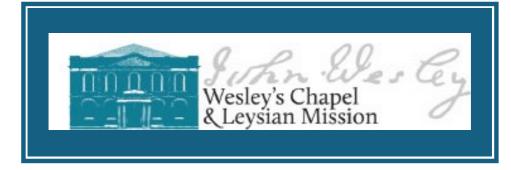
WINDOW ON WESLEY'S September 2025





Dear friends,

"May our hearts be broken by the things that break God's heart..."

So begins one of the prayers used by the Christian humanitarian charity World Vision, whose President and CEO Andrew Morely visited Wesley's Chapel for the first time this August. He had come to meet the Heads of Church for the Methodist Church in South Korea and two Presbyterian churches in South Korea, as they made an ecumenical pilgrimage to Methodist and Presbyterian heritage sites in the United Kingdom.

There feels much as we begin this new Connexional year that would break God's heart. With that in mind, let me offer hope and help as we begin this new year in church: we will not be overwhelmed and we will continue to seek the mind of Christ together!

First and foremost, we rejoice that the Revd Dr Claire Potter has begun as Minister of the Chapel; as you get to know Claire and John, please say your name several times, and note that the contact details for the 'Minister' remain the same. Claire will have day to day pastoral charge, and help our Pastoral Links to care for their groups, as well as welcoming new members, helping us all grow in our discipleship, and leading worship and preaching. Claire's husband John (a retired Chemistry teacher) has moved with her and they are living in the manse on site.

Secondly, we are welcoming a new Global Mission Fellow Tamira Nunez from Belize, also to live on site, in September. Tamira will be working across the District for young adults fellowship and mission as well as with children and young people here, along with our welcome to asylum seekers.

As discussed in our General Church Meeting in June, you will see the next phases of our property development taking place, as we renovate the external facades of our buildings, and re-point the walkways and some parts of the Courtyard. This maintenance is all long overdue, and we are so glad to see the Trustees working to progress it. What should our property be, to give us the best platform for welcome, worship, and service? We know our basic facilities are in need of updating, alongside our rooms and offices:

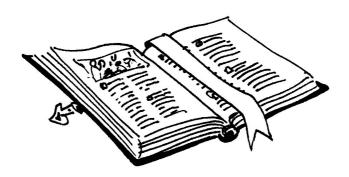
this is all a sign of growth and good use.

And, as we progress this year, we will seek to employ a children and families worker, and release our Leysian Missioner Thomas for more pastoral care. Watch this space: and are you interested to know more, or be more involved? Trustees meet 7 pm 17 September, and anyone can attend: there is no faceless 'they' in our governance, only those of you seeking to move us forward. Courage!

All best,

- Jen

Editor's Note: this issue will be coming out in late August and the following one will be issued at the end of September. The usual pattern will be resumed for November's issue.



Weekly Programme

Sunday

9am | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Ist 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 (3rd 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

Saturday

5pm | Choir Practice

Monday-Saturday Morning Prayer is Livestreamed at 10am
Livestreams can be found at: youtube.com/@WCLM/streams

Membership Details At Wesley's

We are seeking an up to date membership list and members' details, and for each member to know who their pastoral Link person is. A full list of members for whom we have details is on the board by the Radnor Hall, with a note of your pastoral link. Please check: if you are not on that list, or a member of your family is not, who is a member, please contact a minister ASAP and we will update your details.

Interested to join? Have a word with a minister; all are welcome.

Want to join in more?

We organise our Rotas etc via Churchsuite; which helps us comply with GDPR; and means you can update your contact details with us when they change whenever you like (and wherever your phone has signal).

This helps us stay in touch with you and yours, download the app if you cancontact the office if you're new to it, or to update us if you're not using a smartphone. Thank You!



Sunday School Leaders Meeting

This will be held after the service on Sunday 14th September. If you wish to become a Sunday School Teacher please come to the meeting, those who have already expressed an interest will be sent the recruitment pack to read over.



Two of our recent Sunday School displays in the Kwanglim Room.

"Keep Going in Faith" pictures (Left)

Ideas from the children for ways of "Being Fruitful for God" (Right)



Seaside Outing 2025

We took our annual trip to the seaside on 26th July, to Margate. We had mostly sunny weather and played some games (pictured).

A big thank you to those who brought food, assisted in the smooth running of the day, and those who donated extra to support the costs.







Where we will go next year is not decided yet, we're looking for:

- Sandy Beach
- 2 hours roughly the maximum journey time
- multiple other things to do (museums, fun fairs, pier, etc) not least in case it rains!

If you can think of suggestions please let Thomas know!

Our Annual International Lunch will be Sunday 7th September



Bring the best dish from home to share After the 11am service led by the Methodist President and Vice President

Let us know what you're bringing email missioner@wesleyschapel.org.uk or fill in the list on Sundays











Methodist Children & Youth Assembly

A weekend to remember for children and young people!

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission's group has room for you! Let us know Now if you want to go!

Email Missioner@wesleyschapel.org.uk for the forms - NO COST AT ALL -Food, travel and activities are all covered by our fundraising this year.



Churches at Pride

For the first time we joined Hinde Street standing alongside London Pride with a giant sign saying "God Loves You" and the chapel's name. Thousands of people saw





Creativity from the Congregation

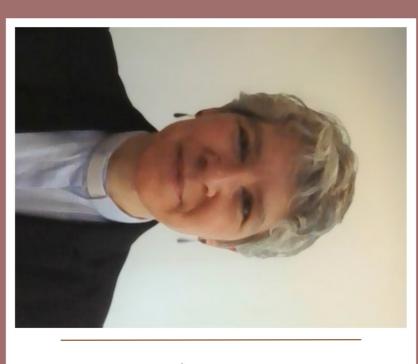
I wrote a Wesley's Chapel version of Down On The Corner by John Fogerty and Creedence Clearwater Revival—John Showemimo

Here we are this morning
Eleven is the time
It's the place for worship
And dancing to the rhyme
Revd Jen and Steven
Deacon Myrtle too
Coming through these famous doors
They're sure to welcome you.

Here at the Chapel On the City Street Find a group of happy folks Nicest people, ever sweet.

Mikyung and The Maestro
I know that they're around
Hear them play the organ
And enjoy the groovy sound
Here's my friend, it's Lorraine D
And Charles Burnett too
Bringing in their violins
They complete the crew.

It's not hard to find us
Here in London town
If you're in the area
Why don't you please come on down
From John Wesley's Chapel
Here to worship God
Speaking from his pulpit
His pure and holy Word.



WELCOME SERVICE

Revd Dr Claire Potter

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
AT 6:00 PM

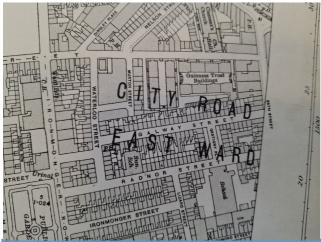
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From the Archive...The Story of Golden Lane & Radnor Street Part 2

Last issue the Golden Lane Sunday School moved to its new site on Radnor Street. This month we look at some of the stories from the 19th Century.

Radnor Street Mission had begun on Golden Lane at the edge of London. As the 19th Century progressed the growth of the city would cause much change.

Our historian writes "The Radnor Street Mission has never believed in Going down into Egypt for help, surrounded as it was by a vast population in its early years of the well to-do working class, but now in its later history by a community bearing the impress of much "want, misery and woe"; it has felt all through, that nothing but



The Radnor Street Mission as it appeared on late 19th and early 20th Century maps. While St Luke's School's current site had a school, much of the area would be cleared as slums with no trace left.

the Divine power and the allloving Spirit of God could face the problems which come day by day all the year round, right up to its very doors pressing for solution."

The realities of London's growth in the 19th century meant that houses once grand became shabby, and once adequate were cut up into slum tenements. The present housing crisis would have been familiar to many of the Radnor Street workers. As time progressed and more of those in the neighbourhood needed to work all hours to keep body and soul together, volunteers would be harder to

come by. It all sounds rather familiar doesn't it? People want to come, but it's hard to get the volunteers is something our museum staff and volunteers would readily agree with!

With people coming to the doors, what were they going to do with them? We are told "Card-playing, Bagatelle, Chess, Smoking-rooms, all innocent amusements in their way, have no place on the Radnor Street Programme." (We might note views on smoking have changed!) The Gospel was the heart of everything and "no



An excerpt of an overcrowding map of London showing the average number of persons per room. This was from 1931, long after the work had begun to improve conditions in the area.

Less than I: white

I-I.25 — light brown

1.25-1.50 - mid brown

1.50-1.75 - dark brown

1.75 and over — red

member of the staff during a period of one hundred years has ever ventured to propose a change in our plan of campaign". Given all the changes in the world around them, Radnor Street must have struck many as a comforting static point in the world, a reminder that God's Love is unchanging.

The work transferred from Golden Lane included the "Teaching Class, where boys and girls could come and learn the first elements of knowledge". In an era without government schools this was the only opportunity to learn to read and write most children would have. Similarly, public libraries weren't a thing (nor the internet) so a "private circulating Library" had been founded and moved to Radnor Street. With no schools, there were of course no school lunches, so they'd opened "Soup Kitchens to meet the abounding distress occasioned by the great famine and bad trade of 1800-01" linked with the School.

Without an NHS there was also a "Children's Sick Fund" to pay for healthcare. This was "a great social religious institution corresponding in many particulars to the

popular central city missions of our own day."

The idea of the Church being the only help people had may seem alien to many in our modern age. It is worth remembering though that the state took over many of the works because so many who'd been helped by the church, saw the good of providing education and healthcare and wanted to use the ability of the state to compel action to meet need.

Without taxation to fund all this good work, where did the money come from? At Golden Lane we are told "Men of purpose and financial resource were at the helm", and when debts needed to be paid "the effort was made and the debts vanished". Once the new site had been found buildings had to be put up, and $\pounds 1,100$ was raised for the costs.

However. The costs of the work exceeded the income so that there was by 1825 "a harassing debt" of £550 2s 7d. This grew so that in 1828 there was £600 of debt.



The same map as earlier in the article showing Wesley's Chapel as it then appeared. Note that it had seats for 1100 and there was a Sunday School marked where the Radnor Hall is now. Note also Epworth Street was then called Castle Street.

Another Methodist Chapel was standing at Oliver's Yard. We currently know little about this, not even its name!

Within wider
Methodism the
splits between The
New Connexion
and Primitive
Methodists as well
as the Wesleyans
would reach the
London Sunday
Schools, which
then were all run
jointly.

After some tense meetings Radnor Street was on its own...but they were undaunted.

We will continue the story next issue...



9th Roger Press Piano 16th Maya Mahroomi Piano 23rd Yohei Nakajima Viola 30th Stefano Fiacco Guitar

Tuesdays at 1.05pm

Free



Tides of Faith

Last month we challenged you to find all the bible references on this poster: did you beat our first count of 38?



The Answers:		23.	I Timothy 1:15	
l.	To Glory: Colossians 5:4	24.	Fare: Isaiah 55:1	
2.	Eternity: Isaiah 57:15	25.	Time of Sailing: 2 Corinthians 6:2	
3.	Crew: Philippians 1:27	26.	Accommodation: Luke 14:22	
4.	Victuals: Philippians 4:19	27.	Captains Cry: Genesis 3:9	
5.	Berths Secure: John 6:37	28.	Chart: 2 Timothy 3:16 (appears twice, also on the main mast)	
6.	Royal Charter: John 3.16			
7.	l Peter 1:25	29.	From Land of Gloom: James 2:2	
8.	Insurance: John 10:28	30.	Jesus Only: Matthew 17:6	
9.	Land Ahead: I John 3:I	31.	Emigrants wanted: Matthew 11: 28	
10.	Tis better on before: I Corinthians 2:9	32.	Invitation: Revelation 22:17	
11.	The Morning Star: Revelations 2:28	33.	Warning: Proverbs 29:1	
		34.	Precious Blood: 1 Peter 1:29	
12.	Mercy: Ephesians 2:4	35.	Beware: Job 36:18	
١3.	Gospel Ship: Romans 1:16	36.	Come Thou: Numbers 10:29	
14.	Sea of Time: Revelation 10.6	37.	Come Now: 2 Corinthians 6:2	
15.	Hope: Psalm 6:19	38.	Ecclesiastes 10:20	
16.	Compass: John 8:37	39.	A light unto my path: Psalm 119:	
17.	Main Stay: Hebrews 9:22		105	
18.	Ballast: John 1:17	40.	Log: Romans 13:11	
19.	Colossians: 1:20	41.	Helm: John 16:13	
20.	Galatians: 6:14	42.	Hebrews: 2:2-3	
21.	Hebrews: 13:9	43.	Wake: Galatians 3:9	
22.	Hebrews: 2:10	If we	If we missed any let us know!	

Children's Pages



A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters 3 and 4

Naomi and Ruth had returned to Beth lehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative





I but she stayed out of



At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.



You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and steep.



Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naome. All we

can do now is wait

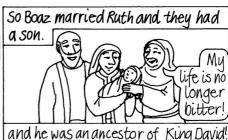
Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.

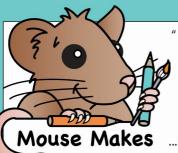


Naomi wants to sell the l land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest [relative, you get first refusal









"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body...

Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts
of our body need each
other to make a whole,
living person so
Christians need each
other to make a



K N E E S
J O W H O L E
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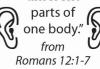
Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold** then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS

LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are joined to each other as different







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 and Claire, and will be prayed during the course of the Daily Morning Prayer service. Please send all prayer requests to: prayer@wesleyschapel.org.uk

What we were looking forward to this summer:

Jen: Seeing the new Minister Claire moved into the manse safely and well with her husband John. And getting ready to welcome Tamira Nunez, our new Global Mission Fellow from Belize.

Charlotte: I'm looking forward to running summer family activities with partners at Westminster Abbey and City of London library service, as well as here at Wesley's! I'm definitely looking forward to some time off with the family, too!!

Tracey: My daughter's Wedding!

Thomas: Playing Trains at Snettisham in Norfolk.



Staff

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M.Phil (Superintendent)

The Revd Dr Claire Potter

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The Revd Paul Hulme BA (Supernumerary)

The Revd Dr John Lampard BA M.Th

(Supernumerary)

The Revd Stephen Penrose (Supernumerary)

The Revd Ian Yates (Supernumerary)

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