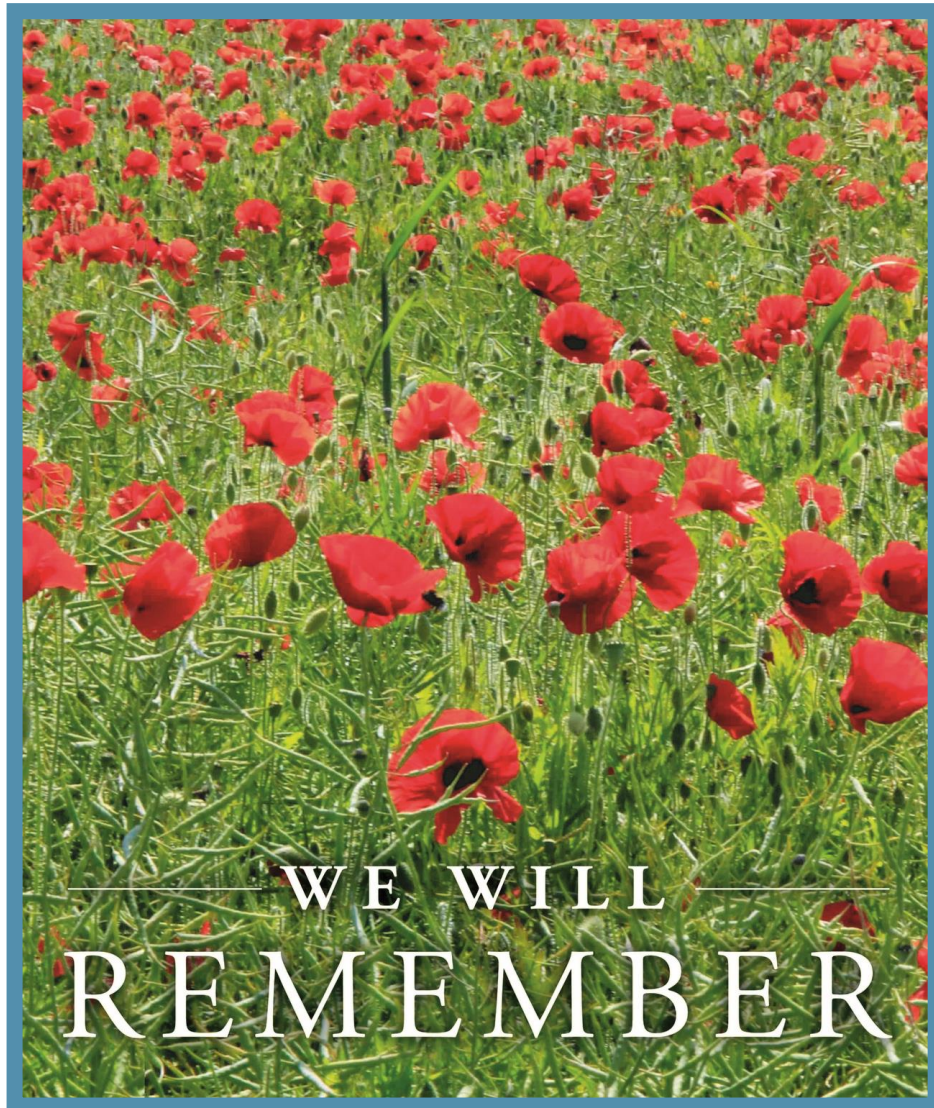




# WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



**NOVEMBER 2022**

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Dear friends,

Welcome to November at Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission: make sure you are subscribed to the weekly notices (see [www.wesleyschapel.org.uk](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk) for the link on the homepage) and see all the opportunities for worship and service in the coming weeks.

After a properly engaged church meeting in late October discussing how we 'do justice' together, we launch the Wesley's Winter Warm space Mondays and Thursdays, 11-4pm this month. This joins the 'winter warmer' fund to help with utility bills, and the take one/leave one coat exchange as ways we are standing together this winter. It's easy to get involved: speak to one of the staff or call the office. You can volunteer, pray, donate from your £400 fuel subsidy, give an extra coat, or join others working together to advocate for policy change to alleviate the cost of living rise. And do not hesitate to ask for help yourself, in addition to helping others.

It's easy to get discouraged by the things many of us are living with, and we do not need to run on empty. Why not try the ecumenical Advent group, meeting at a different local church each Saturday morning beginning last week in November, 10 for 10:30 and finished by 11:30 before the congestion charge kicks in? We will be reflecting on the Lord's Prayer, that most basic pattern for our daily discipleship. Or if it's hard to get into City Road on a Saturday, remember we have zoom Bible study every Sunday, 5:30-6pm, followed by evening prayers. And of course, over 50 join for morning prayer Monday through Saturday, 10-10:20. Friends there is no need to go it alone in these weeks - please, stay in touch. Pray, study, rest, work, and support one another: your church is awake.

***Every blessing, Jen***

## Harvest Gifts for Whitechapel Mission

See the broad smiles as our trustee Jerry Abankwah (with help from his son Jordan and Heritage Steward Barbara Thompson) delivered a full vanload of gifts, toiletries, groceries, and clothing



to the Whitechapel mission, all collected at our harvest service, in addition to offerings of money. To God be the glory, and thank you to all who gave so generously to help to fill the van!

Want to know more about being a heritage steward, and welcoming visitors? Call the office. Want to know more about the work at Whitechapel Mission? <https://whitechapel.org.uk/>

## 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 or email: [manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk](mailto:manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk)





## ***Advent and Christmas at City Road***



**26 November - 10am - Advent Ecumenical Course**

*At different churches, 17 December at Wesley's Chapel*

**Monday & Thursday - 11-4pm - Wesley's Warm Space**

*Come for a hot drink, company, chat and quiet*

**2 December 11:30-2.30pm - Georgian Tea Room**

*Step back in time with free cake & tea, learn about our history*

**2 December - 6pm - Leys School Carol Service**

*Featuring the Leys Students Chapel Choir*

**14 December - 5-7:30pm - Georgian Christmas**

*Explore John Wesley's House, craft, period music and fun for all the family. At 6 pm, Sing carols in the courtyard with a cup of hot chocolate, all free!*

**15 December - 12:30pm - City Carol Service**

**18 December - 11am - All Age Worship for Christmas**

**21 December - 5:30pm - 'Lighting the longest night'**

*A quieter worship with space for hard feelings*

**24 December - 3-4pm - Christingle Service at Wesley's**

**11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral**

*Contact the Office for tickets*

**25 December - 10:30am - Christmas Day Service**

**31 December - 11:30pm - Watchnight Service**

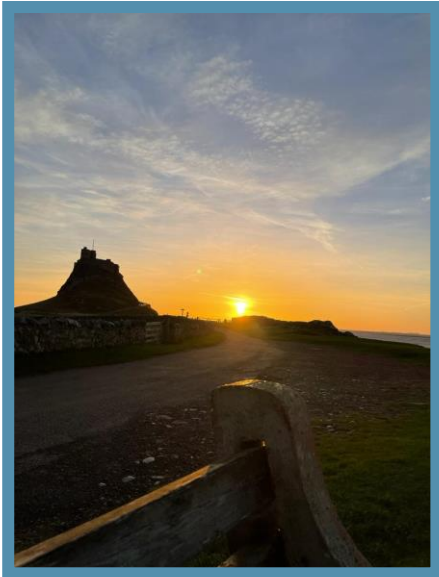
**1 January - 9:45am - Covenant Service**

**11:00am - Service of the Word**

**8 January - 11am - Covenant Service**



At the beginning of October, the Holy Club spent a weekend on retreat to Lindisfarne, off the northeast coast of England.



Lindisfarne has been a pilgrim site for most of a thousand years, the ruins of the ancient priory still dominate the island. It was a hub for the first missionaries during the years when Christianity was spreading through Great Britain. It was so known for its prestige and wealth, that it was the site of the first ever viking raid in 793.

Perhaps our retreat won't go down in history with the other events of

Lindisfarne's past, but it was a very rewarding weekend nonetheless. Seven young adults spent three days traveling, cooking, eating, laughing, and talking together. The theme of the retreat was C.S. Lewis' novel *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, which contains a poignant allegory for the death and resurrection of Christ. We spent most of Saturday in deep discussion of the gospel, the symbolism of the Passion story, the role of sin in our lives, and



much more. Beyond theological discussion, we also took time to explore the island, visit ruins, tour the old castle, and capped everything off with a pleasant worship Sunday morning (for which Thomas was kind enough to preach) before catching the coach back to London.

As most churches have found, the pandemic broke many relationships and destroyed many programs, so it was heartening to see the young adults of Wesley's Chapel gathering, celebrating, and praying together again. We had scarcely gotten off the bus before one of the adults was asking me about our next trips! Thank you to all those who came on the trip, and thank you to the Chapel for providing the means for such explorations of faith and fellowship.

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

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

**Kenneth Cracknell, R.I.P.**

We are sorry to report this month the death on 26<sup>th</sup> October of the Revd Professor Kenneth Cracknell at the age of 87. Kenneth, who died at his home in America, has long been a friend of Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, together with his wife Professor Susan White, who survives him.

Susan has kindly supplied the following obituary. She writes:

*Although his travels took him around the globe, Kenneth Cracknell, who has died at age 87 of complications of COVID, was in his heart a Londoner. Born in the ex-urbs of the Capitol, Kenneth's earliest memories were of the bombing of his neighbourhood during the Blitz, and his evacuation to the countryside for safety. His parents, Doris (Sutton) and Percy Cracknell, in Kenneth's words "never let on how anxious they were," even with nightly air-raids.*

*At the Royal Liberty School in Southend-on-Sea after the War, Kenneth made friends quickly, learned everything in the curriculum ("except science") seemingly without much effort, and was known for his affable nature and thespian skills, both of which would prove useful throughout his career. He read English*

*Literature at Oxford University (Lincoln College) and went on to study for the Methodist ministry at Richmond Theological College.*

*After a stint ministering to small congregations in rural Lincolnshire, Kenneth went to Nigeria to teach in 1962, taking his wife Elizabeth (Vine), and two young daughters< Penelope and Sarah. (A third daughter, Deborah, would be born during their time there.). Kenneth loved Africa and its peoples, but his time in Nigeria was disrupted by the Biafra War, and after six years, the family was forced to flee.*

*Kenneth returned to an England that had dramatically changed. Migration from the Indian sub-continent had resulted in an influx of Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs, and the imperative for mutual understanding between Christians and people of other faith traditions became his single-minded commitment for the rest of his life.*

*While he was getting to grips with the intricacies of the situation, he pastored congregations in Leicestershire, and was University Chaplain at Loughborough University, while earning post-graduate degrees from the Universities of London and Leeds. Appointed the first head of Interfaith Relations for the British Council of Churches in 1978, he travelled around the world facilitating conversations and collaborative work between religious groups that had histories of animosity toward one another. It was a difficult life to combine with family commitments, and he and Elizabeth separated during this time, and eventually divorced.*

*After more than a decade of globe-trotting, lecturing, and organizing for the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches Dialogue Sub-Unit, he was called by the Methodist Church to its seminary in Cambridge, Wesley House, to teach his theological principles to a new generation of future pastors. There he held the Michael C. Gutteridge Chair in Theology and served as President of the ecumenical Cambridge*



*Theological Federation. There, too, he met fellow-professor Susan J. White and they married in 1994.*

*Soon he was on the move again, this time following Susan to a new job at Texas Christian University, where in 1996 he became Distinguished Professor of Global Studies and Interfaith Dialogue at Brite Divinity School. There a new group of students responded to his vision, and now many are professors, journalists, and activists for interfaith understanding. Right up to the time of his death he followed their work with interest.*

*In retirement, Kenneth and Susan moved to Norwich, Vermont, dividing their time between there and London. One of those people who made himself at home anywhere, Kenneth plunged into teaching ILEAD / OSHER courses and holding informal symposia for those seeking deeper understanding of religious ideas and practices. His capacity for making friends never failed him, and he would often return from the Post Office long after he started out because he “got to talking.” Kenneth and Susan’s online bookstore, Sutton Books, grew to an inventory of nearly 40K volumes during this time, and he was secretly proud that some of his father’s “business genes” had actually passed to him. He continued to lecture and to write, and his love for trains, dogs, poetry, politics, and his newly-adopted home in Vermont also continued to the end.*

*Kenneth was author of 5 books and innumerable scholarly articles and monographs. On the occasion of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, friends and colleagues from all strata of his life gathered to celebrate with him and to present him with a published volume of essays in his honour (A Great Commission: Christian Hope and Religious Diversity, Peter Lang, 2000).*

*Kenneth’s passing is mourned by his colleagues, friends, and family and especially by his wife, Susan White of Norwich VT, daughters Penelope and her partner Michael Stocks of Yorkshire UK and Sarah of Sheffield UK, a stepson Todd Waller and his wife Kimberly of Salem MA and Kathmandu, Nepal, his younger brother Malcolm (“Tom”) Cracknell and his wife Felicity of Boston*

*Spa UK, grandchildren Alexandr Zaharievsky and his wife Alicia, Stefan Zaharievsky, Claire Mainwaring, Grace Mainwaring, Bethan Cracknell-Daniels, and Jonah Cracknell-Daniels, step-granddaughter Zoe Waller, and great-granddaughter Alice Zaharievsky. Kenneth was so enormously proud of the many accomplishments of these extraordinary young people, never wavering in his conviction that each of them will change the world for the better.*

*He was predeceased by his parents and was heartbroken by the deaths of his youngest daughter Deborah and her husband Richard Mainwaring.*

*Kenneth's family is especially grateful to the staff at Hanover Terrace Health and Rehabilitation Center for their attentive care for him in the last years of his life, and to Bayada Hospice. Donations in his name may be made to the Friends of the Norwich Public Library, of which he was Treasurer for many years., or to the Upper Valley Humane Society, in gratitude for his canine companion Jiva and for the many other rescue dogs that had enriched his life.*

*A funeral service will be held at the Norwich Congregational Church on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 11:30am (4.30pm GMT). Reception following. There will probably be a video link for any of his friends who wish to be technologically present: please be in touch with the office at Wesley's Chapel if you would like details of this.*

## **Pastoral Care news – and an appeal**

*Steven writes...*

One of our defining values at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission is care. And we are greatly blessed by the gift of our 34 Pastoral Leaders, who form the front line of our care for one another as a congregation. It is a privilege and a blessing for me to work alongside such an outstanding team of Pastoral Leaders here at

Wesley's. And I'm delighted this month to report a new development in support of this work.

We are in the very happy position of having a highly skilled mature student, **Margaret Clarke**, newly on placement with us here at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, as part of a course she is undertaking at the London School of Theology. Margaret is focused in this placement on providing additional support for our pastoral care work, and in particular in supporting our Pastoral Leaders. Welcome, Margaret!

Over the coming weeks, Margaret will be getting to know our Pastoral Leaders and working with me to support them, including to help to identify ways of filling some of the gaps that currently exist in the Chapel's pastoral care provision. One of the challenges here is that we have approximately 75 church members who are currently not allocated to a Pastoral Leader.

**We are keen to appoint some new Pastoral Leaders to help take on this load.** If you feel that you might be able to help in this way—or if you would like to know more about it—please do be in touch with me.

But wherever things are at for you this month, and whatever this month should bring, God bless you. As always, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, please don't hesitate to give me a call: you can reach me on 07483 160593, or via the office.

Have a blessed November,

**Steven**

### **First Aiders on site at City Road**

Congratulations: all the staff (pastoral, admin, and heritage) at City Road have passed their first aid training to become certified adult first aiders, after a Red Cross hands-on course. Topics included choking, burns, falls, dressing wounds and emergency first aid when someone is unconscious or in shock. A little training can save lives, and buy time for paramedics to arrive.



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



# Georgian Christmas Tea Room

Friday 2 December, 11.30am - 3pm

Free entry, donations for tea and cake. First come, first served, booking not required.



**Advent Ecumenical Study: Our Father... The Lord's Prayer**  
**Saturday Mornings in Advent**  
**10 for 10.30 start until 11.30 (sharp)**

Would you like to meet local people from different churches and share fellowship, refreshments, and the Lord's Prayer? Then this short course is for you! Come to one or all the sessions: at a different local church each week.



**26 November at St Giles, Cripplegate, in the Barbican:**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name



**3 December at St Joseph's RC Church:**

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven



**10 December at Jewin Welsh Church:**

Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive....



**17 December at Wesley's Chapel:**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one For thine is the Kingdom.....



# *Wesley's Warm Space*

@ Wesley's Chapel  
& Leysian Mission,  
49 City Road EC1Y 1AU  
Mondays & Thursdays  
11am-4pm

- Free Warm Space to come into
- Free Tea & Coffee
- Charge Your Device
- Socialise or not as you wish
- Games & Reading Material available

## **Ideas.....**

It is very much the case that in something as old as the church there's no such thing as a "brand new" idea, rather it's doing the same thing as we used to, updated. The word "Revival" is one which has been rather boxed in these days but it could honestly apply to a lot of the things we do here.

For example, the Take One Leave One scheme for coats is rather a revival of the "Dorcas Gifts" mentioned in the City Road diary of the 1885-8 (on sale in the Foyer) kept by Helen G. McKenny.

The Biblical character Dorcas was a dealer in purple cloth, that most luxurious of fabrics which the aristocracy of Rome could only wear a band of on their tunics. It was much in demand for the world's monarchs in the days when it could only be made by crushing thousands of murex shells, a time-consuming and expensive process. Dorcas is remembered though for her spare time hobby. She was a gifted seamstress (which came first, her career in the cloth trade or her love of sewing we shall never know), and made clothes for the poor.

Nowadays of course we mostly wear "Ready To Wear" Clothes, so giving away coats doesn't require us to all sit together and cut, stitch and fit clothes as was once the case. I am sure there are those who feel we lost something with the end of the old sewing circles (they are stock setting in Victorian novels for all the characters to have a good gossip), but there are far fewer people sewing now, since it was once necessary, and now isn't.

Still though, giving away clothes from those who don't need them and now do...that's still as useful as it was in Dorcas' day. Even if purple cloth is no longer a super luxury product.

That said I will still go through the market and see the big bolts of cloth and think "oh that's lovely I'd like a \_\_\_\_\_ of that." Then I remember I am terrible at sewing and it usually does nothing for my mood.

Why do I wander on thus...well it brings me to one of those sources of ideas for the Church Memory. What did we (or your childhood church) used to do that might be something that meets a need we have now? Have a ponder. Perhaps it's something you'd be able to lend a hand with? Or perhaps you used to do something but it fell by the wayside, and now you can resume it?

Have a think. All ideas that spring from such a font are welcome!

If you want to read the original story of Dorcas (Also called Tabitha because Dorcas is the Greek equivalent and so either is correct). You can find it in Acts 9:32-43.

***Thomas Smith – Leysian Missioner***

## **Global Mission Fellows**

**‘See differently, Serve differently’**

Fellows:

- Are young adults (20–30 years old) who are interested in putting their faith into action.
- Address social issues such as food security, migration and education.
- Serve for two years, engaging in community and working to bring about systemic change.
- Are provided with housing, relocation costs and competitive benefits. Receive in-depth training, ongoing professional development and an end of service award.

Applications open for young people 20-30 from Britain and Ireland from Nov 1, the deadline for application is January 12, 2023. Visit: [Global Mission Fellows \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk/global-mission-fellows)

Please see this link for the video for this year - [Become a Global Mission Fellow on Vimeo](#)



NOVEMBER

## LUNCHTIME MUSIC RECITALS

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- 1ST - VICTOR BRAOJOS - PIANO  
8TH - STEPHANNIE TANG - PIANO  
15TH - JAMES KIRBY - PIANO  
22ND - JONATHAN MELLING - ORGAN  
29TH - RIVER CITY SAXES - SAXAPHONE

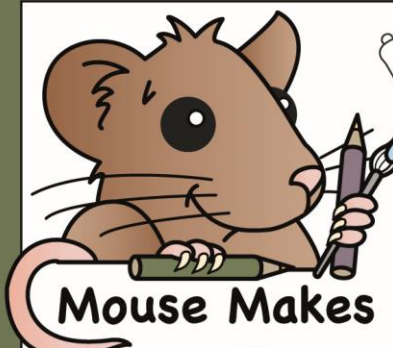



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FREE ENTRY




# CHILDRENS PAGE






## THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold





**READ**  
the story  
in Luke  
1:26-55

God sent a messenger to Mary  
What was the angel's name?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,  
what did the angel say?  
Luke 1:30


What was Mary to  
name her child?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:31


What is her son  
going to be?  
Luke 1:32-33


What does the angel  
say about God?  
Luke 1:37  
(LEARN this verse)

What happened  
to Elizabeth  
when Mary  
went to  
visit her?  
Luke 1:41

Mary praises God, what does  
she say God has done?  
Luke 1:46-55







Find the words  
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the \_\_\_\_  
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ANGEL • MESSAGE • GOD • JOSEPH • MARY • BABY • SON • BORN  
CHILD • THRONE • KING • REIGN • KINGDOM • HOLY SPIRIT • LORD  
HOLY • WORD • ELIZABETH • BLESSED • SAVIOUR • REJOICE • PRAISE

**You are my Memorial – my Legacy**  
*(Some thoughts on remembering)*

Remember me –  
As the poppies fall on the shoulders, heads, and at the feet  
Of young and old  
All gathered for the Festival.

Remember me –  
In the music played,  
In the clapping of the audience keeping time  
And uniforms so proudly worn.

Remember me –  
In the stories told,  
Most from the distant past, but others new,  
Each one rehearsing memories stored

Remember me -  
And if a tear should chance to flow  
Then let it flow for the world in pain,  
And dedicate yourself to peace

Remember me -  
And let the sun, moon, stars, shine bright  
To bring my love to you like the light  
That shines in the darkness all around.

*By Sam Doubtfire*



## **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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