



# WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



**OCTOBER 2022**

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Dear Friends,

*'I believe I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!' Psalm 27.13-14*

Welcome to the October edition of Window on Wesley's. I wish I could say that following the tumultuous events of the last two and a half years, we could see a secure path ahead in our neighbourhoods and workplaces. Instead, we are standing alongside one another as inflation begins to bite and the cost-of-living goes up, experiencing the effects of pressure on social care and hospitals in our own families, and doing our best to support our children, among whom are those who are still trying to catch up from the Covid closures. Those of us with roots overseas are seeing more pressure on our home economies, with many suffering much greater difficulty than we are. My godson in south Nigeria can't even feed himself on his salary as a hospital administrator anymore, let alone look after his wider family. And he is among the lucky, both university educated and employed.

Now is a time for urgency, and to clarify what is important to us. In church, that continues to be the basics: 'Welcome, Worship, and Care.' Now is a time to reach out to one another with what we have, remembering we can be faithful with a very little. If loaves and fish is what we have, then loaves and fish is what we bring. If you can send a WhatsApp once a week to check on a 'Wesley's Buddy' this autumn, then step up and do that. If you can donate an extra coat for the 'take one leave one' scheme, then do that. And if you can be with our children and young people for an hour once a month in Sunday School, do that.

But now is not a time for frenetic activity driven by anxiety, if we can avoid it. **A slow, tenacious, faithful courage is our gift as Methodist people, based in our faith in Christ.** Psalm 27 whose last verses I quoted above seems to me written exactly for today. I take the 'goodness of God' to be real things: strong friendships, enough to eat, health, sense of care being there

when we need it, political wisdom and public safety. And we sometimes do not see these things 'in the land of the living', but we sure as anything work for them. Together, our loaves and fish will feed many.

Friends, give yourselves the gift of reading your scripture, praying, and coming to church in these days: and let your frustration or fear be a provocation to act. We are stronger than we know, together.

***With every blessing, Jen***

## **DATES FOR OUR DIARIES**

16 October **HARVEST CELEBRATION**: bring gifts for the Whitechapel Mission <https://whitechapel.org.uk>; see recommended donations at <https://whitechapel.org.uk/giftlist>

23 October: **Church Budget Q and A after the service**: to see our 2022-23 budget click: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1crStBzILEyM2wbKLiH12azbZc1p9WHEq/view?usp=sharing> . Copies will also be available after the Sunday service in the vestibule. Alternatively, please contact the Chapel office and we will be happy to send you a copy.

30 October: **Church ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 'Welcome, Worship, Care'** with the election of trustees, and updates on Church mission; open to all.

4 November (Friday): **ECUMENICAL QUIZ NIGHT** with friends from our neighbouring churches, St Giles', St Joseph's, and Jewin Welsh Church: **7.30pm at Golden Lane Community Centre**. All welcome! STAY TUNED to our weekly email update, for details about organising our teams.

## HARVEST CELEBRATION: 16 October 2022

One of the ways we can take action is to support the work of Whitechapel Mission (our sister Methodist Church) with food, toiletries, or clothing donations. You can also get involved to advocate and work to end the cost of living crisis!

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/discover-church-at-the-margins/the-cost-of-living-crisis/>

See the full list for Whitechapel Mission at <https://whitechapel.org.uk/giftlist> but here is a guide:

### **They need/are desperate**

Ketchup	Nutella	Body Lotion
Baked Beans	Jam	Hand Cream
Plum Tomatoes	Chocolate Spread	Moisturiser
Chopped Tomatoes	Shower Gel	Razors
Biscuits	Shaving Foam	Spray Deodorant
Sugar	Roll on Deodorant	Toothbrushes
Honey		

### **They have enough**

Tinned Veggies	Pasta	Tea/T-bags
Pot Noodles	Soup	Tinned Meat



## Room to let

The Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission Community currently have a room available to let, and are looking for someone new to join our onsite community.



As part of the community we would require you to volunteer time and commit to coming to monthly gatherings.

To find out more details and to request an application form please contact the office at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission on 020 7253 2262 or email [manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk)

## Sri Lanka appeal

The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is having devastating effects on the daily lives of the people as rising prices and shortages make essential goods, such as food, cooking gas and medicine, harder and harder to obtain.



The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka has launched a *Samaritan Journey Project* which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously.

This includes providing severely affected families with relief packages consisting of essential food and other items, giving grants for medical expenses of children who have recurring illnesses, and giving start-up kits to enable people to grow their own vegetables.

In response, the Methodist Church in Britain has given a Solidarity Grant of £15,000 from the World Mission Fund towards the Samaritan Journey Project. The need, however, goes far beyond the scope of this grant, and so donations are being



invited to the Samaritan Project through the World Mission Fund. This channel for giving remains open into the autumn, and the money raised will then be sent as a lump sum to the *Samaritan Journey Project*. [Donate to the Sri Lanka appeal](#)

### ***Behind the scenes of a week to remember***

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

2022 will long be remembered as the year when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died, and the days that followed this were memorable ones here at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission.

On Thursday 8th September, at lunchtime there was an announcement from Buckingham Palace that the Queen's doctors were concerned for her health and that she was under medical supervision. It was clear from the unusual nature of this



announcement that the situation was potentially serious, and this was underlined as it began to emerge that the Queen's close family members were being rushed by RAF jets to be with her at Balmoral.

We immediately began preparing at the Chapel to respond to the possibility of what would be a major national event, of

the Queen's death. We already had on file digital copies of a couple of photos from the Queen's visit to Wesley's Chapel on 1st November 1978. On the afternoon of 8th September, I retrieved from our archive the relevant photo album, and proceeded straight away to scan and enhance digitally several further photographs



of the Queen from that visit, so we would have these at the ready for use on social media and in our online presence.

At 6.30 that evening, the news came that the Queen had died. Thomas, our Leysian Missioner, masterminded our social media response, as we put out a message on all our channels expressing our sadness and condolence on behalf of the Chapel.

Jennifer, our Superintendent, was in Germany at the time, at the conclusion that day of the 11th general Assembly of the World Council of Churches, preparing to depart for home the next morning. We rapidly made plans for how the Chapel would respond to the death of the Queen, via a flurry of emails between here and there. At around 8.30 that evening, we announced on all our online channels that we would hold a service of prayer in the Chapel at 1pm the following day. In the meantime, Thomas prepared the Chapel interior to reflect the period of national mourning that had now begun, fixing a band of black ribbon around each of the candles in the church, and applying an edging of black ribbon to our pulpit fall.

On Friday 9th September, we remembered the Queen's death in our usual Morning Prayers at 10am, using a special prayer issued the night before by the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference. At noon, in common with churches up and down the land, we tolled a bell for one hour in the Chapel courtyard. We don't have real church bells at Wesley's, so this was actually a high quality recording of a bell tolling, that I had sourced that morning, played through an amplifier that with the help of Carlos our caretaker we set up outside the front of the Chapel—it was most effective, and moving to hear. Several people came and said, impressed, that they hadn't realised that we had a bell like that here.

Throughout this time, people came in to the Chapel; some to stop briefly and pray, others to sit and wait. At 1pm, when the tolling of the bell ceased, I read a statement to those now gathered, from the President and Vice President of the Conference—who of



course had been with us for worship just five days previously. We then held a short service of prayer, using an order of service specially prepared for this eventuality by the Methodist Church, which had been published the previous evening. In addition to the 30 or so who had gathered in the Chapel that lunchtime, this was viewed by nearly 500 people on our livestream.

In the afternoon, I wrote a message of condolence, on behalf of the Chapel community, in the book of remembrance opened for the occasion at the parish church of St Giles, Cripplegate in the Barbican. That evening, I attended the national service of prayer and reflection on the death of the Queen, at St Paul's Cathedral. Jennifer returned home from the WCC in Karlsruhe.

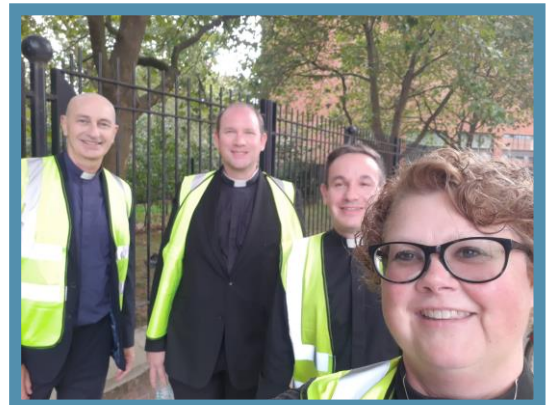
On Sunday 11th, I preached. A challenging task under the circumstances, recognising that for some this was a moment of profound significance and sorrow, while for others the fact of giving the Queen's death such attention was somewhat over the top, or even inappropriate. We prayed of course, in the course of the service, for the new King—his accession having been proclaimed at St James's Palace and in the City of London the previous day. Following the conclusion of the service, we sang—most unusually here, but reflecting the particularity of this moment—the new national anthem.

The next morning, Monday 12th, preparations were underway for the Queen's lying-in-state in Westminster Hall. An email went out from Lambeth Palace, circulated to ministers in the London Methodist district via our district office, seeking volunteers to serve as chaplains to those who, in the coming days, were anticipated to come in their thousands to queue for many hours to view the Queen's lying-in-state. It was to be a multi-faith team of qualified people, to offer support and a friendly listening ear for any who might need it—who may have been affected, perhaps quite deeply, by the Queen's death, and who would be coming to the lying-in-state with a variety of experiences about which they might wish to talk. The email called on those potential volunteers to attend a meeting via Zoom that evening, and subsequently to

provide all necessary details—certificate of criminal records check, proof of safeguarding training, a referee for one's appropriateness for the role, proof of identity etc—by noon the following day. It was a very rapidly developed and impressively executed plan, organised by the Archbishop of Canterbury's office, under the auspices of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, which was coordinating the arrangements for The Queue over all.

I was among those who responded, and was privileged to be appointed subsequently to this Faith Team. I was stationed on each of four successive days, for three hours at a time, together with another chaplain, to be available to the people in the queue who had reached as far as Westminster Bridge—who had, depending on the day, been queuing for between four and ten hours at that point. It was an outstanding experience, and a joy to meet with the huge diversity of people that had come.

It was extraordinary to encounter the camaraderie and fellowship that developed among strangers queuing together in this common purpose, to share in conversation with them, and to encourage them on their way. (At this point in the queue—although very close geographically to parliament—they still had two or three hours to go.) And the warm welcome and appreciation we received as chaplains, from those queuing, was remarkable and humbling.



Amid this, I was moved to join the queue myself, after the conclusion of my chaplaincy stint on the Friday afternoon. I joined the queue at Southwark Park at 6.45pm that evening, and entered Westminster Hall at 7.30 the following morning. In common with the experience of others in our congregation, an extraordinary and uplifting twelve and a half hours queueing with

those around me, leading to a few moments, unlike anything else in my experience, dumbfounding in its solemnity.

All in all, these days leading up to Her Majesty's State Funeral on 19<sup>th</sup> September, were profoundly memorable as a moment in the life of Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission.

Whatever this month of October should bring, may it be one of blessing for each of you. As always, if there is anything that you would like to talk about, please don't hesitate to be in touch. Find me here at the church, or give me a call on 07483 160593.

With my prayers for you this month,

**Steven**

**WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'CALLING'**  
**Emma Akazara – Co-ordinator Wesley's Methodist**  
**Women in Britain & Local Preacher on Trial**

It is often said that humankind was put on this earth for a purpose. Jeremiah 1:5 would somewhat confirm this assertion "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were



born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1: 5).

I have struggled with what it means to be called, but having read different definitions and heard various testimonies of same, three themes seem to resonate through them all. They are that a calling causes one to have a **strong sense feeling or urge** to do or be something; it has a **focus or purpose** and the result is manifested in **service or contribution**. There also seem to be an added bonus that with service or contribution, comes fulfilment or contentment. It follows then, that whatever one is drawn to do or be is a calling. And this could be in a

workplace, in the family or within the church. However, for the purpose of this essay, the focus is on calling within the church. I will attempt to explore above themes in this essay and relate them to my own calling.

The simple question, “how did you receive your calling” is a legitimate one. I have heard responses from dreams (as in Samuel’s case), recommended by a minister or church leaders to just having a strong intuition or inner conviction, among others. However, I am drawn to that of Amos - “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7: 14-15). This bold assertion by Amos would suggest anyone can be called by God. Certainly there are numerous examples in the bible.

I can trace my own journey from childhood, having been brought up in the church. My family home was surrounded by churches including the local Methodist church where we worshipped. To this day, our family home has served as an annex manse to the church. My father was also a founder and leader of a spiritual (prayer) group. So perhaps it’s not surprising that two of my siblings are ordained Methodist ministers and another a local preacher.

So what am I drawn to? I’m not sure but I know I like doing good, I hate injustice, I like helping people – when someone’s life is enhanced by something I did, I feel good. In Matthew 25 Jesus taught that service to one another (love) is service to the Lord “.... I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me” (v 45). That’s not to say I always get it right, but the desire is certainly there.

Although I have never been away from the church, for a long time, and perhaps still, I have not figured out how my calling fits within the church other than to serve in any role I am able. Despite my strong religious upbringing, my parents never prayed

with us or taught us the bible, however their acts of piety were enough to influence my desire to have a personal relationship with God. As a child, I feared God, literally! There has always been an inner hunger or conviction to know and be close to God. And it would seem that hunger has grown stronger with age. I found myself surrounded by bibles (some I'm unsure had I'd acquired them) – at my bedside and other places in the house and at work. I would join, other commitments permitting, any bible study group. And when I've lead a bible discussion, one or more participants would comment on how fruitful they'd found the discussion, particularly with something I'd said. Within the church I had become a steward (not sure how), initially doing the collection and later, vestry duties. Occasionally during vestry duties, the superintendent would say to me "I think you've got something...have you thought about training to be a local preacher"? No, I don't think so, was always my response. In fact, I stopped vestry duties after a while to avoid attention.

Then I was asked to read the scripture during worship. I had little sleep the night before and that scripture has not left me since then (Philippians 2). Then I found myself in leadership role/s within the church. It didn't help that an old family friend (Samuel) called me and remarked during our conversation that if he thought any of my siblings could be an ordained minister, it would be me! We'd never discussed religion in all the years I've known him. He felt somewhat validated when I later told him I'd been approved as a local preacher on note. To top that, my daughters came to me one day and asked me to pray for them (for something they desired) because they thought "God would listen to you". When I asked why, they said there was an "aura" around me. What was/is happening to me...?

The bible tells us we are all called "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). But how does one discern a genuine calling from God to a role? Is it enough that everyone around me says I am called? I had imagined a calling from God to something

paralleling that of Samuel:" The Lord came and stood there calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). I wanted to hear God calling me, literally, or something equally dramatic. But might the Lord be calling through all the people telling me I've been called? I feel the urge to preach, not necessarily in a pulpit, although that might have something to do with confidence. I equally feel a great sense of responsibility to preach to God's people, that I need to get it right, so much I overthink it. Nevertheless, I seem to be preaching, reaching people in ways that are oblivious to me, which leads me to believe this surely must be the Holy Spirit at work, leading/guiding me effortlessly. One thing I am certain of is that God never calls without equipping. "For he who called you is faithful and He will do it" (1Thes 5:24). There is further assurance from Paul's letter to the Romans "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:25).

There's also something to be said for 'timing'. And in this regard I can relate to Charles Wesley's hymn - *"Me if thy grace vouchsafe to use, Meanest of all thy creatures, me. The deed, the time, the manner choose. Let all my fruit be found of thee. Let all my works in thee be wrought. By thee to full perfection brought"* (StF 546 vs2). I have worshipped at the same church for approximately thirty-five years, but I have probably enjoyed active church life for half of that time. I'm not sure why or how it happened, it just crept up on me. I am serving in ways that were unimaginable to me years ago and I feel humbled when reflecting on it all. Might all these different roles be leading me to the pulpit; had God been moulding me all this while? I have also questioned that if God has called me then why do I struggle to commit to the demands of same. Or perhaps I'm just making excuses. I am encouraged by Charles Wesley's hymn "This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day. Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all" (StF 401 v 5).



In conclusion, yes – I am convinced I've been called to a role or to serve within the church. I feel humbled, privileged, yet surprised by how God has enabled me to serve both within and outside the church. Although it would seem, on reflection, this has been building up for a long time in ways that have been oblivious to me until now.

Time has been and still is my biggest challenge, perhaps with an equal measure of procrastination, to be honest. But the itch is there, and if fulfilling ones calling has the added bonus of contentment, then this will not go away. It is my hope that this journey to be a local preacher will seek to confirm the role I've been called to. That said, "I want it now, the completeness I need to serve you. I want to be ready, fully formed, able to glorify you, whole". However, I pray that, "God let it be enough that I am on my way" (Methodist website).

### **Wesley's 'Buddy' scheme**

**What it is: a way for groups of 3 to get to know one another at church, to build fellowship, to learn names, and to make a few more familiar faces. This complements the more formal pastoral groups, and is open to anyone.**

- Opt in by filling in your details below & returning the slip to a member of staff, giving permission to share them with your Buddies and keep on Churchsuite (our central database)
- At the church meeting on 30 October we will draw groups of 3 randomly together.
- Be in touch with each other: set up a WhatsApp group, phone call, SMS, email, zoom, or meet at church after or before a service.
  - What is your name and what do you do in the week?
  - How did you come to be part of Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission?
  - What would you want to pray for, right now?

- Commit to pray for one another during the week, and check in on Sundays to see how you are if you are in church or worshipping/having fellowship online.
- Learn one another's names and be aware of one another.
- Goes without saying, but be kind with one another and respect one another's boundaries.
- Feel free to do other things if it is right, and to combine with other threes!
- Let us know how it's going; be in touch with a minister or office if you feel like anything comes up you want support for.
- We are thinking to run the Buddy scheme up to February and then re-draw the list to get new Buddy groups on Sunday 5 February.
- **DO YOU ENJOY THIS?** Consider offering to become a pastoral group leader: speak to a minister.

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NAME

CONTACT

SIGNATURE

I am happy to share my data for the Buddy scheme and for Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission to keep a record of it during the scheme.

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### **Summer's Gone**

We all have that "moment" when we realise that summer is over. For some of course it's a firmly observed "Back to School" Day.

Indeed, for children and parents it's quite easy to miss the significance of the end of summer amid the whirl of shoe shopping, uniform buying/trying on, "How have you grown that much in six weeks?!"

Such days have passed and already children look forward with delight to the next Half-Term. Even now those words evoke in many of us a pang of nostalgia for those lazy days.

In winter of course they often were “BORING”. If the autumn half term didn’t line up with bonfire night, it was decidedly dull. As parents told us we should make our own entertainment.

For others, it is of course a less obvious moment. When you put the fan away knowing it won’t be needed again until next summer, and possibly bring out the blankets at the same time. I would like to say I am terribly old-fashioned and love a stoneware hot water bottle. I do, but I got given an electric blanket and it is so much less effort. Hotter too.

It is also a good time to do something a bit more in your spiritual life. If your bed is nice and cosy, go to bed with your bible (and a prayer book if you are inclined to such things) and give yourself some warm Godly time.

There is a great notion, drummed into many of us as children, that going to bed means we must *go to sleep*. Yet have a bedside lamp, a good book, a big glass of water within reach and you can comfortably sit for hours.

Your phone is one to put down for the last hour if you can, I know that WhatsApp group message will keep whether or not you check it at once.

Or in the morning, revive the old “bed jacket” and sit comfortably up in bed for a couple of hours before your day starts if you’re not a night owl.

Let God be a part of this time, but it needn’t be all Holy. I have a stack of romance novels up to my knee for this winter. As well as my well-worn copy of “Live Alone and Like it”. Which also extols the idea of bed as more than just where you sleep.

Although the authoress of that tome is rather keener on make-up procedures than I am yet. Though I suppose praying while you wait for nails to dry or face-packs to set wouldn't be a bad idea either...

### ***Thomas – Leysian Missioner***

## **Islington celebrates Black History Month 2022 with a packed programme of exciting events**

**Islington will celebrate Black History Month in October with exciting free events for all, to celebrate the many contributions and achievements of the Black diaspora and communities that have enriched lives in Islington and across the country.**

From poetry and spoken word recitals, and Windrush-inspired theatre, to group cycling sessions and even conversational events about Black experiences of healthcare and wellbeing – there is something for everyone.

The programme of events will include:

- Black History Month Launch event, Saturday 1 October 1.30 – 4.30pm at Caxton House, 129 St John's Way. There will be a selection of local Black-owned businesses running stalls, as well as guest speakers with a focus on empowering the Black community.
- Poetry and Spoken Word from Afrika and the Caribbean with the House of Amau, Saturday 1 October 2-4pm at Central Library.
- Go Africa Festival of Arts, 4 October 10am-4pm, 5 October 10am-9pm at Islington Town Hall. This is a two-day festival of arts focused on 'IDENTITY', showcasing African artwork, including textiles, literature, and fashion photography.
- Windrush Inspired Performance in Caledonian Park Amphitheatre, Saturday 8 October, 2-3pm.

- *Apartheid and Me: Storytelling and drawing*, Saturday 8 October 10.30am-12.30pm at Central Library. Join author and storyteller, Monica Clarke, as she reads from her children's book *Apartheid and Me*.
- *In Conversation with Healthcare Professionals*, Thursday 20 October 6-7.30pm at Islington Town Hall. An insightful in-conversation event with three local healthcare professionals.

For more information and for the full list of events happening throughout the month, go to [the Black History Month 2022 events listing page on the IslingtonLife website](#).

Cllr Roulin Khondoker, Islington Council's Executive Member for Equalities, Culture and Inclusion, said:

*"Black History Month is a time to celebrate the diversity of our borough and Islington's rich Black history. I encourage everyone to come along to an event to learn, pay respect and to enjoy Black culture."*

*We are committed to challenging inequality wherever we find it. We will confront the realities of structural racism and injustice, and help people overcome the multiple barriers they face, as we create a more equal Islington for all."*

*We know that learning about Black history and culture must not just be confined to a single month in October. We have a brilliant Black History 365 Programme which provides learning and celebrates Black history and culture all year-round. I do hope everyone will get involved in events throughout Black History Month and with our wider Black History 365 events".*



At the start of this month, I was lucky enough to travel to Karlsruhe, Germany to attend the World Council of Churches. I



was asked to go and represent the Global Mission Fellows and maybe drum up a few recruits. It was a busy week, the event programmed almost from sunup to sundown, but every day we were treated to vibrant worship from churches around the world.

My personal favourite was the chanted evening prayer from the Coptic Orthodox church. There were also ecumenical discussions on major issues like climate change and evangelism every day, and on the weekend I joined a Canoe pilgrimage on the Rhine river to meditate on peace and reconciliation.

But most of my work was spent at the exhibit booth, talking with believers from more nations and churches than I could count. Sometimes the questions were tricky, several times I was asked to explain the schism currently tearing the United Methodist Church apart. Others were easier, like ‘what do you do?’ (I should hope I can answer that question). At one point, on sharing that I was a missionary in London, an Indonesian man looked me in the eyes and just said “is that necessary?”



All told, it was a remarkable week of fellowship, exchange, and conversation. And who knows? I might have recruited the next GMF to serve here at the chapel.

***Erick Hunter – Global Mission Fellow***





## Leadership on a Journey Learning Resource

Continuing the work from the Leadership on a Journey exhibition which looked at leaders from the Black British, Asian and global Methodist family, Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission have launched a new education resource 'Migration Stories'.

It has curriculum links to the GCSE History module 'Britain, migration, empires and the people c790 to the present day' but could have wider application in subjects such as citizenship. Whilst it has not been designed specifically for Black History Month, it could also be used as a resource during that time.

The resource consists of a [teacher's notes](#), [student workbook](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#) all of which are also accessible via the [TES website](#).



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

# Open House

Weds 26 October

11am-3pm

Explore the 18th century home of John Wesley with the house brought to life by Georgian re-enactors.

The Chapel and Museum are open from 10.30-4.



Free Entry



## Winter challenge for Ukrainians

Eight months since Russia's invasion, Christian Aid is warning that millions of Ukrainians face a bleak winter in temporary shelters and damaged homes.

[Christian Aid](#) is working hard to help Ukrainians get through the cold months, when temperatures can plunge to -20C.

Alongside its local partners and other charities, the programme for winter includes insulating shelters, restoring toilet and shower blocks, and handing out cash, food, blankets, toiletries and other essentials to support 57,000 people.

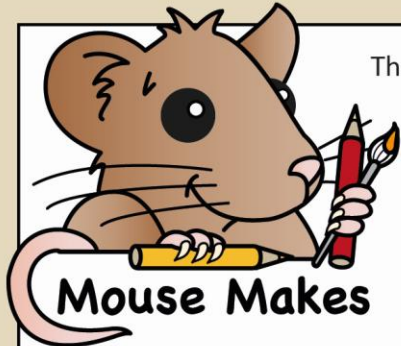
Christian Aid CEO Patrick Watt said:

*"Thanks to the unprecedented generosity of the British people, Christian Aid is helping local people to take the lead in tackling their own priorities. But with disrupted power, freezing temperatures lie ahead for conflict-hit Ukrainians already struggling with trauma and a lack of medical treatment. We must do more, and quickly."*

*"One helpful measure would be for the Ukrainian government to lift the tax on humanitarian aid. We urge the UK government to use its relationships in Kyiv to achieve this. We want to complement state activities – not replace them."*



# CHILDRENS PAGE



The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter* or *message*

Which are the longest epistles?

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How many chapters do they have?

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DID YOU KNOW...?

At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

Which is the shortest epistle?

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How many chapters does it have?

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G A L A T I A N S J A M E S E J S  
W A E D I S P E T E R A P T L O C  
R O T E T B A W R I T E H I R H R  
I P T M U O U S P H I L E M O N O  
T H E S S A L O N I A N S O M D L  
C O R I N T H I A N S N I T A J L  
S P H I L I P P I A N S A H N U S  
M C O L O S S I A N S A N Y S D P  
H E B R E W S H W E P I S T L E O

EPISTLE • LETTER • ROMANS • CORINTHIANS • GALATIANS • EPHESIANS  
PHILIPPIANS • COLOSSIANS • THESSALONIANS • TIMOTHY • TITUS • PHILEMON  
HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

# OCTOBER RECITAL CONCERTS



OCT 4  
ANTHONY GRITTEN, ORGAN

OCT 11  
CHARLOTTE BARTLEY &  
ELENA SMIRNOVA, CLARINET & PIANO

OCT 18  
MELANIE GRUWEZ, VIOLIN

OCT 25  
THOMAS OLIVER MASCIAGA, PIANO



1.05pm, Free entry

## **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

### **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 Lunchtime Communion Service are also live streamed

([www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming)) and remain viewable afterwards at: [www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/previous-services](http://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](mailto:prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk)

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[manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk)**

