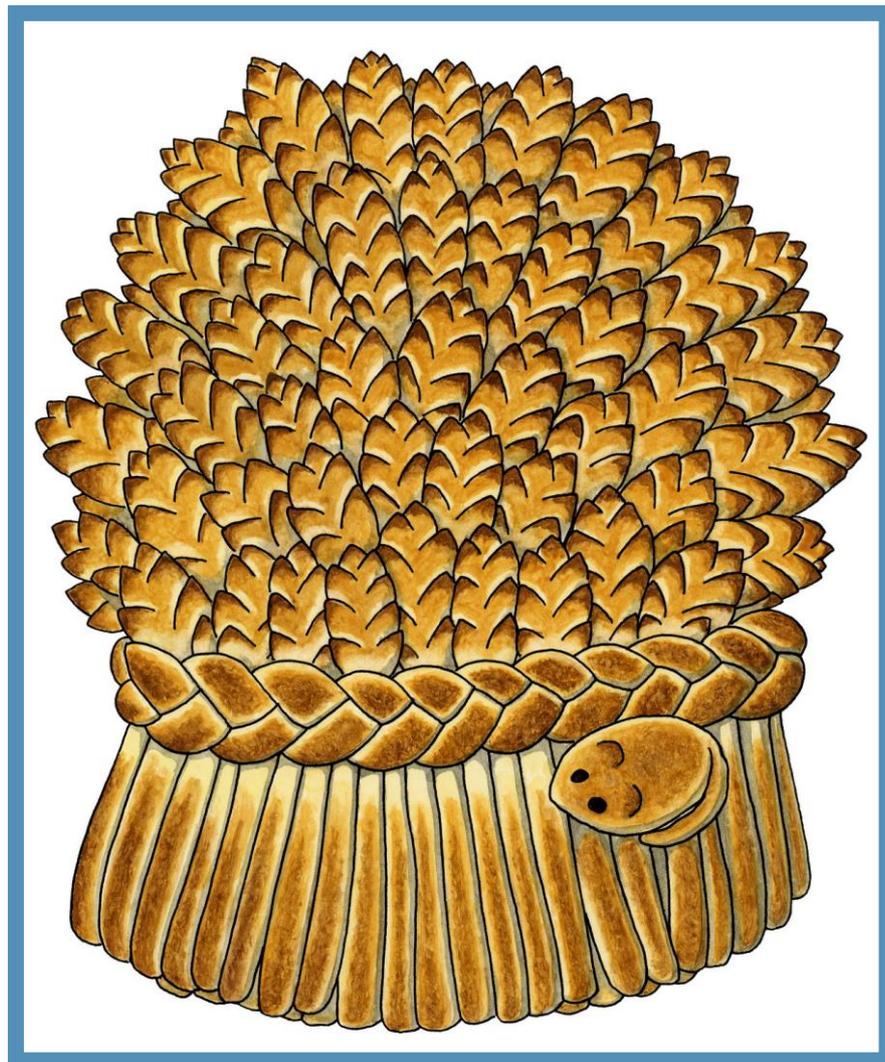




WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



OCTOBER 2021

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the October edition of Window in Wesley's, as we turn again into the days of Autumn. Those who have been part of worship on 26 September will know that 'prevent' is my word of the moment, both in the colloquial sense of 'preventing' one another from harm and our communities from further pressure, and in the theological sense of remembering the 'prevenient' grace which goes ahead of us. Many of you have been working without much break in your paid employment, or in care or other responsibilities.

And many of us have only begun to get back into the habit of attending church: even if we keep the chance for hybrid meetings and fellowship, and in worship, the habit of actually being together in the building is good. I pray God 'prevent' our church as we seek to re-build, to cherish one another and keep our doors open to those new to faith. And also, just as the temptation is to get lost in the business of organising church, let us keep our priority on developing our faith, and that of those next to us in the pew or online. This is what will give us energy, and sustain us as the evenings lengthen.

Coming back can provoke very mixed emotions, especially as we notice the absence of loved ones who are no longer with us, and see things that have changed over the last 18 months. Now is a moment when in a sense, we are all new people in church. Please, welcome one another; get involved in a small way that is right for you, whether that is volunteering to welcome on the door or serving tea and coffee one Sunday a quarter. Make an effort to come for Harvest on 10 October, and for Church meeting on 17 October after the service, as we 'get to know' one another and re-build the internal sinews of our church community. We will also have a chance to learn more about 'Churchsuite,' the software that will allow us to communicate with each other more effectively, and look ahead to the planting of small groups (some in person, some virtual) in weeks to come. We do not have to go it alone, this winter: come and be fed.

With every blessing, Jen

CHANGES AFOOT...

This summer and Autumn we have said goodbye to **Sally Rush** who leaves our employ to start her own coaching and church listening project business, and to **Judith Bell** who is now in full time training for the ministry at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. New people will be joining our team, and there are new faces in the congregation as well!

You will see, when you come to church that we are offering **name tags** to help us get to know one another. We are still giving the chance for those who need to be a bit more socially distant with concern for COVID to do so, and asking us to wear a mask if we are able – and using temporary small cups for wine at communion – we hope these risk mitigations will soon be a thing of the past, but we are being cautious with one another.

We are expecting any day the arrival of our new **Global Mission Fellow, Erick Hunter**, from Wisconsin in the USA; we are also imminently recruiting a new **Leysian Missioner**, and looking forward to the return of **Gemma Smith, our Learning Officer**, from maternity leave in January. Right our staff team is more thin than we would hope, so thank you to those who have stepped forward to pick up pieces of work, and to all who are helping on rotas for welcome, tea and coffee, stewarding, and other support.

Our **Board of Trustees** is happy to announce that at the Circuit Meeting on 22 September it received the report of the Circuit Invitations Committee and voiced intention to **re-invite our Superintendent Jennifer Smith for a further five-year station beyond 2022**. This means that as things stand, Jen will remain stationed as our Superintendent Minister for the City Road Circuit until August 2027.

Leadership on a Journey: Oral history and 'Recent Present' phase to open 18 October

Come and see, look, and listen – what is Methodist leadership, (in church and out of it) and how have Black British, British Asian,

African, and global diaspora leaders among us shaped our understanding of what it is to be Methodist? Phase one, our history is open right now downstairs in the Museum. Organised by **Deanna Lyncook**, who spoke in worship on 5 September about the exhibition. **Come celebrate, and ask how God is leading you...**

And remember Ephesians 6.15, **‘For shoes for your feet, put on whatever will prepare you to preach the Gospel of peace...’** what shoes are you wearing today?

Wesley’s Chapel out and about...

Listen out at 5.43 AM (yes, AM) on Radio 4 for the whole week **six days beginning Saturday 16 October**, as Jen Smith leads **‘Prayer for the Day,’** and listen again on the Radio 4 website.

Congratulations to Steven Cooper, appointed to the **Liturgical Sub Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the Methodist Church**, and to represent the Methodist Church in Great Britain on the **Joint Liturgical Group** of Great Britain.

Jen Smith will be preaching the **Oxford University Sermon** at Great St Mary’s Church for the University community, Sunday 17 October at 10.30 AM.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING: 17 October Sunday, 12.30

PM: After trustee election and brief business, we will have a short workshop ‘getting to know one another’ with conversation and listening.

GOD IN LOVE UNITES US: our Board of Trustees will be conferring in a special meeting in October, and thereafter, in response to the Report passed by overwhelming majority at this years’ Methodist Conference in July 2021. At Wesley’s Chapel we had 6 workshops/question and answer sessions about the content of the report in Autumn/Winter 2019/20, just before lockdown.

The report is all about good and better faithful relationships among friends, households, and love partners: it is an antidote to heartbreak and abuse. British Methodism now recognises the presence of God in cohabiting households, and accepts two definitions of marriage, that between a man and a woman, and that between any two people. **Do you want to see more, and learn how the church arrived here, over the last 30 years? Have a look at the resources at**

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships/guidance-and-resources-for-same-sex-marriage/>

The decision means that Methodists may believe in either definition of marriage and be protected and accepted within the household of the church. People in same sex relationships may know they are welcomed and loved, and within Methodism there will be churches where they can marry in church. Each Church Council must decide whether to 'opt in' so that a same sex couple could be married in church; many who accept marriage as between any two people will not be same sex couples. For those who hold the belief that marriage can only be between a man and a woman, they can continue to be married in church as now no matter what the Church Council decides. The report also gives protection to everyone (minister or lay person) against being forced against their belief.

The decision for this 'opt in' at Wesley's Chapel rests with the Trustees: voting yes does not mean that someone agrees with same sex marriage necessarily, but only that they acknowledge that there are two views in our church.

What happens next? Our Trustees have not yet scheduled a vote, but will confer carefully, listening to one another and to the wider church. You can speak to any of them, or our ministers about the process.

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER: GROUPS FOR FRIENDSHIP & JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN LIFE & FAITH

Steven Cooper writes...

After the long separation of Covid, we will be focussing at our **General Church Meeting— after the 11am service on 17th October**—on re-connecting and getting to know one another. Please do join us for this! The meeting itself, on 17th October, will provide an opportunity to get to know one another a little, and to meet new people or those whom we have seen many a time at church but never really knew before.

Looking a little further ahead, the experience of churches everywhere is that there is great value in finding ways that members of the church community can **meet together in small groups** of maybe eight or so individuals, over a period of time: to get to know one another more fully, to build friendships, and to support one another, in friendship, in the journey of life and of faith.

There are many forms, and ways of configuring, that such groups can take. At our **Church Anniversary next month, on 7th November**, after the service that day we shall hold a special event—to which, again, you are enthusiastically invited—at which new groups along these lines will be able to form. It is not 'one size fits all': We will make groups that are suitable for everyone, and it will be a joy! And it may well be that some groups form, simply with the intention of staying together as a group for a year or two, and then reconfiguring. In my own life, I cannot overstate the value I have found from being part of small fellowship groups in the life of the church, and this is something about which I am really excited at this time here at Wesley's.

There are one or two groups of this kind that already exist within our fellowship at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission. One such is a 'House Group' hosted by Cheryl & Paul Gurnham. I'm really grateful to Lorraine Davis, one of that group's members, who has

written the following account on the group's behalf, about their experience:

Lorraine writes...

The best thing about Wesley's Chapel is the people. It's the colorful, quiet, chatty, clever, caring, and often eccentric people that we love about our church, and missed so awfully during lockdown. It's the stories we tell and the stories we create when we are together, that make Wesley's Chapel the vibrant place we know and love.

“Early Methodist gatherings were called ‘societies’. John Wesley encouraged different kinds of small groups to develop, so that both leaders and members of the societies could receive support and challenge in their faith.”

—Methodist Church Website, 2021

House Groups

As lovely as a chat on a Sunday in the Radnor Hall can be (and it can be!), House Groups offer an opportunity to take our relationships beyond tea and biscuits. I have been a member of a group for many years, and it has fostered close, and sometimes unexpected friendships.

House Groups offer a flexible structure – a “light touch” to set us on our way together. Typically, they have been a monthly gathering of 6-8 people who live reasonably close to each other.

Fellowship & Faith

The “monthly gathering” includes fellowship and a discussion of some aspect of our faith, and takes the form that best suits its members. We had always met in person before 2020, but found that the format adapted surprisingly well to an online platform and became a meaningful element of our lockdown lives.

Fellowship could be anything from a meal prepared by a host, to an activity like going for a walk or playing ping-pong. It could be in

someone's home or in an accommodating pub or a convenient café. Anything is possible if it works for the members of the group and lets us enjoy one another more.

Groups then turn to a conversation focused on faith; and end with prayer requests and a short prayer, and The Grace or another ending chosen by the group. To focus the conversation, groups have used varied formats and a variety of topics. Topics have ranged from Methodist history, to the challenges of living a faithful life in a secular world, to a closer look at poetry and hymns. We have used short books with sections that can be read aloud together on the day, podcasts, books we've all read a chapter at a time, and hymn/poetry sharing sessions.

Members of the group always bring different perspectives, varied experiences, and stories to tell. One member of our group spoke about the rewards of being exposed to ideas and resources she would not otherwise have encountered. Janice says, "I always leave with lots to think about."

Friendship

Wesley's Chapel has always been knit together by friendships and families. For people new to the chapel, and for people who want to build connections that reach a little beyond "tea & biscuits," House Groups open the door. House Groups are an exercise of hospitality - something at the heart of who we are, or at least want to be.

As groups develop, they evolve very naturally. People do move away from time to time, and new people join us. Groups may even reshuffle voluntarily after a while to find and enrich different connections in the chapel.

So many of us come from different churches, communities, countries, cultures, and traditions – and yet, we come. With our faith at the heart of it all, we can recognise the journey we are on together. House Groups can enrich the story we tell.

Lorraine Davis

Upper Norwood Library Hub Black History Month Project

UNLH in collaboration with Lee Cadogan (Spoken word, storytelling and nursery worker) and Joanna Brown (Singer, author and lawyer):

Presents an evening of cabaret and storytelling @ UNLH in celebration of Black History Month on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 7.00pm.

Spoken word, storytelling, music, drama, short drama sketch and various amateur performances. **Entry Fee: £7.50 per person, Online Viewing: £2.00.** Click [here](#) for more information or to get your ticket.

Remembering
Paul Appafram



The honour of your company is requested
**THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2021,
11.00AM**
WESLEY'S CHAPEL & LEYSIAN MISSION

INVITATION FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

To a virtual meeting of the

FINSBURY (BUNHILL & CLERKENWEL L) WARD

Wednesday 13th October 2021, 7:00pm—9:00pm

Co-Chairs: Councillor Matt Nathan and Councillor Valerie
Bossman-Quarshie

Where?

The meeting will be held on Zoom and can be accessed using the details below

[Join the Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 837 7091 5954

Password: 506902

Dial by your location

+44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

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What will we be discussing?

The Ward Partnership meeting is an opportunity for you to have your say on important issues and plans that affect your area. This meeting will include:

- An opportunity to reflect on the last 18 months and celebrate local heroes who have supported the community, including nominations and a presentation on Mutual Aid Groups.

Fuller details, including the agenda, are also available from our minister [Steven Cooper](#) or the [Chapel Office](#).

LEADERSHIP

on a JOURNEY

Ephesians 6:15

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICES

**The Revd Steven Cooper in conversation with
Deanna Lyncook, exhibition curator**

exploring themes and individuals featured in the
'Leadership on a Journey' exhibition

Thursdays 12.45–13.15

followed by sandwiches and refreshments

7 Oct **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Bala Gnanapragasam



14 Oct **ANTI-RACISM**

Sonia Hicks & Norman Mullings



21 Oct **THEOLOGY**

Anthony Reddie



4 Nov **FAMILY**

Irfan John



11 Nov **INTER FAITH RELATIONS**

Inderjit Bhogal



18 Nov **YOUTH**

Daud Irfan



25 Nov **THINKING AHEAD**

and the untold stories

Exhibition opens:
Tuesday 19th October



John Wesley
Wesley's Chapel
& Leysian Mission

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

Our Minister, Steven Cooper, writes...

As we continue to re-gather as a church, and as life ebbs, bit by bit, further back toward something resembling normal, we have quite a month this October here at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, getting off to a flying start as the National Association of Christian Brass Bands joins us for our worship on 3rd October!

Jen has already outlined many of the rich programme of things that we have going on in the life of our church in the next few weeks. In particular, in this Black History Month, we very much look forward to the opening of the main phase of our 'Leadership on a Journey' exhibition: opening on 19th October.

As we prepare for this, I'm delighted that our **Thursday lunchtime services** will be resuming as of 7th October: and for the next two months these services will feature me and Deanna Lyncook—our 'Leadership on a Journey' exhibition curator—in conversation, and will focus on some of the themes and individuals that are covered by the forthcoming exhibit. Full details are on the enclosed flyer. Please join us if you can!

We also welcome, this month, the resumption—in person—of our monthly **Prayer in the style of the Taizé Community**. We will re-gather this month at 7pm on **Sunday 10th October**: although a heads-up—from next month, our schedule will adjust slightly, and our Taizé-style prayer service from November onwards will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 7pm. So next month it will be on Sunday 7th November. If you haven't encountered this style of worship before, do give it a try!

But what will be, without question, one of the high points of this month, for me—and especially for our children and young people—comes right at the end: **3Generate**, the national Methodist gathering of children and young people from across the country, which will be taking place in Birmingham over the 29th-

31st October. Together with two of our Sunday School leaders Sam and Rachelle, and our soon-to-arrive new Global Mission Fellow, Erick Hunter, I shall be joining a group of 16 children and young persons from Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission at this fantastic event. Please do keep us all in mind that weekend—and look out for reports on what happens there.



And, of course, life continues in all its variety alongside all of this. Please do make contact if, at any time, you would like to talk about anything whatsoever. God bless you this October, as always.

Steven

A note from Judith

Dear Friends at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission,

At the time of the October Window on Wesley's going to print, I'll have just concluded my first week of study at the Queen's Foundation - an intensive week of Introduction to Church History. It's been a positive start, and I'm looking forward to the next two years of full time formation here before I am sent (God willing) into the world as a Probationer Minister.

I write to formally thank all who contributed to my leaving gift. You have been most generous. The monies have been safely tucked away, with the hope that as a picture of what my ordained ministry will look like emerges I can use the funds to buy some equipment, clothing or books which will support this (and ideally inscribe a note to say Wesley's bought it for me).

Thank you again for the welcome and kindness you offered me and Alex over the years. You have shaped us both in way you may never realise. Wesley's remains in our hearts and in our prayers.

Best wishes,

Judith

**Job opportunity with Citizens UK:
Associate Organiser, Hackney & Islington Citizens**

Citizens UK are advertising for a new associate organiser (4 days per week) in Hackney & Islington.

Hours: Part time, 30 hours per week (flexible working, inc. remote options and some unsociable hours)

Salary: £22,156 pa (FTE £27,696 pa inclusive of London weighting)

Contract: Permanent / Based: London

For more information: <https://www.citizensuk.org/about-us/jobs-opportunities/current-jobs/associate-organiser-hackney-islington-citizens/>

If you are interested in applying an informal conversations can be arranged at: - <https://calendly.com/froi/recruit>

Harvest @ Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission

On 10 October we will gather and bless gifts for the Whitechapel Mission during the 11 am service: they have stayed open all through lockdown, and we give thanks for this ministry!

<https://whitechapel.org.uk/>. Please see this year's harvest list below:

HARVEST AT WESLEY'S CHAPEL & LEYSIAN MISSION

10 October 2021



WE HAVE ENOUGH

Pasta
Soups
Tinned Vegetables
Tea/T-bags
Tinned Meat
Tinned Tuna/Fish
Ketchup
Pepper
Salt



WE CANNOT USE

Home cooked food.
End of life food
Out of date food.

WE ARE DESPERATE!

Porridge
Peanut Butter
Brown Sauce
Chocolate Spread
Runny Honey
Nutella
Squash
Pot Noodles
Biscuits
Baked Beans
Plum Tomatoes
Chopped Tomatoes
Sugar
Instant Hot Chocolate
Coffee
Shredded Wheat

WE NEED HELP!

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Soup
Weetabix
Any cereals
Bottled Water



STORE NAME

WHITECHAPEL MISSION

Also, at Harvest we will launch a Chapel-wide fundraiser to get us all out and about this Autumn, a 5 k run/row/ride (or walk!). Watch out for details of how to register and download an application form in our next weekly update. Alternatively please [contact the office](#) for registration details if you do not have access to the internet.

You can do your 5k any time from 6.00am on 4 November through to 11.00am on 7 November, our Church Anniversary: and we will have a celebration and dedication of the pledges at our Anniversary. Look out for further details in the next weekly update: this will support the work of the Chapel with young people and young adults this year.

All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



SERENDIPITY THIRTY-SEVEN – Part 3

John Wesley's House: Part Three

In the last part of this virtual tour of the house which was once the home of John Wesley, we were on the ground floor and had halted at the point where we had just completed looking over the Dining Room and were about to enter the Back Parlour.

The Back Parlour

This small, dark room with its high ceiling and single sash window with casement shutters, overlooking the Chapel campus, has a fireplace surrounded on either side by cupboards surmounting tiers of drawers. It is furnished with some of the furniture once owned by Charles Wesley including his study chairs and his

bureau/writing desk which probably came from his house in Marylebone when that was given up after the lease expired.

Unlike his brother, Charles had a very happy marriage, but after he married in 1749, he more or less, gave up the constant extensive, country wide preaching tours, as practiced by his brother. Instead, Charles settled in Bristol, where with his wife Sarah, they brought up their growing family while living in a series of rented houses. There for the next 22 years, or so, Charles spent most of his time working in the West Country, although he did travel to Ireland on several occasions as well as making occasional forays to London to assist John.

Then in 1771 Charles and his family settled in London, partly to be of help to John and also to further the musical education of his two sons. These, Charles junior and Samuel the younger son, were musical prodigies from an early age. Charles being an organist sufficiently talented to be considered for the post of Organist to the Chapel Royal. While Samuel was also an organist, his chief talent lay in musical composition. Their coming to live in London, not only gave them access to teaching but also the opportunity to show case their talents in the form of recitals and concerts. The family moved into a house in Marylebone where they stayed until after Charles died in 1788. This being a property in what is now Wheatley Street where the blue plaque site is currently occupied by the Kings Head public house.

Charles and his family were very lucky in their new London home for it had been provided by a friend who let them have it rent free for the remaining portion of the lease. This was even more generous since the house came fully furnished and with a fully stocked cellar. Charles died before the lease expired so that his widow and children did not have to move elsewhere until several years later. During the time he lived in Marylebone, Charles made many visits to assist John with the work, first at the Foundry and then here at the "New Chapel" in the City Road.

We know that John was not happy with Charles living the three miles or so distant from the Foundery and then the Chapel. This was because John considered that the time his brother spent riding to work could be more profitably occupied.

Nevertheless, despite John's views, we know that the time was by no means wasted by Charles. We have many reports of him leaving his "little grey pony" in the front garden of No 47 and hurrying in, demanding, as he did so, to be supplied with a pen and paper. This was to enable him to write down the poem/hymn he had been composing in his head while on his journey.

Although we know that Charles Wesley was a frequent visitor to his brothers' home, whether or not the latter was there at the time, we have no evidence of his actually lodging here for any substantial period of time.

The dark green wall paper in this room, which is often remarked upon, is not of course original, but is considered to be similar to that fashionable at the time the house was first built.

The Portrait of John Wesley

The painting, over the fireplace, is one of the many portraits of John Wesley produced during his lifetime. Some were those for which he sat for the artist, while many of the others appear to be conjectures on the part of the artist, as to what John Wesley actually looked like. This painting is not perhaps one that presents the best likeness of John but it does illustrate one of his most well-known attributes. That is his long hair, which in the 18th Century was unusual for a man of John's standing. The portrait, of Charles Wesley, hanging over the fireplace in the Dining Room, shows him to be wearing a formal wig. That being the normal accessory of most middle and upper-class gentlemen of the period, including the clergy.

When John Wesley left Charterhouse School to go to Oxford University in 1720, it would have been expected of him to have had his natural head hair shorn off and for it to be replaced with a

fashionable wig. However, he did not and this worried his mother Susanna who wrote to her son urging him, "*for his health's sake*", to wear a wig as long hair would shade the sun off his face. John wrote back to say that he considered a wig to be a needless expense. He had better ways to spend his money than on the upkeep of a wig and to pay for the services of a barber. Indeed, he told her the little story of how one day he had been out walking with a wig wearing friend who had both his hat and wig stolen from his head by an opportunist thief. The latter had got away with a valuable prize since wigs were a costly item. This being one of the reasons they were worn as status symbols since they distinguished their wearers as being men of means.

John told his mother that since he did not wear a wig a thief would have to steal all of him to make it a profitable proposition. John thereafter kept his own hair and grew it long, as depicted in all his portraits and other representations of his appearance. After his embarking upon his evangelistic mission, the crowds who flocked to hear him preach learned to recognise him by his long hair. In fact, he became known as "the Long-Haired Preacher". Consequently, John Wesley thereafter refrained from wearing a fashionable wig because, otherwise he would not be so readily recognised. This does not mean, however, that he never wore a wig, for in his late forties, he appears to have lost some, if not all of his natural head hair. As a replacement he wore a wig but fashioned in the same style as his natural hair.

After John's death, his coachman is said to have acquired Wesley's wig. Indeed, the Museum of Methodism has, on display, the remains of a wig which it is said once belonged to John Wesley.

The other distinguishing feature of the Back Parlour is the cupboards surmounting the tiers of drawers which sit each side of the fireplace. These are not usual for a Georgian house and it is considered that they are a feature introduced by John Wesley. The cupboards were originally open shelves, and like the similarly

placed shelves in other rooms, were probably intended to store John's library of books.

On the east wall of the room, alongside the window, is a narrow doorway into one of the extra rooms added to the house. It is now used as a store room but once helped with the provision of the extra space that was needed to accommodate all the uses the house had once to provide.

We will now leave the ground floor by going out of the Back Parlour and climbing the two short flights of stairs that lead up to the next floor, passing on the way, a print of Charles Wesley preaching from the Chapel Pulpit and then a sash window with casement shutters.

The First Floor

Climbing the stairs reverses the direction of travel, so that on reaching the top of the second flight, we emerge onto a short landing and are facing towards the front of the house.

We are now on the floor which has the suite of rooms that have always been regarded as once being set aside principally for John Wesley's own use.

Immediately to or left is the door leading into John Wesley's Bed Room, to our right is the foot of the staircase to the next floor, and at the end of the landing is the door to John Wesley's Study.

At this point we will conclude Part three of our virtual tour and leave it to a later edition of "Window on Wesley's" to start our exploration of the suite of rooms which were once set apart for John Wesley's own use. If you are interested, then make sure you get a copy of the magazine.

Keith Dutton – Heritage Steward

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN INVITES YOU TO THEIR DISTRICT DAY

ON 16TH OCTOBER 2021: FROM 10.30AM-3.30PM

AT WESLEY'S CHAPEL--49 CITY ROAD LONDON EC1Y 1AU

THERE WILL BE A MORNING AND AN AFTERNOON SESSION

ARRIVALS @ 10.30 TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS



MORNING SESSION - 11AM

OPENING DEVOTIONS AND WELCOME

FOLLOWED BY MRS EVELYN DE GRAFT THE PRESIDENT FOR LONDON DISTRICT

SPEAKING ABOUT HER PROJECT DURING HER PRESIDENCY

THEME: "LIVING WATER IN A PARCHED LAND"



LUNCH 12.45-13.45

"PLEASE BRING YOUR PACKED LUNCH" DRINKS WILL BE SERVED

AFTERNOON SESSION - 2PM

THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF INDUCTION FOR

MRS HELEN CORNICK AS THE NEW LONDON DISTRICT PRESIDENT

AND THE OFFICERS FROM THE SECTORS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

THEME "TAKING OPPORTUNITIES"

SPEAKER: RACHEL ALLISON (UK HELEN KIM MEMORIAL SCHOLAR)



**Methodist Women
in Britain**

HOW TO GET THERE? TRAINS TO: LIVERPOOL STREET STATION, OLD STREET STATION, AND MOORGATE STATION

BUSES 21, 43, 55, 76, 141, 205, 214 & 243

Worship at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission

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 (except first Sunday of the month)

11.00am Morning Worship

7.00pm Service in the style of Taize (10th October and from November first Sunday of the month)

All services except the Wednesday Communion Service are also live streamed (www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming) and remain viewable afterwards at:

www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/previous-services

We also have a dedicated email address for prayer requests which will be received directly by our ministers Jen and Steven, and will be prayed during the course of the Daily morning prayer service. Please send all prayer requests to:

prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk

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