



WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



NOVEMBER 2021

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the November edition of Window on Wesley's! Our Leadership on a Journey exhibition has the verse '...as shoes for your feet, put on whatever will prepare you to proclaim the Gospel of peace...'. On City Road we are beginning to trade boots and heavy shoes for trainers and sandals, as the days shorten and it gets colder.

It has been wonderful to be getting back in touch with each other – though zoom and livestream are a blessing, the simple pleasure of gathering in church for those of us who can has been a joy this autumn. We are still preserving the central part of the pews for those who wish a bit more social distance, (or just like the central section) and we are still asked to wear masks if we can to reduce risks for one another. And of course not all of us are able to come in person to church, so we are continuing with streaming and a hybrid of discipleship options. If you are coming and would like to read or greet, contact the office and we will work you into the rota: welcome is just about the most important thing we do.

The first Sunday in November is our 243rd Church Anniversary, and we are taking the chance to step back a bit from the business of church, to offer the chance to join a 'Methodist Way of Life' small group. Meeting at a variety of times and places (including online, and either monthly or weekly) there is a chance to give yourself the early Christmas gift of space to reflect on your faith, learn from others, and simply meet a few more folks. The groups that form will stay together for 12 months, and then we will reshuffle the pack, and new people can join at any time. I never cease to be inspired by your work and stories, and it will be good to have this chance to pause in the more busy aspects of church to get back to basics, and renew our faith in time for the new year beginning in Advent.

We are still awaiting the arrival of our Global Mission Fellow, Erick Hunter from Wisconsin, in the lengthy queue of visa applications for the UK: Erick will join our new Leysian Missioner

to help coordinate our work with children and young people, and we are praying hard for his arrival! For many of us, with family overseas, this is the first time we have been able to travel and many of us are visiting 'home'; it is time still of much change and uncertainty.

In the midst of all of this, the steady faithful pattern of worship and prayer, service and care at Wesley's Chapel continues. Week by week we are re-connecting, and working hard to support one another through this winter. So please, do not be a stranger – put on your best warm shoes and step out in faith.

With every blessing, Jen

Our Heritage Offer

The Chapel, Museum and John Wesley's House is now open to visitors from **Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 3pm**, in addition to advertised services and events. **Groups of 6 people or more must book in advance.** Our courtyard is also open 7 days a week.

Explore the Collection

Why not [browse](#) our new online collection which has over 15,000 objects and includes ceramics, paintings, books and works on paper, silverware, furniture and costume, and many others.

Christian Dettlaff, the Museum's Curator, is sharing his knowledge of our furniture collection with a series of short videos. To view the videos, visit our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3EC0AaQe3mLQTrdBkWqOQA>

You can also visit the Chapel, museum and house for a *virtual tour* at www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/your-visit/virtual-tour

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

Our Minister, Steven Cooper writes...

This month is already off to a great start, as we continue at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission to re-gather as a worshipping community, and to rebuild our work and mission in the wider community as we move beyond the restrictions caused by Covid. Thank you to all who have supported our first ever Wesley's 5K Run/Row/Ride Challenge! The funds raised from this will help us to recover financially, in all that we are doing to participate in God's mission in and through the Chapel, after being so heavily impacted financially over the past 19 months—although there is still a long way to go. Thank you for all your continued support.

As I write, at the beginning of November, one very significant investment in mission that your support has made possible was the trip last weekend, with several of our children and young



people to 3Generate: the Methodist Church's annual national jamboree of children and young people. We gathered, together with hundreds of others from across the country, at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham for the weekend. A huge exhibition hall had been transformed, for the

occasion, into an indoor 'town'—with different venues hosting myriad events and activities, opportunities for worship and Christian engagement with contemporary issues—all tailored for and by Methodist children and young people. A prominent figure at 3Generate was our own Daud Irfan, the Methodist Youth President (who lives here at Wesley's Chapel).

It was a delight for me—together with Sunday School leaders Sam and Rachelle—to accompany 10 of our children and young

people for the whole weekend (with the costs covered fully by the Chapel—together with support from London Methodist District funds). Everyone had a great time, of fun, activity and new friendships. We look forward to many more joining us next year!

In the vein of young people's engagement, I draw your attention, this month, to the Islington Faiths Forum's annual Youth Debate—including participation from Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission—on the evening of Wednesday 17th November at the Platform youth centre (Hornsey Road Baths). See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Our own Deanna Lyncook will be the Christian panellist, for the debate on 'Faith, Freedom and Equality: Do they go together?'

We also establish this month, here at the Chapel, a new pattern of Taizé-style prayer on the FIRST Sunday evening of each month. Just 45 minutes, starting at 7pm—and for all ages, but especially suited to young people and younger adults. We gather in the Foundry Chapel, for a beautiful time of prayer, song and stillness. If you haven't tried Taizé before: join us!

In wider Chapel news, we have this month on Sunday 14th November, following our Remembrance Sunday service, the meeting of all our Pastoral Leaders. At this meeting we review and pray for the whole membership of the Chapel, and take note of the particular themes and concerns that are being experienced in our pastoral care of one another at this time. Please be in touch with your Pastoral Leader to let them know how you are doing: they are here to support you.

And, as always, if I can be of support—if there's anything you'd like to discuss—please don't hesitate to make contact. You can reach me at the Chapel, or on 07483 160593.

May God bless you this month, and always.

Steven

Wednesday
17th November 2021
from 6pm to 8pm



YOUTH DEBATE

**“Faith, Freedom and Equality:
do they go together?”**



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YOUTH SUPPORT**



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Young People leading and delivering this event

Venue: Platform Youth Hub
Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place
London N7 7EE

Registration is necessary for this event
please email info@islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk

Free Food & Drinks

SERENDIPITY THIRTY-SEVEN

John Wesley's House: Part Four

At the end of Part Three of this article, our virtual tour of the house, which was once the home of the founder of the Methodist Church, had just reached the point where we were about to explore the first floor. As noted earlier this is the part of the building which contains the rooms that have always been regarded as having once been set aside for the personal use of John Wesley.

The largest of the three rooms is the Study.

John Wesley's Study

Entering the door way, we emerge into a room occupying the full width of the front of the building and having a high ceiling with most of its original plaster decoration still intact. In most houses of the period this room would have been the drawing room, but it is considered that John Wesley utilised it as his Study. It now houses the major proportion of the collection of John Wesley's own furniture as well as other items which were once his possessions.

It is bright and airy, with as noted, the same high ceiling already encountered in the ground floor rooms. It is illuminated by three sash windows, which can be covered by wooden shutters. As regards the latter, all the windows on the ground floor, that on the staircase at the top of the first flight of stairs to the First Floor, as well as all of the windows in the rooms of the First floor would once have been fitted with casement shutters. Now only some of these security features remain in a usable condition due to the age of the building and the changes that have been made in its usage.

The study windows overlook the little front garden and across the busy City Road towards Bunhill Fields. These are the little burial

ground where Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles, was laid to rest in 1742. In the late 18th Century, when the house was built, John would probably have had an uninterrupted view from his study of Susanna's grave, but, with the growth of vegetation since then, modern day visitors, standing at his study windows, are no longer able to see what John saw.

John Wesley's Portrait

Over the fireplace, and dominating the room, is hung a half-length portrait of John Wesley himself. He is shown dressed in his canonicals and standing with his right hand in an open gesture, while turning over the leaves of a Bible with his left hand. It is generally accepted that the following quote from Wesley's Journal refers to this painting:

“Saturday 22nd December 1787 – I yielded to the importunity of a painter, and sat an hour and a half, in all, for my picture. I think it the best that was ever taken; but what is a picture of a man above four score?”

The painting by the artist William Hamilton R.A., was commissioned by James Milbourne, who was an intimate friend of both John and his brother Charles, and a Trustee of City Road Chapel, (Wesley's Chapel). It is thought likely that John sat for the artist here in the Study.

This painting of John, at the age of 84, one the best portraits we have of him, is on long term loan from the National Portrait Gallery.

The room is now set up to try to give an impression that John Wesley has perhaps just left the room to go on one of his Preaching tours. It is furnished with some of the items that are believed to have once belonged to John, and are probably in their original positions. Thus, to the immediate right of the entrance is a bookcase, with cupboards beneath and on the left an elegant walnut veneer bureau. At the far end of the room is the fireplace, with on its right-hand side, nearest the windows, a long case

clock. To the left of the fireplace, and standing on a small table is a scientific curiosity, an “electrical machine”. Interspaced around the room are various comfortable chairs, including an armchair, that date from when the house was last used by John, as well as other items of furniture including John Wesley’s “Study Chair”.

The Book Case

Surmounting a cupboard, this is an elegant glass fronted cabinet fitted with a set of shelves which are filled with a collection of books which are part of the library assembled by John Wesley during his lifetime. This surviving portion, now residing in the cabinet, is comprised of the books on various different topics, and in several different languages, which are known to have been read by John, since they carry his comments and signature, as well as copies of the many books and leaflets of which John was the author.

More details about this collection, as well as information about the publishing and printing activities of John Wesley can be found in Serendipity Thirty-Two, while a short video about the book case, by the Curator, can be accessed on the Museum of Methodism web site.

John Wesley’s Bureau

On the left-hand side of the entrance and against the east wall, opposite the windows, can be found John Wesley’s bureau/writing desk. It is both superior in quality and appearance to that once owned by his brother Charles and which is down in the Back Parlour. It has a glossy walnut veneer and has a mirror fronted cupboard mounted above the desk itself which has a drop-down door/shelf. This feature provides a flat surface for writing, and when lowered into its propped-up position for this purpose, the interior of the desk is revealed. It can then be seen to be furnished with shelves and compartments for the filing of letters, etc., as well as a set of drawers. Some of the latter have hidden extra compartments for the secretion of private papers or

valuables. Indeed, it is known that Mr. Wesley used them to hold the spare change he kept to hand out to the needy who knocked at his door. In his will, he directed that any money remaining in the bureau drawers, after his death, was to be given to his step-grandchildren.

A further security feature of the bureau is the sliding panel that covers the space used to hold and hide, personal private papers, or correspondence.

The shelves in the bureau were probably where any letters sent to John were stored in his absence, awaiting his return. It is likely when the bureau was located in his room in the Foundry, that his wife, Mary, (or Molly as John called her), who lodged there, came across some correspondence in the bureau, which occasioned her as a jealous person to have a serious disagreement with her husband. She had been given authority by John to open his correspondence in his absence. It was, in this way that Molly chanced upon letters sent to John by other women who John had met on his preaching tours and with whom he had maintained a religious interest. These perfectly proper, innocent, but often affectionate, letters to her husband were misunderstood by Molly who in her anger passed on information which was subsequently misused against him by his enemies. This being one of the things, together with their incompatibility, which contributed to the breakdown of the marriage which John had contracted "in haste" in 1751 and "repented upon at leisure". The bureau with its cupboard and the desk, which surmount a tier of drawers is the subject of a short video, by the Curator of the Museum of Methodism, which is available on line.

John Wesley's Long Case Clock

On the right-hand side of the fireplace, now standing, where it was probably placed during John's residence of the house, is a long case clock. It is certainly the oldest artefact in the room, since it was made around the year 1720, by Claude Duchesne, (c.1670 – c.1730), one of the most highly regarded of the

Huguenot, (French Protestant), clock makers who came to London after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1635. His clocks are known for their fine workmanship and complex specification.

It is possible that the clock was once a wedding present to Claude's son, whose eldest child, Betty Duchesne, was the likely benefactor who gave the time piece to John Wesley. Betty appears to have been a personal friend of Charles Wesley and his wife Sarah as well as being acquainted with John. We know that John Wesley conducted Bettys burial service, as recorded in John's Journal:

Sunday 22nd December 1776: I returned to London; and on Sunday 22nd, buried the remains of Elizabeth Duchesne, a person eminently upright of heart, yet for many years a child of labour and sorrow".

The clock, which has almost certainly been in John's house since it was built, is a weight driven, pendulum, time piece. It is still in excellent working order and maintains good time. The dial shows the time in hours, minutes and seconds, the date and the time of high tide at London Bridge. One thing that has not worked since early in the 19th Century is the panel showing the phases of the moon.

Until a few years ago, the clock was allowed to ring out the hour, but this part of the mechanism is turned off now. This is a pity, since anyone present in John's Study, when the clock struck the hour, was transported back to the 18th Century, fortunate, and fascinated, to realise that John Wesley would have heard it chime in exactly the same way. No doubt he was conscious of the passage of time in his busy life. As he said, quite early in his mission, "*Leisure and I have parted company*", and he would have been well aware of the words of Charles, "*The fugitive moment refuses to stay*".

There still remain other items of interest in the Study, but we will be looking at them in a later edition of “Window on Wesley’s when we resume our virtual tour. If you are interested and want to know more, then be sure to acquire a copy of the magazine.

Keith Dutton – Heritage Steward

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 (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





John Wesley
Wesley's Chapel
& Leysian Mission

The **Methodist Church** 

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, City Road, London
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(Full Time, £28–£32k based on experience)

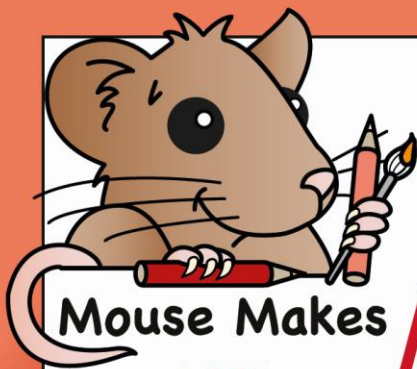
This role — formally titled Leysian Missioner — presents a unique and exciting opportunity to exercise and develop skills in lay ministry, in a thriving central London church and community environment.

As a core member of the pastoral team at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, responsibilities include coordinating ministry among children and families, leading on our communications strategy, and encouraging and supporting volunteers within the life of the church (including leading on safer recruitment, supervision and review).

Does this sound like you? Full particulars can be obtained on request from: Tracey Smith at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, 49 City Road, London, EC1Y 1AU; telephone 0207 253 2262 or by email to: administration@wesleyschapel.org.uk

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 19th November 2021.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



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Read John 10:11 and 14



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Read John 15:1 and 35



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Read John 18:12

Seven times in John's Gospel Jesus calls Himself "I AM" - the same name that God calls Himself when He speaks to Moses in Exodus 3:14 Jesus is telling us who He really is.



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Read John 10:9



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Look up the Bible references, fill in the missing words then look for them in the word search



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Candidates for this role must be self-motivated, proactive, and able to work independently with minimal supervision. He/she should be able to prioritise mutable workloads
Experience of administration in a faith-based organisation is preferred but not essential and training will be provided according to previous experience.

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Terms and conditions will be in line with those recommended by the Methodist Conference.

Full particulars can be obtained on request from Revd. Asif Karam – the superintendent minister
asif.karam@methodist.org.uk 18 - Little Gaynes Lane Upminster
London RM14 2JJ

The closing date for applications is Thursday 3rd of December 2021.

War and Peace

War is not a new thing
It's been here from the start,
When Cain slew brother Abel
And their lives were torn apart.

Brother still fights brother
And nations go to war,
It seems these things will never end
Perhaps we need to ask 'what for?'

Man has chosen his own path
Where might and power tell,
But God desires a better way
Where harmony and peace can dwell.

And so a time will come at last
When all man's rule will cease,
Emmanuel will come to reign,
Our Lord and Saviour, Prince of Peace.

By Megan Carter



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