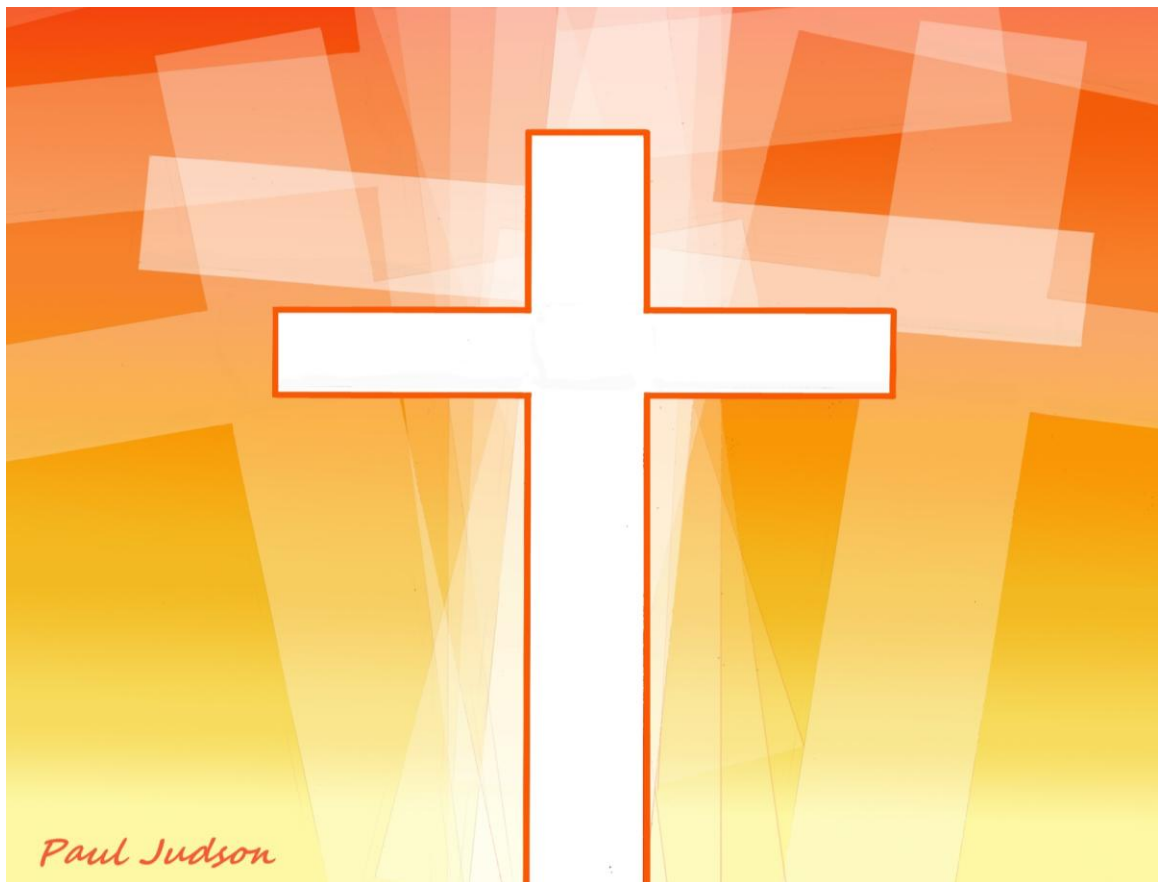




WINDOW ON WESLEY'S



APRIL 2025

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of Window on Wesleys: so much is in tumult around our world, it can feel like we are in a permanent state of reaction. Certainly the Easter stories give us ample examples of how different people react under pressure, for good and ill. We should be reassured as we read them! And, Jesus was a still point in the centre. Knowing tumult was coming, he gathered his friends for dinner, washed their feet, and then went and prayed.

I hope as many of you as can will come to wash one another's feet this Maundy Thursday, and to the other of the Holy Week offerings: part of what worship does is give us space to settle and to daydream, to remember who we are and gain perspective, hopefully an antidote to the hurly burly 24 hour news cycle.

And there are changes coming: our trustees are about to undertake a major piece of property work, that will see us use the money we gained when we changed manses last year, added to the sale of a flat, to give our site a large mission-oriented facelift. Both ministers will live on site, the offices will be modernised to give better welcome, and our Museum will have a new learning suite with up to date technology, among other things. But more important than all of that is the welcome you give when you are here. That you consider yourself a host, not a guest: and that you offer that same kindness to others. People report over and over to me that even if a camera isn't working, or a livestream not quite right, they feel seen and heard, here. If that is so, it is so because you make it so.

And I'd be lying if I didn't tell the truth that we could really use a few more of us willing to go through a list on a Sunday morning to prepare for that welcome. Setting out mics, opening loos, making sure there is water and books – we need your help, even once in a quarter? The Sunday Lead steward role is also a great way to meet people and be known yourself. Have a think on it!

Every blessing in these days,

Jen

Wholehearted Monthly

Wholehearted Monthly is an online series hosted by The Methodist Church in Britain and open to all. It is a free, online mission series starting in March on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm - 9:00pm GMT/BST.

7:00pm - 8:00pm: Main Session with guest speaker

8:00pm - 9:00pm: Break-out rooms

What is wholehearted monthly? Think community organising rally meets immersive spiritual laboratory.

It's for anyone committed to a vibrant friendship between 'Church' and 'World' — and a desire for both to flourish. Each month will feature testimony from local innovators, input from a renowned guest speaker, and wisdom-sharing in networks around Gospel justice, inclusion, evangelism, and growth.

We have a Global Relationships breakout room from 8pm as part of the Wholehearted Monthly sessions: the whole session starts at 7, and then there is a specific breakout room from 8 pm to have more 1:1 chat.

Sign up here: [Wholehearted Monthly Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#) – the electronic version of WOW will have the active link, or you can google 'Wholehearted Monthly Tickets' and find it.

The upcoming sessions are:

April 8 - “Being Church and Doing Mission in a warzone” - with Rev. Oleg and Yulia Starodubets (National Leaders of the United Methodist Church in Ukraine)

May 13 – Bishop Pumla Nzimande – Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Southern Africa

June 10 – “What does a justice seeking church look like in the land of Tango, gauchos and good red wine?” Speaker: Bishop Americo Jara Reyes (Methodist Church in Argentina)

Christian Aid Week This Year

We are on the route of the 2025 Freedom Walk organised by Christian Aid. We'd love to have some members to sponsor for it, as well as helpers to greet those participating when they come to us on the day. See the promotional material below, with a message from a former Superintendent here...

The poster features a background image of St Paul's Cathedral in London. In the foreground, a family consisting of a woman, a man, and a young child are looking at a map together. The woman has a large green backpack. The overall design is vibrant with red and black accents.

christian aid
80 years

Freedom Walk

LONDON 2025

Saturday 10th May
12 noon until 5pm

Join The Family Fundraising Walk To End Global Poverty

START:
12 noon
St Martin-in-the-Fields
Charing Cross
(London Underground or main line station)

END:
St Paul's Cathedral
for Evensong

New route for 2025



"With Aid Budgets severely cut there can be nothing better time to walk for Christian Aid on its 80th Anniversary! Your walk, however small you may think it is, will be a giant affirmation of the importance of our commitment to the neediest people in the world. God bless you all."

Leslie John Griffiths, Baron Griffiths of Burry Port FLSW (a British Methodist minister, politician, and life peer).



START

The Freedom Route

1 St Martin-in-the-Fields

In the heart of London St Martin's is one of the cities most beautiful churches known for its worship, candlelight concerts, crypt cafe, and exhibitions.

The Revd Richard Carter will conduct a short service to send us on our way.

2 St Paul's Church, Covent Garden

St Paul's is a welcoming church, in the heart of Covent Garden; affectionately known as The Actors' Church. Built by Inigo Jones for the Piazza, in the busy West End it dates from 1633.

3 Crown Court Church of Scotland

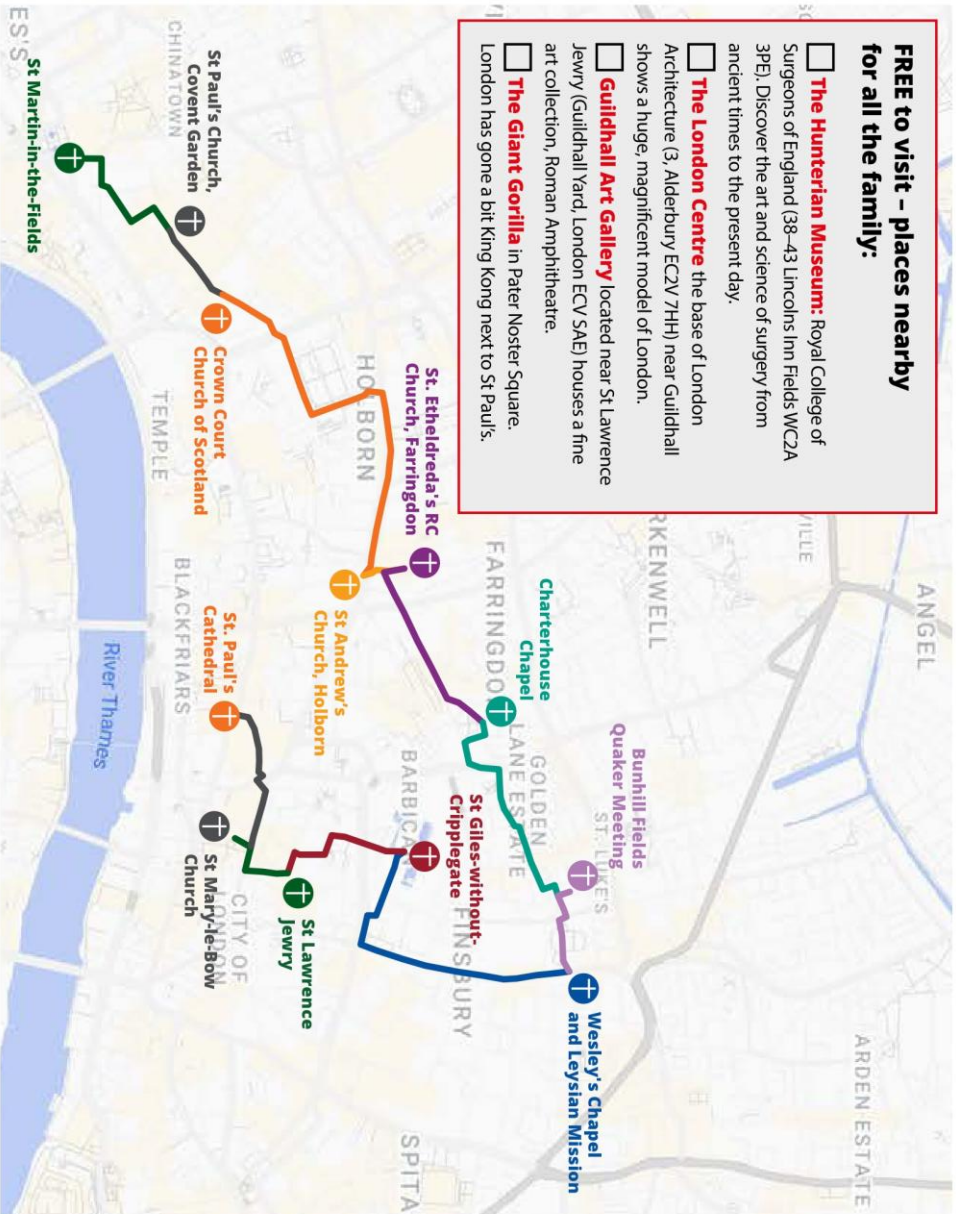
Crown Court the longest-established Presbyterian church south of the border, dates from 1711; and remains a congregation of the national Church of Scotland.

4 St Andrew's Church, Holborn

St Andrew Holborn is noted for the Blue Coat Boy and Girl on the front of the church. The garden makes a nice stopping place for a snack (the church is closed on Saturday). Enjoy this peaceful spot admiring a Wren Tower.

FREE to visit – places nearby for all the family:

- The Hunterian Museum:** Royal College of Surgeons of England (38–43 Lincolns Inn Fields WC2A 3PE). Discover the art and science of surgery from ancient times to the present day.
- The London Centre** the base of London Architecture (3, Alderbury EC2V 7HH) near Guildhall shows a huge, magnificent model of London.
- Guildhall Art Gallery** located near St Lawrence Jewry (Guildhall Yard, London EC4V 5AE) houses a fine art collection, Roman Amphitheatre.
- The Giant Gorilla** in Pater Noster Square. London has gone a bit King Kong next to St Paul's.



5 St Etheldreda's RC Church, Farringdon

St Etheldreda's in Ely Place, a historic gated road off Holborn Circus: is a beautiful and historic building, and the oldest Roman Catholic Church in England, a Grade I listed building dating back to c. 1300.

6 Charterhouse Chapel

Charterhouse dates from the bubonic plague pandemic (1348). Later a thriving Carthusian monastery was disbanded by Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.

8 Wesley's Chapel and Laysian Mission

Wesley's Chapel built in 1778 by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Wesley described his chapel as "perfectly neat but not fine" as a fine example of Georgian architecture. It was the first Methodist preaching house to allow for the celebration of Holy Communion.

9 St Giles-without-Cripplegate

St Giles-without-Cripplegate when built stood without (that is, outside) the city wall, near the Cripplegate. The church dedicated to St Giles, patron saint of handicapped and infirm.

10 St Lawrence Jewry

Next to the historic Guildhall, St. Lawrence Jewry is the official church of the Corporation of London a beacon of Christ's light and peace.

11 St Mary-le-Bow Church

Founded around 1080 as the London headquarters of the archbishops of Canterbury, St Mary-le-Bow survived a series of devastating collapses.

12 St Paul's Cathedral – Evensong

Evensong is the treasure of worship at St Paul's. It is a service of sung Evening Prayer, taken from the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. It gives visitors and worshippers the opportunity to experience the incredible voices of the Cathedral choir.

7 Bunhill Fields Quaker Garden

This is the site of Bunhill Fields Burial Ground acquired by the Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1661. The remains of many thousands of Friends lie buried here including George Fox, founder of the society. Bunhill Fields is the final resting place of John Bunyan, Isaac Watts, Daniel Defoe, and William Blake, along with many leading intellectuals, radicals and clergymen from the 17th to 19th centuries.

FINISH



Christian Aid works in some of the poorest areas of Guatemala



Christian Aid Freedom Walkers 2024 at St Paul's

End poverty step by step

Why is this walk taking place?

The London Freedom Walk is a curtain raiser to Christian Aid Week 2025 where people across the UK come together to fundraise and call out global poverty, injustice and climate change.

What is Christian Aid Week all about this year?

This Christian Aid Week we are focusing on the poverty, injustice and climate change that's unfolding with devastating consequences in Guatemala and Christian Aid's work there.

Guatemala is among the ten countries in the world most vulnerable to disasters and climate emergencies.

Over the past three years, extended dry seasons have severely damaged the livelihoods of subsistence farmers, who rely upon rain for their crops.

Millions of people are suffering from a crisis they have done the least to contribute to, they need our help and support. We must act now.

Register and Donate



You can register to take part in the walk or make a donation at

fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2025/London

If you require a fundraising form email **hello@christian-aid.org**

For sponsorship form and cash collections. Below are details for paying donations via your local branch.

Details of Lloyds banking codes

*For use to pay in at Branch only (with or without a CA specific Giro).

Bank: Lloyds
Name: Christian Aid Giro Account
Sort code: 30-80-12
Account number: 26218468

Please use reference **OR-901919** this will help us to attribute the funds correctly.

Note: Please email **ipunit@christian-aid.org** with details of the donation; amount, where to send thanks, donation restriction, appeal, Gift Aid etc.

Event sponsors



Soul Food

IN THE WILDERNESS, JESUS REMINDED US THAT PEOPLE
DON'T LIVE BY BREAD ALONE. EACH WEEK DURING LENT,
WE'LL REFLECT ON WHAT SUSTAINS US



12th March Soul Food



19th March Soul Shelter



26th March Soul Rest



2nd April Soul Repair



9th April Soul Mates

**Every Wednesday in Lent @6.00pm
With Holy Communion**



Midweek During Lent

Monday to Saturday

Morning Prayer
10am on Livestream
or telephone call

Mondays

Sisterhood Women's
Fellowship 2pm

Wednesdays

Holy Communion
12.45pm Lunch Time 1/2 Hour Service
6pm Soul Food Series

Thursdays

Lunchtime Fellowship 11.30am
(Refreshments at 11, Lunch Served After)
11am Ecumenical Fellowship at the Charterhouse



**YOU'RE
INVITED**



HOLY WEEK

At Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission



**PALM
SUNDAY**

9.45am

Holy Communion

10.50am

Procession in streets
Songs of Praise in
Sanctuary, followed
by Worship



**HOLY
WEDNESDAY**

12.45pm Holy
Communion

8pm Tenebrae

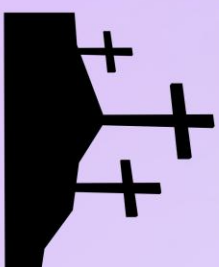
@
St-Giles'-Cripplegate



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

6pm Holy
Communion with

Foot-washing



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

10.00am - 12.00pm

Good Friday
Reflective Vigil
(drop-in)



**HOLY
SATURDAY**

12pm Family Fun
Day

8.30pm

The Easter Vigil



**EASTER
SUNDAY**

11am Worship with
Holy Communion

What it's like to do Thought for the Day on Radio 4...

Short answer: exhilarating! And very focussed, requiring more attention than almost anything else I do in the moment.

The process begins with with a producer the day before, usually in the late morning: we agree what story I'll respond to, and I go away to write a script of between 430 and 450 words, no less and no more. The producer then works with me to help it flow, to keep focus and make sure it is within the terms of reference of the slot. This often involves a full re-write from the inside out until about five pm, when it is sent up the chain for sign off. Sign off comes, with or without changes, usually by mid evening, and then we hope that nothing happens...

I try not to practice the script too much, so it will sound as spontaneous as possible - and sometimes, there are revisions right up to broadcast, as when I did the morning after the US presidential election.

The BBC sends a car to collect me at 6.50 AM, and I go through airport level security and am escorted to the Today studio green room, waiting with any other 'in person' guests. At about 7.40 someone comes to seat me at a microphone around an oval donut shaped table, face to face with the presenters and next to the newsreader. The technology is impressive: everywhere countdowns and prompts, with the producers behind a glass wall adjacent.

At exactly 13 minutes to the hour, a presenter introduces me, and I read my script – acutely aware of the audience of 5-6 million people in cars, showers, walking the dog, or on their way to work. It is not a time you want to suddenly get a frog in your throat!

And then we finish, are excorted out and back in a taxi by 7.55. The folk at the BBC are unfailingly kind: once Nick Robinson got up to adjust the heating by my seat when I was chilly, another time Mishal Husain (no longer at Today) passed me a glass of water when I cleared my throat just before she introduced me, and they always give me a thumbs up or wink as I go.

Terrifying, strong, important – and fleeting – that’s my experience so far of Thought for the Day. It is a distinct privilege, and a skill I’m working at improving, and one I hope to do on our behalf for many years to come.

- Jen

Jen’s next appearance on Radio 4’s Today Programme will be on Monday 8th April 2025. For 28 days after each broadcast the recording can be found at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00szxv6/episodes/player> or by searching for “Radio 4 Thought for the Day” and click “All available episodes.

Jen’s previous appearance on the 25th March will be available at the above link until 23rd April.



Clothing Appeals

In January and February Chapel staff and members went to help The Whitechapel Mission with their clothing and breakfast challenges. There we learnt that the thing they need most are men's pants. So we're collecting them throughout Lent.

Our Superintendent challenged us to get **1000 Pairs Of Men's Underwear by Easter Sunday**. We're up to **653** as of going to press. That's nearly two thirds of the total! For context, The Whitechapel Mission can get through 100 pairs of underwear in a single day!

Thank you to all who have supported our winter coat appeal. No more coats will be collected now, so please, only bring us men's underwear, nothing else is currently being collected.

A thank you from Whitechapel Mission:

We gratefully acknowledge your generous donation of underwear, socks and hats.

Please accept and pass on our grateful thanks to the members of Wesley's Chapel for their generous donation which will be used for the Mission's work of providing the daily support for those sleeping rough in London or rely upon our support.

We are seeing new faces, with new worries — people who are desperately in need of the food, shelter, advice and hope offered at The Whitechapel Mission.

On behalf of everybody here at The Whitechapel Mission, thank you for your support. With your support we are able to continue delivering life changing services to vulnerable people of London, drawing on our many years of experience.

We remain open and Serving,
Molly Aleksandrov
On behalf of Whitechapel Mission

The Rev'd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, writes,

Happy Easter!

I want to begin this message at Eastertide by inviting you to reflect that creation and resurrection (we are made, and we are yet more wonderfully re-made) are mirror images of each other. They are held together by the will and loving purposes of God. Put at its simplest we know that God is our Life-giver. Such knowledge has endless implications and ramifications for us, all of them glorious. In our life with God, there are no dead ends, a new door can open in what seemed to be a brick wall; in God there is endless patience and resourcefulness that cannot be



defeated by even the worst of our sinfulness. We should rejoice that the cross and the empty tomb have been present in the heart of God since the very foundation of the world.

It is notable that the account of the resurrection begins in darkness and despair. The women friends of Jesus creep out to give the dead body of Jesus the proper care that was not possible as his body was removed from the cross in a hurry. None of the 12 disciples are present at this dawn moment. Perhaps their despair overwhelmed them. Perhaps they are frightened for their own safety. Perhaps their grief has paralysed them. It is a group of brave women who go and are the first witnesses to the resurrection. No-one believes them. They have gone with spices and oils to anoint a dead body but find, instead, an empty tomb and receive a message that Jesus is risen.

Only Peter, last heard of weeping bitterly at his denial and betrayal of Jesus, goes to the tomb to check up on their story which they struggle to articulate.

Does Peter go with the first fledgling beginnings of wild and desperate hope?

Does he go, suddenly remembering the strange things Jesus predicted?

Does he go sensing in his body and his soul that strange, living, powerful presence of God that had been such a strong part of the time in Jesus' company?

Does he go because he is outraged that someone has stolen the dead and tortured body of his friend?

Peter is given a chance to start again. His betrayal of Jesus is not the end of their friendship, as Peter expected and deserved, but the beginning of Peter's new life, in which Jesus entrusts his gospel to Peter and the friends who abandoned him in the garden and at the cross.

The joy of Easter Day is not about a happy ending, after all, to the story of Jesus but rather and more importantly it is good news that we are all, like Peter, forgiven people and healed of our memories of injury, guilt or failure. We are, the Church, a community of genuinely forgiven people called to show plainly to others that we are a community of forgiving people and a forgiving Church. The resurrection of Jesus is the remaking of creation itself. The resurrection of Jesus is the word of God speaking in the heart of darkness and to bring life out of nothing and to bring the human race into existence as the bearers of his image and likeness.

When I was welcomed into the Northampton District as Chair the Order of Service had an image of an Icon of the Resurrection on the front cover. It showed the resurrection of Jesus in a particular way. The image shows Jesus rising from death and smashing the grave stone as he strode powerfully into new life and the new creation. He is not pictured alone. He is holding the hands of two people, Adam and Eve. They are pictured as old people, with lined faces, as people who have known pain and distress, suffering and heart ache.

In the icon they are pictured being re-made and entering a new creation.

I share the detail of this icon with you because resurrection is not just something experienced by Jesus but something which encompasses us now in all we are and do as forgiven and redeemed people. Then when we die we merely recognise a country we have already entered and somewhere whose light and warmth we have already experienced. Dying then, is going home.

God is in the resurrection is re-making us, moulding and filling us. God is holding us by the hand and leading us onwards into renewed and redeemed life. This Easter we rise with Christ, we are a new creation called to be a faithful witnessing community filled with the power and love and grace of God. Each of us is called to remember and to understand that God forgives and God calls us into new life – to live to Gods praise and glory.

I am always glad to remember that the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins speaks of God “eastering in us”. In God our life begins afresh day by day, because God is and always will be, God with us.

- **The Rev'd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference.**



Youth Safety Strategy 2025-2030 - In person Parent / Carer Engagement Events

Islington Council is working with children and young people, parents, carers, and professionals to develop its Youth Safety Strategy for 2025-2030. There are two in-person Parent / Carer Youth Safety Engagement Events on 24th April.

Parents/Carers will hear from young people and be able to share their concerns and ideas to help keep young people safe, as well as join discussions focusing on subjects from school attendance to SEND, mental health to knife crime, social media and more.

Both events will take place on Thursday 24 April as follows:

- **10am – 12 noon at Andover Estate Community Centre, 55-57 Corker Walk, London, N7 7RY**
- **6pm – 8pm at the Lift Youth Hub, 45 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PW**

Refreshments will be provided at both events.

Below is the Eventbrite link/address to book a place at one of the workshops:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/islington-youth-safety-engagement-2025-4124763>

Islington Green Transitions Project

Are you a young person aged 16-26?, living, working, or studying in Islington?

Take this 10-minute survey to have your say on how Islington could transform into a better place to live, and enter a prize draw for the chance of winning one of five £25 vouchers for a local business

The Council want to hear your views on transport, green and social spaces, and what you want for the future of Islington in a time of climate crisis. Scan the QR code to take part



5 Years of Morning Prayer

During March we reached the 5th anniversary of starting Morning Prayer on Livestream. This started when the government ordered Churches and Chapels to close, and has continued, with some summer breaks, ever since.

We asked for feedback, and received the following:

Hello Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission Team,

Today Reverend Stephen Poxon mentioned this is the 5th anniversary for the morning prayer and provided the opportunity to share comments or suggestions. Just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support providing these prayers. Since September of last year, it's been a pleasure to join 5-6 times a week and watch the Sunday sermons online in addition to attending service at our local Methodist church. It's a joy to see a younger generation with Jesse and Thomas, and look forward to them leading the prayer. Reverend Dr. Jen Smith, Deacon Myrtle, and Reverend Stephen Poxon always have wonderful messages in the mornings and in Sunday sermons. My 7-year old and I enjoyed Dr. Jen teaching us scripture using poses and gestures to help remember the words some time back. Fridays are great with Reverend Dr. John Lampard providing the message is a great way to start off the last day of the work week.

Unfortunately, I don't have any suggestions! Again, thank you for providing the morning prayer. Hope to visit someday and participate in a few volunteering activities.

Regards.

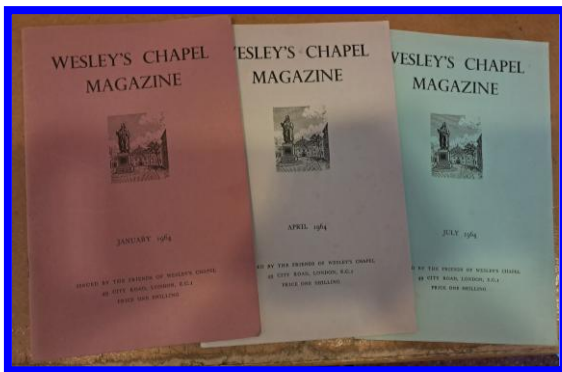
-Brandon Annan

Olathe Kansas USA (Kansas City)

We are very glad to have such a lovely message, and welcome all feedback and suggestions for Morning Prayer, please email any of the staff who assist with it or send a note to the office.

From the Archive - A New Feature for WOW

A kindly correspondent sent us several copies of the “Wesley’s Chapel Magazine” which their father had doubles of, from the year 1964. At the risk of making some members feel their years, this is some sixty-one years ago!



In the July of that year the Editor (the Minister of the Chapel in those days, Rev'd Woodward) wrote his farewell after six years. He noted “We have been so grateful to all those who have helped to maintain our standard of worship”. We of the 2020s would say the same! Rev'd

Woodward suggested that “If there is a Wesley’s Chapel Hymn it is surely “Captain of Israel’s Host”...and so we go on. “Our Strength Thy Grace: Our Rule Thy word: Our End the Glory of the Lord.” This hymn is number 459 in Singing The Faith, and so we shall go on singing it a good while yet it seems.

There was no colour to the magazine save that of the cover, a thick sugar paper of a different shade each month. Price: One Shilling (5p in “New Money”, 87p adjusted for inflation). Perhaps the most unusual addition to our eyes would be... *Commercial*

Adverts! Building Societies were prominent, at least 2 per issue, as well as a coal merchant and Bovril. Investments and Insurance (with Methodist organisations) also feature, as do the various works of the Church such as The Methodist Missionary Society and National Children’s Homes. An Organ builder also got in, noting they had built the Chapel’s Organ back in 1937. They also built for Kumasi and Sekondi in what the ad still listed as “Gold Coast”, perhaps if any of our members visiting Ghana pass those Methodist Churches they could see if



they still have an organ by R Spurden Rutt & co Ltd? Ours had gone by the 1980s.

The desperate need for work on the Organ was the subject of considerable pleas in January and April. By April the memorable plea was “I am told that death duties are terribly high. Can we help you to reduce them?”

This was in addition to work needed on the tomb and house, in January it was noted “when friends point out to us that the tomb is in a disgraceful condition it hurts us more than it hurts them”. Quite what some of those visitors would say beholding the changes around it since then, who knows? £500 was needed, £8,693.80 today.

By July however, a letter to the Times and Telegraph, published on 15th February 1964, had borne fruit and The Beaverbrook Foundations had offered to cover the whole costs. Other gifts were able to be put to other work by the kindness of donors, and so Susanna Wesley’s Tombstone was to benefit from a renovation.

Compare with the introductory letter in this edition of WOW by our present Superintendent Minister, noting the works soon to be undertaken here to the offices and accommodations.

In an undeniable riposte to “everything was better yesterday than today” here’s a comparison of numbers in 1964 with 2024:

Number of:	1964	2024
Members	123 (static last 6 years)	c. 350*
Sunday Worshippers	60 (staying to communion which was twice a month)	210 (A recent Sunday)
Mid-week Worshippers	30-40 (Thursdays, “preaching service”)	20-30 (Wednesdays, Holy Communion)
Baptisms	13	5 (at least)
Visitors (approx.)	6000	14,500

Given that 1964 was the tail end of the “baby boom” and now we have schools closing in London as the birth rate has dropped so much, the only decrease in the numbers we can reasonably blame in part on factors outside our control as a church.

On members it is worth noting that in 2025 our Minister has undertaken work to ensure our membership list is current. In April 1964 a member left for New Zealand, and it was noted of the 123 members there were people in “India, Labrador, New Zealand, Nigeria, Nyasaland and Rhodesia”. The list of countries was followed with “We hope they remember us now and then”! Not only now would the list read “India, Canada, New Zealand, Nigeria, Malawi and Zimbabwe”; but also those who want to be members overseas can be a part of our Zoom Fellowship and/or join us for livestreams.



Each edition of the Magazine was printed in Cambridge, this at a time when the Methodist Publishing House was 2 doors down at “Epworth House”, now a co-working space.

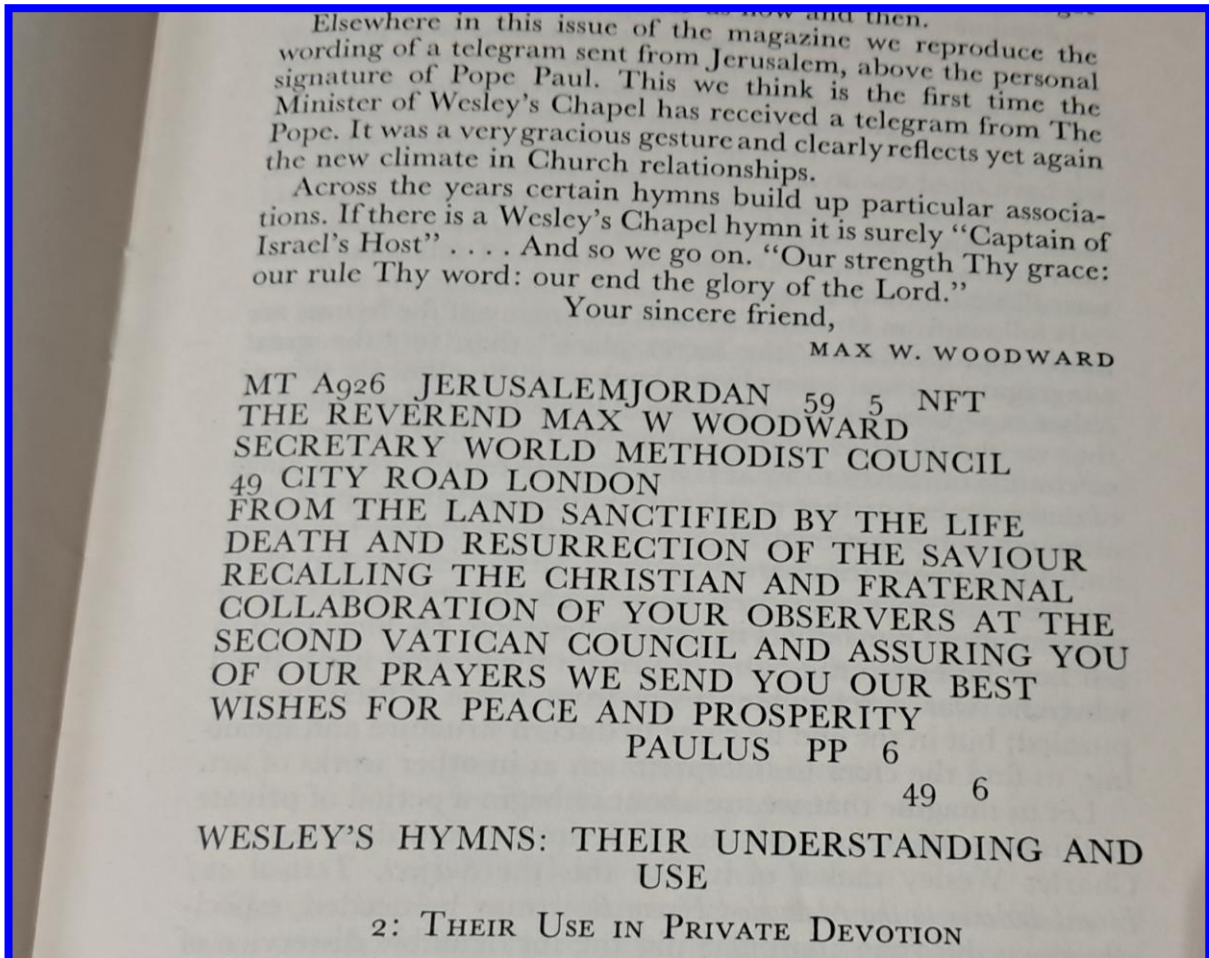
There was no separate Museum then, only John Wesley’s House, what is now our Archive was then “the contents of our Chapel Safe” with 42 Wesley Letters.

The main series of articles were by Gordon Wakefield, “Wesley’s Hymns: Their Understanding and Use”. The idea that hymn singing might be dead within ten years has been proven quite wrong, and as for the quote that some of Wesley’s hymns had “utterly incomprehensible and unacceptable theology within them”...we would merely note Mr Wesley’s hymns continue to be sung throughout English-speaking Christianity.

The great topic of the day was “The Conversations” on possible Church Unity. The Lent topic, on Thursday evenings not Wednesdays, was “The Unity We Seek”. The form of unity hoped for then did not come to pass.

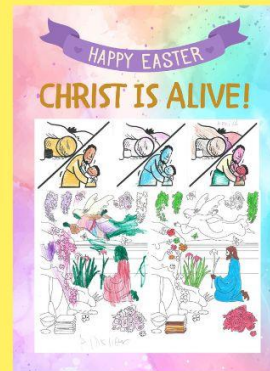
The Second Vatican Council (when the Roman Catholic Church switched to local languages rather than Latin) had been attended by our Rev'd Woodward, a sign of how much ambition the era had for Church Unity.

Our Minister clearly made an impression, as we received a Telegram from Pope Paul when he visited Jerusalem, wishing us peace and prosperity.



I think perhaps we might consider that prayer has been somewhat answered, given all that has changed since the mid-60s here at 49, City Road.

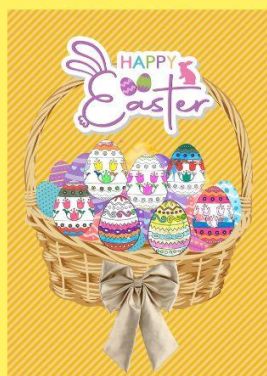
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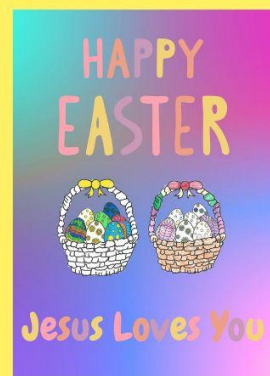
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Children and Young's People Work

One of the side-effects of safeguarding is that we have statistics on numbers coming out with us on Sundays. On this point there is room for optimism. Both Creche and Sunday School have grown in regular numbers, with the days of "oh no children" having gone the way of a masked section in chapel.

The question of what should be done for our teenagers has evolved so that we are now going to try having a regular "slot" for them, before the service. Our teenagers want to be in Church, and have asked for something outside the main service time. When people say "let me be in church" our response is to be filled with joy!

A pre-service session for our teenagers will be offered at 10.40am on a Sunday, where they can ask the preacher about the passages. With Easter's joys in April this will take a little while to be weekly, but we're going to give it a try on Sundays where there is Sunday School.

Psalm 127, with some tweaks, might well make a good Sunday School motto. What gives us better hope than knowing the next generation is coming up?

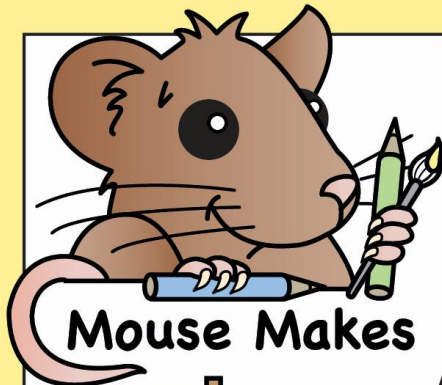
A big thank you to all who've come forward offering to help with Sunday School, more are always welcome.

We are also seeking helpers for our Stay & Play Sessions on Wednesdays, these run 10.15am-11.45am, with no caretaker in the future, help with setting up and putting away would be helpful.

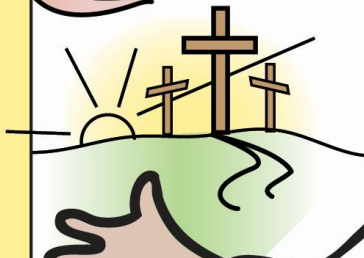
Email missioner@wesleyschapel.org.uk to volunteer or for more details of the duties involved. A DBS check is performed as part of the recruitment process.

- **Thomas**

Childrens' Pages



Mouse Makes



On the cross Jesus opened wide his arms for us.
Jesus put an end to death by dying for us,
and showed us the resurrection to come by His raising to new life!



Jesus is risen!

The angel said:
"Jesus ...is not here, for He has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28:6

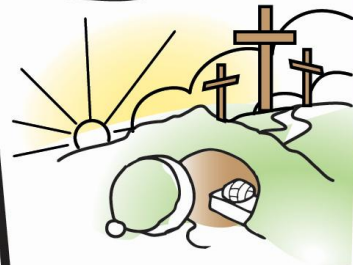
Jesus is here

Jesus said:
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20



READ the story of the resurrection in:
Matthew 28:1-10
Mark 16:1-19
Luke 24:1-49
John 20:1-29
and 21:1-14

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Jesus will come again!

Jesus said:
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3



JESUS • ALIVE • RISEN
LORD • SAVIOUR • KING
RESURRECTION
PEACE • NEW LIFE • JOY • GOOD NEWS



MESSIAH • REDEEMER
CHRIST • SON OF GOD
HOSANNA • PRAISE
GO TELL • EASTER



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem..

The Chief Priests were plotting



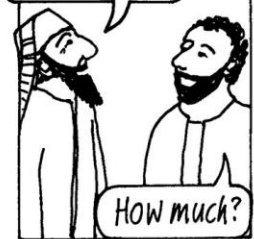
How can we get rid of Jesus?
He always has crowds around him.

Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



I could help you.

We'd be happy to pay you

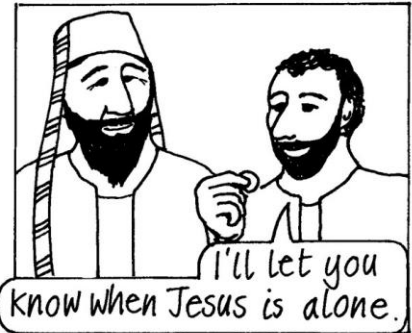


How much?



30 silver coins

30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex.31:32.



I'll let you know when Jesus is alone.

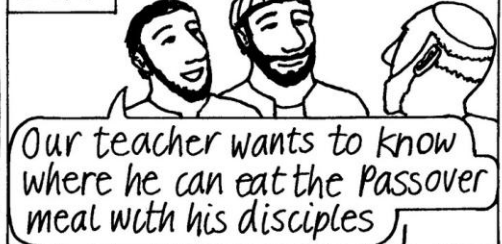
Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?

Go into the city and follow the man carrying a water jar to his home

They did, and asked the house owner



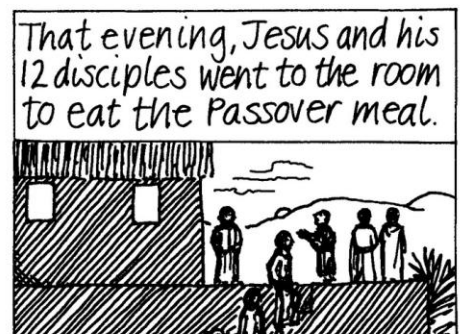
Our teacher wants to know where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples



The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.

If you would like to submit an item for this magazine please email it to: missioner@wesleyschapel.org.uk
Or manager@wesleyschapel.org.uk

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 by Telephone

Most of our services are also relayed by telephone call. Call 020 3880 0873 shortly before the service begins and when instructed enter the "Conference ID on your 'phone keypad: 135 491 69 # . You will be able to hear the person leading the service and join in the responses with the others on the call. If you are able to mute your end of the call at other points this improves the audio quality. Greetings after the service follow when talking is very much encouraged. You are welcome to just listen too.

Prayer Requests

We also have a dedicated email address for prayer requests which will be received directly by our ministers Jen, Myrtle and Stephen, 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

9am | Men's Prayer Breakfast (1st Sunday of the month)

9.45am | Holy Communion Service (Except 1st Sunday of the month)

11.00am | Morning Service (with Sunday School except 1st Sunday of the month when there is Holy Communion)

12.30pm | Methodist Women in Britain (1st Sunday of the Month)
Young Adults' Group (2nd Sunday of the Month)
Wesley's Chapel Ghana Fellowship (Last Sunday of the Month)

3pm Ghanaian Language Worship (Third Sunday of the Month)

5.00pm - 6.30pm | Zoom Fellowship, Bible Study and Evening Prayer

Monday

2.00pm | Sisterhood

Tuesday

1.05pm | Lunchtime Recital (Except July August & December)

6.30pm | Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association

Wednesday

10.30am | Stay and Play

12.45am | Service of Holy Communion

6.30pm | Holy Communion – Soul Food Series For Lent

Saturday

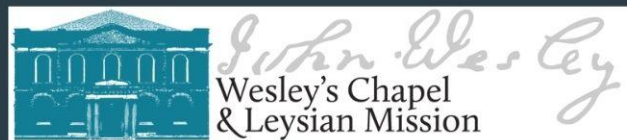
5pm | Choir Practice

**Monday-Saturday Morning Prayer is
Livestreamed at 10am**

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