the full eight volume edition or else in digital form on the internet.

It is perhaps John's writings, as much as anything, that have helped him, out of all of the parents of Methodism, to become the holder of the title of "Father of Methodism". For he was a prolific producer of books, pamphlets and tracts, and not just confining himself to the truths of the Gospels, although he did compile concordances to the Old and New Testaments as well as distributing written versions of his sermons such as the one on "*The Use of Money*", which is one of the twenty-four which are still used in the training of Methodist presbyters. In fact, a major share of his written output was devoted to letters and articles relating Christ's message to the problems of everyday life which he circulated by various means including the newspapers and magazines of the period as well as through his Book Room to the meeting places of his Methodist Connexion.

Neither did John just limit himself to "religious" subjects, nor did he fear to avoid controversial subjects for, instead, he engaged them head on.

If John were alive today he would be using the electronic media through the internet to reach out to the minds of the public. In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century he was able to use the most powerful communication tool of his day, the printing press, to publish his interpretation of the relevance of the Christian Faith to the topics of the day. This he did in the form of short, cheap, pamphlets to challenge the evils that he saw all around him. Such as the ill effects on society of cheap alcoholic drinks like gin, which were promoting widespread dissolute living, in his "*Words to a Drunkard*", or the loss of public revenues through the smuggling of foreign luxuries, in his, "*Words to a Smuggler*", or when he criticised the practices and lifestyles of some of his fellow clergymen, in his, "*Words to a Freeholder*".

He also circulated his opinions on matters which we might consider more trivial today, as for example, John's "*Letter to a Friend concerning Tea*". In which he argued that the drinking of tea was not only an unhealthy practice, but was also "sinful". That is sinful, because tea was then so heavily taxed that it was a luxury, and thus the wide spread drinking of tea, was wasting the money, that many people could ill afford, when it should have been better spent on essentials.

Less controversial to our eyes now, but a dangerous topic to venture on in his day, was Wesley's support for the anti-slavery campaign. In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century the capturing, transporting, buying and selling of black African men, women and children for their enslaved use in the highly profitable production of such commodities as sugar and tobacco, was supported by the political, religious and commercial establishments of Britain. After all, the immense amount of money that the trade generated, encouraged not only the commercial development of major ports such as Bristol, Hull, Liverpool and London, but, it financed our ancient universities and bankrolled the growth of the Industrial Revolution. Thus, when he composed his tract, "*Thoughts on Slavery*", in which John condemned the very notion of slavery, he was "treading on the toes" of the rich and the powerful. In fact Wesley's very last letter, written just a few days before he died,

was to William Wilberforce, the then the leading anti-slavery advocate in the British Parliament, expressing his support for the work of Wilberforce and urging him not be discouraged despite, the many setbacks being experienced.

One positive result of the publication and distribution of "*Thoughts on Slavery*" that we know of, was the spread of Methodism to the Caribbean as described in Serendipity Twenty-eight. But no such happy outcome resulted from another of Wesley's involvement in politics. This was when the North American colonies were engaged in their confrontation with the British Government over the subject of taxation, which led to the War of Independence. Originally Wesley had supported the American colonists in his tract, "*Free Thoughts on Public Affairs*". But later he took an opposite view in his, "*Calm Address to Our American Colonies*". This did not have the effect that Wesley desired, but only succeeded in alienating the colonists, and putting the life and liberty of his American Methodist preachers at risk in what became the United States of America.

As suggested, John Wesley's Journal, pamphlets and religious tracts were just a small part of his publishing output, for he also wrote, had printed and distributed, through the Book Room, to his Methodist travelling preachers, and the Connexion of chapels and meeting houses, a wide range of books in his, "*Christian Library*", series. These circulated the works of major Christian authors, as part of John's mission to educate his preachers and his Methodist converts concerning the basis and truths of their faith. But John's motive was also to try to equip the members of his Methodist societies to become educated people that could advance themselves in the world and be better able to support their families; to this end he also produced other useful books such as one of the first English dictionaries.

Many of the printed works of John Wesley made a handsome profit which he was able to plough back either into his charitable activities or else to finance the work of his preachers. But other publications sold only slowly or else made a loss, nevertheless,

John, while in pursuit of his holistic interest in the health of both the bodies and the souls of people, inadvertently succeeded in producing a major “best seller”. This being his medical treatise, “*Primitive Physic*”, a cheap, easy to read and understand, self help guide to good health and the treatment of common illnesses. By being kept updated to incorporate the latest medical knowledge, and frequently reprinted, “*Primitive Physic*” proved very popular, for it was sold not just to Methodists but to the general public. It remained in print for many years after John died and was said, in terms of popularity and the spread of its readership, to be the “Mrs Beeton”, of the day. Indeed, like his Journal, this publication of the Rev John Wesley is still available either in a facsimile print or digital form.

With all, this publishing activity and the distribution of his books, his tracts and the parts of his Journal by means of his travelling preachers, through the Methodist Meeting places, and by other outlets, John Wesley could have made himself very rich. In fact, it is estimated, that at one time, he was earning more than £1000.00 per annum from his publications. This at a time when the Pound Sterling was worth at least one hundred times its current value, and when its purchasing power was at least one hundred times more. Needless to say, this money did not go into John’s pocket, but was channelled either into charitable donations, or else was used in running the Methodist Connexion and supporting his preachers and their families, so that on his death, his legacy was immense but not definable in monetary terms.

John Wesley has rightly been praised for his work as an energetic, peripatetic, evangelist, but he did not just confine his work to those men and women he could encounter face-to-face for he was in advance of his times, as he reached out through the medium of his written, and printed, words to engage a much wider public.

***Keith Dutton – Heritage Steward***

# Children's page



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- DISCIPLES • ROOM • PASSOVER
- FEAST • EAT • DRINK • BREAD
- WINE • SON • MAN • BLOOD • CUP
- MEAL • JEWS • PLOT • KILL • COINS
- GETHSEMANE • PRAY • WILL
- BETRAY • KISS • ARREST • MESSIAH
- CHRIST • CRUCIFY • JESUS • CROWN
- THORNS • ROBE • TREE • NAILS
- CROSS • SPIRIT • DARKNESS
- TEMPLE • DEATH • LOTS • DICE
- TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
- BURY • GUARD • THREE DAYS
- DAWN • MORNING • ANGEL • TELL
- HEAVEN • GOOD NEWS • LORD
- GOD • RAISED • JOY • PEACE
- PRAISE • SAVIOUR • EASTER

# Holy Week 2020

Join us via the livestream for our Holy Week services:

Morning Prayer – Daily at 10am (except Sundays)

5<sup>th</sup> April

Palm Sunday

Service of Holy Communion - 9.45am

Morning Worship - 11.00am

8<sup>th</sup> April

Service of Holy Communion - 12.45pm

9<sup>th</sup> April

Lunchtime Service - 12.45pm

Psalm of Lament: Psalm 22

Holy Communion - 7.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday Reflective Vigil - 10.00am

11<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Vigil - 8.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday

Service of Holy Communion - 9.45am

Morning Worship - 11.00am



## 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 Services: International Service (second Sunday in the month) #Reflective Service with Open Prayer (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 &amp; fellowship)</i>
Saturday		Young Adults Social (first Saturday in the month) <i>(times may vary according to activity)</i>

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