



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

13th June 2025



King's Somborne Methodist Church

Have you had a kindness shown?

Do you ever have a tune or music come into your head? I did yesterday, it was a hymn we sang in Sunday school "Have you had a kindness shown, pass it on, it was not meant for you alone, pass it on". I suspect I have got a few of you singing it now.?

I recently saw an article by Bear Grylls, the recent Chief Scout of the Scout Association, a well known TV personality. He said that when at school (Eton) a visiting vicar said he "*believed that Jesus came to kill religion and bring life*". WOW that opens up a lot of discussion!

I suppose a lot of religious history is violent, lacking in love, justice and a great deal of greed and selfishness. Jesus said that "*We should love God and love our neighbours as ourselves*". He also said that "*I am the Light of the world, no one comes to the Father (God) but through me*" and he later said "*Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you to the very end of the age.*" There is the Gospel in a nutshell!

Bear Grylls also talks of when he first came into contact with Jesus but it was some years later the full impact of that encounter was fulfilled. When did you first feel Jesus' presence? In Sunday school, at school, on holiday, when something serious happened, we all have different places, times and different reactions. Some were confirmed at church, full immersion baptism, some entered a vocation employment such as teaching and nursing or ordination. We all have a story to tell.

Some have predictions or prophecies about their future. One young couple heard in a service a prophecy that someone was present who would serve overseas, they looked at each and thought, well looking at the congregation, they must mean us! That prophecy was not fulfilled until just before retirement (this is not John and Poppy Spens). What has God instore for you perhaps in your later years? May showing kindness to neighbours and family, carers, doctors who are trying to help you. Have you skills you can still use to help others at home, at church or in the community. Putting flowers from Waitrose in a vase in Church, being a welcomer on the door, helping clear the coffee cups or washing the tea cloths- (we all have to wash these don't we?). Lots of little things done in the best way possible make the world go round. Do you smile at people on the bus or in the shops or on the street. That smile may be the only kindness that person has received that day. These are the foundations of evangelism.

On Sunday 22nd June there will be another Mission Service for Brickworks. The speakers will be John and Poppy Spens. When they retired early they went to work in Sudan with the Church and Clinic there for 5 years. When they came home they founded the not for profit Charity "Brickworks". They go to South Sudan regularly with others from this area including from our RHCH. The staff from there go specifically to do cataracts surgery on children who cannot see without the operation.

So, they heard the call and did something about it. Come and hear their updated news. This year, so far, we have raised for their work £562. There will be another collection after the service on Sunday.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on, it was not meant for you alone. Pass it on.

Richard Rogers

On Sunday 15th June, at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mrs Pat Fry

On Sunday 22nd June, at 10.30am, the Service will be led by the Mission Team

These services will be live streamed, the link to which can be found via the Wesley Website at:

www.wesleychurch.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary:

12th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

12th June: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

15th June: Service led by Mrs Pat Fry at Wesley 10.30am

15th June: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm) - meeting on the Village Green for Picnic and Games

19th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

20th June: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

20th June: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

22nd June: Service led by the Mission Team at Wesley 10.30am

22nd June: Service led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

26th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

26th June: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

28th June: Café Wesley, 10.00-12 noon, (supporting Brickworks) and Lego Church (10.00-11.30am)

29th June: ReFresh Service led by Mrs Elizabeth Britton at Wesley 10.30am

29th June: Church Anniversary Service, with Holy Communion, led by Mr Peter Castle at King's Somborne 10.30am

3rd July: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

4th July: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

4th July: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

6th July: Service led by Dr John Evans at Wesley 10.30am

6th July: Service led by Mr Tom Belshaw at King's Somborne 10.30am



10 TIPS FOR A ZERO WASTE SUMMER



Plastic-Free
July



Grocery Store
Habits



Collect
Rainwater



Shop Local –
Farmers Markets



Reduce Energy/
Gas Consumption



Switch Up Your
Shower Routine



Use
Reusables



Compost
Food Waste



Cook
at Home



Find an Online
Community or App

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN FRIENDS AT A

TEA PARTY

IN THE GARDEN

at 1, Mornington Drive

On Saturday, **21st June** from 3pm – 5pm.

(If it's rainy, hopefully not, we shall meet inside!)

Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 27th June, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 25th June. Many thanks!
Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or contact 01794 389153.



Wesley Summer Walks 2025

Date	Description	Leader	Time	Notes
Tuesday 29 th July	Walk around Whitchurch	Faith & Nick	pm	Tea at Whitchurch Silk Mill
Wednesday 6 th August	Church Cream Tea at Trout Fishery, Headbourne Worthy	Dale, Faith & Nick	pm	Cream tea by the lake
Thursday 14th August	All abilities and 'family' walk, plus train ride at Lakeside, Eastleigh	Ralph & Veronica	am ? & pm	Tea to follow SEPARATE LEAFLET LATER
Friday 22 nd August	Walk at St Cross	Eileen	pm	Tea at St Cross

All walks are relatively short, but if you are unable to walk please join us for TEA.

More details from each walk leader.

Eileen 01962 861527 Faith 01962 880043 Dale 01962 866502 or Ralph 01962 861139

Epworth Lunches celebrate their 13th birthday!



On Tuesday 10th June, the Epworth Lunches celebrated their 13th birthday!

We celebrated with a meal of quiche, new potatoes and vegetables, followed by strawberries and cream. Gina had very kindly made us all individual little cakes with the number 13 on which we were able to enjoy with our coffee/tea at the end of the meal.

So as not to disappoint the diners, we ended the celebrations with a game of 'Herd Mentality'! Wow! That was fun?! Thank you to the amazing team of helpers who keep the lunches going, for those kind villagers who cook delicious meals for us and of course, to all the diners whose support and enthusiasm we really value.

During our 13th year, your kindness and generosity has enabled us to raise £938 for our chosen local charities! A brilliant amount! Thank you!

Marilyn



Women's Fellowship Air Ambulance Talk

At our May meeting we welcomed Ryland who came to tell us about the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance service for which he is a volunteer.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance started in 2007 although the first one, in Cornwall, began in 1982. On board there are always three people, the pilot, a doctor and a paramedic. In all, Hampshire has 22 doctors, 26 paramedics and 4 pilots. These doctors all work in Hampshire hospitals as their main employment.

The difference between an ordinary ambulance and an air ambulance is that an air ambulance has a doctor on board who can perform critical care immediately. They can anaesthetise, even amputate, should it be necessary. They bring the emergency department to you. Since 2014 they have been carrying blood and plasma. They are only called to life threatening situations and have to be in the air within 4-6 minutes. They can reach anywhere in Hampshire within 15 minutes and the IoW in 20 minutes. As well as helicopters they also have four critical care cars which carry the same kit. Incidents they may be called to are cardiac arrest, road traffic collisions, medical incidents and accidental injuries. They have a special training room which can replicate a noisy disco or a busy motorway which are situations they may find themselves working in.

At the moment they are wanting to locate to Eastleigh and are trying to raise 3.6 million pounds through their Operation Airbase Appeal to fund this. So far they have raised £2 million. Since 2007 they have been on 13,932 missions! I think we all agreed that we had learnt a lot from Ryland's visit and it was a very interesting afternoon. Thank you to all who supported us.



Sale for The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Following our talk at Women's Fellowship, we had a coffee and sale at the Epworth Hall, to raise money for IOWAA on Saturday 7th June. It wasn't the sunniest of days but that didn't dampen the spirits of all those kind and generous people who came and supported us. There was a lot of chat and laughter which created a warm and friendly atmosphere. We do not know the final amount that we raised (as this has to be counted by the IOWAA when they open the sealed bucket) but we believe it to be over £1000, including generous donations.



Thank you so much to all those who supported such a worthy cause!

Marilyn and Marion



Latest news – January 2025

Dear Friends, at the start of another year, we want to say a very big thank you to all those who supported and prayed for us through last year. God has been faithful and once again exceeded our expectations as to what He can enable us to do. A big thank you also to those who made a monthly gift to The Brickworks through the year, or who had made a one-off donation. We so appreciate your support which enables the charity to do what it does in South Sudan. There have been many highlights:

- Supporting the Martha Clinic (right), paying salaries and providing most of its medicines.
- Funding Martha Eye Clinic and enabling a cataract camp to be organised with 105 successful cataract operations completed.
- Helping 23 teachers to train at Yei Teacher Training College and KajoKeji Christian College.
- Supporting the Bishop Allison Theological College which trains ordinands.
- Funding discipleship training programmes, youth camps and clergy training in three Dioceses.
- Visiting Yei in September with three others, providing training for health students and Martha staff. Teaching young people on the discipleship programme and coaching the local football team (see photo on page 2).
- Contributing to the purchase of a new ambulance for the Martha Clinic and towards a used car for the Bishop of Panyana.
- Repairing a primary school that had been damaged in the conflict so that it could re-open for returning refugees.



12 months' ago, we reported that from the start of 2024, we would only work in South Sudan and that our work helping in the refugee camps of Uganda had come to an end. We praise God that this decision does not seem to have caused problems, and, through 2024, we saw that many refugees from South Sudan were returning to their homes.

The programmes that we will support through this year will be similar to last year.

➤ Martha Clinic running costs, medicines and repairs	£40,000	53% primary health care
➤ Eye Clinic running costs, medicines and cataract camp	£17,000	<u>and eye clinic</u>
➤ Teacher training course fees and support	£18,000	25% teacher training
➤ St Philip's Nursery School plus desks and latrines	£ 8,000	<u>and support to schools</u>
➤ Discipleship training for young people	£11,000	
➤ Support for theological training	£ 4,000	22% Church Training
➤ Training for clergy and laity	£ 9,000	
➤ Other expenses inc. bank charges	<u>£ 1,000</u>	
➤ Total	£108,000	

The Brickworks, 12 Barton Walk, Bristol, BS16 1AB

Web: www.thebrickworks.org.uk | Email: thebrickworkssudan@gmail.com |

Registered Charity No. 1127606

We aim to keep a minimum reserve for emergencies of £10,000.

Half our expenditure this year will support the Diocese of Yei Martha Primary Health Centre and Eye Clinic. Quite simply, it could not function without this significant level of support. We are very grateful to St Michael's Church for its support for the Eye Clinic and to the Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church for its donation towards the cost of the cataract camp (the 2024 cataract team pictured). We are also very grateful to African Revival for its funding of some of the teacher training students, as well as paying for latrines at a primary school and for providing some locally made school desks.

During the last year, we passed the £2 million milestone since we launched the charity in 2009. We have trusted God to supply what we needed, and He has done that, often in ways which far exceeded our expectations. We know that those who receive this letter pray for us, and we hope that you will continue to do so. To those who give, thank you very much indeed.

We are thinking of making another visit to Yei in September 2025. If you would like to consider possibly joining us, please get in touch. Last year we explored a quicker and cheaper way of flying to Yei which reduced the cost per team member by £500 to around £1500. For a visit of only a week, it's a lot to pay but almost the whole cost is the cost of flights.

On behalf of the Trustees and those we work with in South Sudan, who will be helped in this year, thank you very much indeed.

John and Poppy Spens
On behalf of the Trustees

N.B. Week 1 of the 2025 Discipleship training starts on 27th January for 100 young people. Do please pray.



At Yei airstrip, before boarding the MAF plane



With Bishop Marandulu Levi, ECSS Bishop of Yei



Iain Nash coaching the Cathedral football team



University of
Southampton

SC.DTP.

South Coast
Doctoral Training
Partnership



Economic
and Social
Research Council



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
60 YEARS OR OLDER AND
LIVE IN HAMPSHIRE?**

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE
IN A STUDY EXPLORING HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE NEEDS IN LATER LIFE.

THE STUDY

THIS STUDY EXAMINES THE **HEALTH BEHAVIOURS** AND **SOCIAL CARE NEEDS** OF OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN HAMPSHIRE. THE AIM OF THIS STUDY IS TO DEVELOP **LOCAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS** THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE **WELL-BEING** AND SOCIAL CARE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS, SPECIFICALLY WIDOWED INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- YOU LIVE IN HAMPSHIRE
- YOU ARE 60 YEARS OLD OR OLDER
- YOU IDENTIFY AS SINGLE NEVER MARRIED, SEPARATED/DIVORCED, MARRIED/REMARRIED OR WIDOWED

LOCATION & LENGTH

- IN PERSON
- AUDIO-RECORDED ONE HOUR INTERVIEW
- AT A PLACE OF YOUR CHOICE (IE. YOUR HOME, A CAFE, A PARK, OR AN OFFICE)

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE

- £12 FOR PARTICIPATING

CONTACT DETAILS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART, HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR WANT TO CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY PLEASE CONTACT:

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Worship Leading Course

It is intended to run this course of five sessions in the autumn of 2025 in the Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Circuit, offered also to the surrounding Circuits. The course will be held fortnightly so that members will have time to reflect on the material between sessions.

This course is for people who feel a call to lead aspects of worship. It will be necessary for those wishing to be recognised as Worship Leaders in their church to attend all the sessions.

It may also be a refresher for those already recognised as worship leaders or indeed local preachers as part of ongoing learning and development.

You will also be very welcome to join if you are just interested in the subject!

The sessions will be held at:

Wesley Methodist Church, Fromond Road, Winchester, SO22 6EG.

Mondays at 7.30pm

8 and 22 September

6 and 20 October

3 November

The sessions will last 90 mins each and be led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor with involvement from Circuit Ministers, and experienced Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. There is also an option for those wishing to be acknowledged as Worship Leaders to attend the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting on 18 November.

The course will be interactive with input, sharing, working on topics and Q&A. Outline notes will be available at the end of each session. The sessions are fortnightly to allow time for reflection and preparation.

Those who participate fully in the course will receive a certificate. For those who wish to be recognised as Worship leaders (though there is no obligation), notification will be given to their Minister and Church Council. Experienced Worship leaders will be encouraged to support and encourage those beginning this journey of service.

G. Howard Mellor

June 2025

Course Outline:

Exploring Worship: examining the nature and scope of worship. Why it is important. Looking at its biblical roots. Considering the structure of worship as it has developed. The role of Worship Leaders in the Methodist Church.

Shaping Worship: working together to consider the constituent parts of worship and the way we can shape them for worship appropriate to a specific congregation. We will explore the use of music, the treasury of hymns and songs, prayer, silence, movement, ritual, drama and art.

Effective Worship Leading: considering our skills such as preparation, stance, voice projection and ways of developing and using notes. A chance to read a prepared passage to the group. Enabling others to join in leading worship with us.

Creative ideas for Prayer: looking at the various elements of prayer and exploring creative ways of weaving them into worship. Examining resources for prayer with encouragement to write our own.

Ideas for Advent Worship: a practical session using the learning from the earlier sessions. Each course member to research, bring and share ideas for worship during Advent which could be offered for use in services with the appointed preacher.

For more Information and sign-up:

For those wishing to know more there is a detailed version of this outline. Do not hesitate to ask Howard Mellor for a copy.

To join the course, please email Howard by 1 September: hmellor49@gmail.com

GHM June 2025



Open-Air Service on Sunday 27th July 2.30pm at Canada Common Chapel



Canada Common Methodist Chapel, West Wellow, Romsey SO51 6DH

Messy Church from 2pm and Open-Air Service at 2.30pm

Speaker: Mr Peter Armstrong

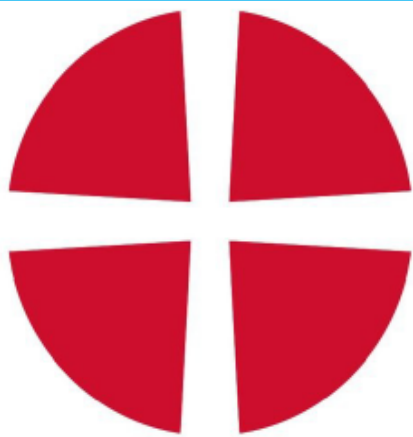
Theme: Meeting Jesus

Music: Cadnam Praise Band



Refreshments after service

*Donations split between Canada Common Chapel
and St Margaret's, Wellow, "Messy Church"*



Coffee on the Common

When:

Every Wednesday from July 30th till August 27th inc

Time:

10.30am ~ 12.30pm

Where:

Canada Common Chapel, Canada Common, West Wellow,
SO51 6DH

Refreshments:

donations shared between the Chapel and St Margaret's "Messy Church"

ALL ARE WELCOME including dogs.

AND... please join us for:

a Prayer Meeting on 13th August, 1.00pm — 1.30pm led by Pastor Peter Castle

a Communion Service on 27th August, 1.00pm - 1.30pm led by Rev Andrew de Ville

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memories and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Act of Kindness

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animal shelter	helping others	ripple effect	baby sitting	nursing home	soup kitchen
walking dogs	environment	contagious	thoughtful	importance	generosity
acceptance	volunteer	bookmarks	thank you	yard work	good deed
gratitude	affection	happiness	community	donations	positive
veterans	cleaning	goodwill	kindness	planned	pet sit
friends	project	impact	warmth	caring	family
random	loving	effort	giving	cause	Time