



WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



NOVEMBER 2024

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Dear Friends,

November is many things....darker nights, colder weather, sweeping up all the leaves from the trees, making sure you wrap up warm as the lights and adverts for Christmas attack us from everywhere! It is also the month of **Remembering**.

During this month there are 3 particular days on which we are invited to remember and they each have a different focus and history. The first is All Saints Day when on the 1st of this month the universal Church invites us to give God thanks for saints.

Our immediate thought is to try and remember the name of a few of the saints of old but hopefully it is really an opportunity for us to remember loved one and those people in particular who have been saints to us in life. The word 'saint' means a 'signpost' and all of us can hopefully remember people, family, friends and those people there for a significant moment in life, who have pointed us in the direction of love, hope, faith....of God. Give thanks.

Another special day is the 11th day of the 11th month – Remembrance Day. Along with millions of others we are invited to remember those men and women who have fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we now enjoy. As the generation who remember World War 1 die out themselves there are still many who were involved in the Second World War and all the wars since. Buying and wearing a poppy is a sign of remembering and honouring and for Christians an opportunity to continue praying and actively seeking peace in the world.

On the last day of the last month October the world remembered just over 500 years ago a priest in Germany did something which shook the foundations of the Church and changed society forever. Martin Luther nailed his '[Ninety-five Theses](#)' on the door of the [All Saints' Church](#) in [Wittenberg](#) in the hope of reforming the Roman Catholic Church but sadly it led to the split which brought to birth the Protestant Churches. This spread across Europe and part of our history with the Church of England breaking away from Rome, over a king wanting a divorce, is

interwoven with what Luther began. So, when we say ‘*remember, remember the 5th November*’ and light our bonfires and set off our fireworks we are enacting a remembrance that was about the tensions between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church leading to the plot to blow up Parliament. Today we rejoice that the relationship between our Churches has come to the point of closely working and sharing together in the one mission of God.

For this is what we do as a Church. We remember. We remember the love of God shown to us in Jesus. We remember especially the Cross and the significance it has for us today in creating the opportunity for each one of us to discover new life in Christ.....and as we break bread and drink wine each communion Sunday we do so...in Remembrance of Him!

So, let us enjoy November as a church community at Wesley’s Chapel, as we celebrate John Lampard’s ministry, share in our Remembrance Sunday with the Boys’ Brigade on parade and welcoming the Old Boys and preparing for Advent, remembering the long years of waiting for the coming of Christ.

Every blessing

Stephen

Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship Chaplaincy Choir

The Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship Chaplaincy Choir has celebrated its 10th anniversary with a service at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. The choir brings Ghanaian choristers based in the UK together and also shares Ghanaian forms of worship and praise with Methodist Churches in the UK.

To watch the celebrations follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LREblz4DQjM>

Pastoral Ministry

A good number of our Pastoral Visitors met together with the ministers on Saturday 26th October to learn and share together. We became aware that we need to spend time as a church looking at the pastoral care that we seek to offer.

There are many people who have come among us and into membership over the last few years and sadly a good number of these are not in pastoral groups. Part of the reason for this is that we need more people to volunteer to join the Pastoral Team here at Wesley's Chapel. As our membership covers such a large area around London and beyond perhaps the name of the role has been putting people off...to visit people in Kent, Buckinghamshire...and beyond....can seem a huge task!

So we have recommended a simple change of name and we shall now call them Pastoral Link Leaders. We are encouraging those appointed to be the link person for a number of church members through conversation on a Sunday, a text or phone call if someone hasn't been seen at church over a few weeks, to make certain one of the ministers knows if one of the pastoral group is sick, in hospital or bereaved.

Our hope is that we can now encourage more people to take on this vital role in the life of the Church. If you are interested in knowing more, please have a conversation with Stephen Poxon or Myrtle Poxon over the coming weeks

Stephen Poxon

Pastoral

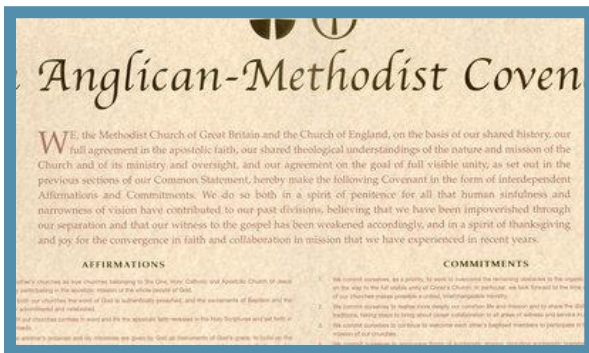
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Nominations open for The Kings Award for Voluntary Service

Know a voluntary group making a real impact in your local area? Want to recognise their amazing work? Why not [nominate them for a King's Award](#)? Every day, millions of people across the UK are making a difference by volunteering. Each year, outstanding examples of this work are celebrated through the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS). Created in 2002 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee and previously known as The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the Award has been shining a light on the fantastic work of voluntary groups from all across the UK for many years. Equivalent to an MBE, KAVS is the highest Award given to local voluntary groups in the UK, and they are awarded for life. **Deadline for nominations is Sunday 1 December 2024.**

Anglican-Methodist Covenant turns 21

The Covenant recognises how much the two churches - which



separated in the 1790s, after the death of John Wesley - have in common and commits them to removing further obstacles towards unity.

It has opened the way to new partnerships on the ground

between local Church of England and Methodist congregations, ranging from joint worship and sharing church buildings to shared community projects and staff such as youth and family workers.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, will join the President of the Methodist Conference the Revd Helen Cameron and the Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey to reaffirm the two churches' commitment to the Covenant at a service of celebration at Methodist Central Hall followed by evensong at Westminster Abbey on Monday November 4.

PRAY WITH SHORELINE AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF 3GENERATE



At 3Generate, Shoreline Methodist Community encouraged young people to write a postcard to Jesus, sharing with him changes they want to see and asking Jesus, “what is mine to do?” Each prayer has been turned into a short video and we encourage you to pray alongside them.

[You can join these prayers on Shoreline's Facebook page at 5pm each weekday](#) **starting from Monday 4 November.**

Blooming Minds - Industry Lab: Akamai Industries Wednesday 13 November 2024, 9:30am – 4pm

Young people have been warmly invited to take part in the KORl Industry Lab with their partners, Akamai Technologies.

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You'll get the opportunity to:

- Design a product lifecycle
- Present and pitch with industry professionals
- Learn to code and interface

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- Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.
- And it's all free!

Registration is essential; follow the link on the flyer below to register.

Alternatively, please respond via [email](#) with answers to the registration form [attached](#).

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- Designing a Product Lifecycle
- Presenting and pitching with industry Professionals
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Remember Remember

I once joked that among the things we wouldn't be putting on the Sunday School Curriculum is "Foxe's Booke of Martyrs". For those who don't know this book it is a 16th Century work most of whose commemorated martyrs were victims of Catholics, who are very much not viewed ecumenically by the authors...

In a similar vein, it may safely be assumed that we won't be organising a reprint of the Sheares Bible.

This version of the Bible included after Solomon's Coronation (source for much used in our British Coronations to this day) some of the recent incidents of God's Providence. Delivering England from Catholics...

Thus it is that this bible includes a depiction of the Spanish Armada. Elizabeth I produced a medal declaring "God Breathed and they were scattered". The last ships limped home to Spain in November 1588, although the fleet was wrecked with a combination of naval actions and storms months before that. While the battles could be praised to the sailors, the storms were viewed as God's lending a hand to England's defence.

The gunpowder plot, which was a plan to literally blow up the King, Parliament and a hefty chunk of the church leadership all at once, is also commemorated on the facing page. It is explained that "God apeard our frend" (sic) and stopped the plotters just in time. God being depicted as an eye in a cloud watching Guy Fawkes walking about the old parliament with a giant lantern.

This Bible was published in the early 18th Century, and would have been available to the Wesleys to buy. Indeed at that time Bonfire Night was a serious thing, with official prayers to be used each November 5th. By John Wesley's day these included thanking God for William III whose accession caused the Separation of Susannah and Samuel Wesley, the end of which caused John's birth! Whether John ever put that series of connections together I'm not sure without a lot of reading...

Certainly though his prayerbook would have included:

“A FORM of PRAYER with THANKSGIVING to be used yearly upon the Fifth Day of November; for the happy Deliverance of King JAMES I, and the Three Estates of ENGLAND, from the most traitorous and bloody intended Massacre by [Gunpowder](#): And also for the happy Arrival of His Majesty King WILLIAM on this Day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation.”

One of the suggested collects ran thus:

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages shewed thy power and mercy in the miraculous and gracious deliverance of thy Church, and in the protection of righteous and religious Kings and States, professing thy holy and eternal truth, from the wicked conspiracies, and malicious practices of all the enemies thereof; We yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for the wonderful and mighty deliverance of our gracious Sovereign King James the First, the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal Branches, with the Nobility, Clergy and Commons of England, then assembled in Parliament, by Popish treachery appointed as sheep to the Slaughter, in a most barbarous and savage manner, beyond the examples of former ages. From this unnatural Conspiracy, not our merit, but thy mercy; not our foresight, but thy providence delivered us: And therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name be ascribed all honour and glory, in all Churches of the Saints, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Whether or not John Wesley said it it's difficult to know, although his comment of 1784 on the Book of Common Prayer was: “I believe there is no liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more a solid, scriptural, rational piety, than the Common Prayer of the Church of England.”

It was legally required to say these prayers; the bonfire night ones being established in 1606 by law give unto Almighty God Thanks for this most happy Deliverance. The law was repealed in 1859.

In 1745 though we do get a bonfire night mention in his journal...

“Tuesday, 5.—In the evening I came to Leeds and found the town full of bonfires, and people shouting, firing guns, cursing and swearing, as the English manner of keeping holidays is. I immediately sent word to some of the magistrates of what I had heard on the road. This ran through the town, as it were, in an instant: and I hope it was a token for good. The hurry in the streets was quashed at once—some of the bonfires indeed remained; but scarcely anyone was to be seen about them but a few children warming their hands.”

The news in question being that The Jacobite Rebellion had crossed the River Tweed and a Catholic Army was marching South behind Bonnie Prince Charlie. Under those circumstances it was decided to not continue wasting gunpowder celebrating the defeat of a different Catholic Plot 140 years earlier!

Such was the world of the Wesleys. Using differences over Christian Doctrine as an excuse to overthrow governments was a thing that people were trying to do.

There are some things we have very definitely left in the past. Another thankfully now vanished tradition was making effigies of the pope and filling them with cats to set on top of bonfires... Today it's mainly a day to remember that over 400 years ago someone tried to blow up parliament, and the effigy burned is meant to be Fawkes himself. Except in some parts of Sussex and Kent and a few other places. There they like to update who their effigy is to contemporary figures.

Our Neighbours at St Barts do mark the occasion with a prayerbook service using the old prayers, this year on the 7th November at St Bartholomew's the Great.

I do hope you all see some fireworks this November, and thank God for how much less strife there is now between Christians than there once was.

Thomas Smith – Leysian Missioner

The poppies of Remembrance

In late 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.

Our Royal Army Chaplains

For centuries, armies worldwide have taken their clergy to war with them. And while over the years the roles of chaplains may have changed, still their presence among the troops has remained as important as ever.

For the British, it was in 1796 that the Army Chaplain's Department was founded by the Revd John Gamble, who became its first Chaplain General.

In 1854, the Crimean War found it had 26,000 troops depending on only one chaplain: the Revd Henry Press Wright. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) hastily financed more chaplains, and eventually 60 were sent out.

In 1879 the Revd James William Adams became the first chaplain to be awarded the Victoria Cross – for his brave actions during the Second Afghan War.

During the First World War (1914 – 1918) chaplains became known and loved for their bringing of comfort, care and compassion to the troops.

In 1919 the King honoured the army chaplains by granting them the prefix 'Royal'.

The Second World War (1939-45) saw chaplains learning new skills like parachuting with the Airborne Forces. During those years of violence and turmoil, Royal Army Chaplains were everywhere, even sustaining captives in Far East prison camps and on the Burma-Siam railway.

Since 1945, Royal Army Chaplains have continued to serve wherever British soldiers are sent. The wars may vary in shape and locations, but the need for care, compassion and prayer for the soldiers remains constant.

It has been said that: "Life as an Army Chaplain is a calling like no other...it is a vocation that is both demanding and rewarding and offers an adventurous journey of faith."

The current chaplain general, the Revd M Parker KHC CF says: "As chaplains, we have time for people and time to care for them. We celebrate with them. We listen to them when they're having problems. We are there for them in all of the challenges that they might face, whether on operations, serving at home or times of separation from their families.

"It may to us be the smallest example of our vocation - listening, comforting, advising, praying - but to those we serve, it can be a life changing encounter."

Bonfire Night – the Firework Code to keep your family safe

Here are some tips from the police, to help families stay safe while they are having Bonfire Night fun...

- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked. Respect them – they travel at speeds of about 80 mph.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them. Throwing a firework is a criminal offence – you can be fined up to £5,000.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.

- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2000 degrees. If three sparklers burn together, they will do so at the same heat as a blowtorch.
- Keep pets indoors.

All in the month of November

It was.....

150 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1874 that Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from the Madding Crowd* was published. It was his first major success.

100 years ago, on 4th Nov 1924 that Gabriel Fauré, the French composer, died.

Also 100 years ago, on 29th Nov 1924 that Giacomo Puccini, Italian composer, died. Known for his operas, including *La Boheme*, *Tosca* and *Madame Butterfly*.

90 years ago, on 30th Nov 1934 that the British steam locomotive, *Flying Scotsman*, became the first train officially to reach 100 mph.

60 years ago, on 23rd Nov 1964 that the Second Vatican Council allowed the use of vernacular languages (such as English) in Roman Catholic sacraments and rituals, including the Mass. It had insisted on using only Latin for several hundred years. Most people welcomed the change, and the use of Latin quickly dwindled.

50 years ago, on 25th Nov 1974 that South African heart surgeon Dr Christian Barnard performed the world's first double heart transplant. The original heart was left in place and a donor heart was connected to it to support its workload.

40 years ago, on 25th Nov 1984 that 36 musicians gathered in London to record the Band Aid single *Do They Know It's Christmas* to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

25 years ago, on 29th Nov 1999 that the Northern Ireland Assembly appointed its first power sharing executive committee.

10 years ago, on 3rd Nov 2014 that the One World Trade Center officially opened in New York City. It replaced the World Trade Center that was destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

And finally.....

Peace by Henry Vaughan (1623-95)

My soul, there is a country
Far beyond the stars,
Where stands a winged sentry
All skilful in the wars:

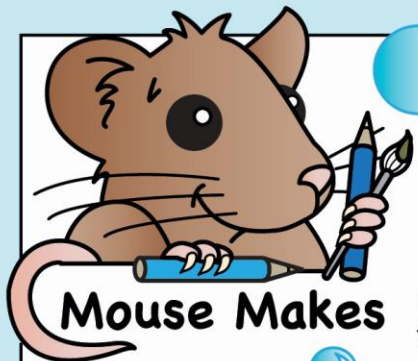
There, above noise and danger,
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And one born in a manger
Commands the beauteous files,

He is thy gracious Friend,
And – O my soul, awake! –
Did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
There grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither,
Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;
For none can thee secure
But one who never changes –
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

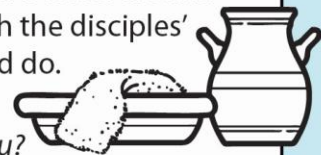
Children's page



Mouse Makes

"DO AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."

The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their dusty feet. Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing, wrapped a towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples' feet just like a servant would do.



Then Jesus said:



READ
the story in
John 13:1-17

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?
Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed
your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
I have set you an example, that you should
do as I have done for you."*

By washing his disciples' feet, Jesus showed that as God's people we are never too important to serve and care for others.

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Lunchtime Recitals in

NOVEMBER

5th	Jonathan Melling	Organ
12th	Shirley Ly, Kevin Saw, Suzannah Quirke, Wei Wei Tan & Rebecca Hepplewhite	Piano Violin Violin Violin Cello
19th	Margalida Moll Salord	Piano
26th	Giulio Corrado	Piano

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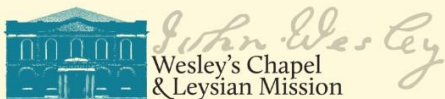


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Worship at Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission

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) and remain viewable afterwards at: www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/previous-services

Worship via Phone

You can also share in most of our services by telephone. Call 020 3880 0873 just before they begin and, when instructed, enter the following 'Conference ID' number on your 'phone keypad: 135 491 69 followed by #. You will hear the person leading, and you will be able to share with all others who are on the line in saying the responses together—or simply listening if you prefer. If you are willing and able to mute your end of the call this will increase the quality of audio for those using this function by reducing background noise.

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

Weekly Programme

Sunday

- 9:45am Holy Communion (except first Sunday in the month)
- 11:00am Morning Service & Sunday School
- 12.30pm Methodist Women in Britain (first Sunday in the month)
- 12.30pm Wesley's Chapel Ghana Fellowship (last Sunday in the month)
- 5:00pm Zoom Fellowship
- 5:15pm Zoom Bible Study
- 6:00pm Zoom Evening Prayer
- 7:00pm Taizé Style Service (first Sunday in the month)

Monday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 2:00pm Sisterhood

Tuesday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 1:05pm Lunchtime Recital (except July, August, December)
- 6:30pm Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association

Wednesday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 10:15am Stay & Play (under 5's - term-time only)
- 12:45pm Service of Holy Communion (30 mins)

Thursday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer

Saturday

- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 5:00pm Choir practice (except Saturdays following singing in morning service)

**If you would like to submit an article, poem, prayer or item of interest for this magazine please email it to:
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