



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

16th May 2025



King's Somborne Methodist Church

"Prayer harnessing the power of Pentecost . . ."

First of all, let me introduce myself, my name is Revd John Yarrien, I'm a Methodist Superintendent Minister, based in the Dorset South and West Circuit. Unless you hadn't guessed it, I am Brenda and Paul's son and have a link to Wesley that goes all the way back to my Baptism in 1982! It is my joy and privilege to come and share with you in your Church Anniversary on Sunday 18th May. Wesley is and always will be my home church, a place where I found who I was in the love of God, a community that nurtured, cared and challenged me, friends who continue to journey with me, even though I am no longer my own, but God's in the wider Methodist church.

I recently got bitten by the cycling bug, having purchased a hybrid electric bicycle. My congregations in Dorchester have seen me racing around on my bike, enjoying the downs and struggling a bit on the hills. But . . . then I found the bike had a 3rd level of power assistance and now I even enjoy the hills! Looking at the setup of the bike, it got me wondering about what gives my spiritual life 'power assistance', do I really know all or even some of the power options God provides for us in our journeys of life with him?

As I pedal around, finding new places to ride out to, or even as I pedal around Dorchester to get to services, meetings and pastoral visits – it struck me, obviously really, the power assistance in faith comes through prayer. Although I pray a lot, in various ways, it was good to be reminded that God empowers, enables and encourages us through prayer. In our busy lives, we need to find time, to pray – sometimes we might have a lot to pray about because we're struggling up hill, and life is hard work. Other times our prayers are full of praise and wonder and thanks, as we free-flow down the other side of Fromond Road towards Waitrose! Still other times we may feel there's not a lot going on, I don't know where to start, I wonder in those times that it's helpful to get a focus for our prayers. I would like to suggest that as a prayerful church, we need to focus prayers not just on people, places and situations, but on Wesley itself, for new people to come to church, for folks to feel enabled to take on a little task or offer someone a friendly chat over coffee, for God's Holy Spirit to guide and challenge and support us as we journey together as a community of faith, seeking to be beacons of God's light and love to our community.

A few days ago we had the national celebrations of Victory in Europe Day, 80 years on. I chatted to one of the Dorset Veterans at the County Beacon lighting ceremony in Durlston Castle, and he said 'Padre, I'm glad you're here, cos I wouldn't of got through the war without this', and he showed me a little pocket book of prayers, he was given by his vicar as he and half the men in his village went off to war. The "power of prayer", got him through the darkest days of our nation's history. It was, as I am sure you can imagine, a very powerful conversation.

On the 8th June we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the great releasing of the holy spirit, that powered the spreading of the Christian Church across the world. A hope shared that Jesus lived and died and rose again through the power of God's love for each of us. The awe and wonder of that day, people being able to understand the truths declared in their own language and dialect. I wonder what does Pentecost mean to you? Is the holy spirit the power assistance that enables, encourages and empowers your faith and your prayer life? Because for me, Pentecost reminds us that we are not equipped to do that on our own, but by God, through Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One of the hymns for Pentecost in our Singing the Faith hymn book is number 370, *Breathe on me breath of God*. Edwin Hatch's words inspire me to be open to the power of the Holy Spirit being shared in me, for me and to enable me: "*Breathe on me breath of God. Fill me with new life. That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do*". That is my prayer for you all, for us all, as Wesley and King's Somborne Methodist Churches, as we journey together on this Church Anniversary weekend, harnessing the Pentecost power of prayer to drive us forward into God's future.

Grace and peace in this season of Pentecost and summer
Revd John Yarrien

On Sunday 18th May, at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Revd John Yarrien
On Sunday 25th May, at 10.30am, the ReFresh Service will be led by Mr Stewart MacLachlan
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:

15th May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

16th May: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

16th May: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

18th May: Church Anniversary Service led by Revd John Yarrien at Wesley 10.30am

18th May: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

22nd May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

22nd May: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

24th May: Café Wesley (supporting The Winchester Beacon, formally Winchester Nightshelter) and Lego Church (10.00-12 noon)

25th May: ReFresh Service led by Mr Stewart MacLachlan at Wesley 10.30am

25th May: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

There are no Youth Activities during the May Half-Term Holiday

1st June: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd John Archer at Wesley 10.30am

1st June: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 10.30am

Important Safeguarding Update:

If you are in Wesley Church during Playgroup hours, if the side door bell rings and you answer it, please do not allow entry, but alert a member of the playgroup staff, so they can verify the person entering the premises. Even if a person is a keyholder, it is good practice to inform a playgroup member of staff that you/they are on the premises. Similarly, when you are leaving you should also inform playgroup staff that you are leaving the premises.

Thanking you for your co-operation

Brenda

(Wesley Safeguarding Officer)

This week's ECO TIP

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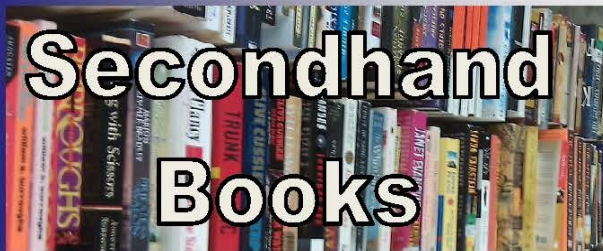
Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 30th May, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 28th May. Many thanks!
Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or contact 01794 389153.



Cards



**Drop in
for a
chat**



**Secondhand
Books**



**Secondhand
Jigsaws**

**Next one is on
Saturday 24th
May!**

**4th Saturday
every month
10:00 - 12:00**

**Next one is on
Saturday 24th
May!**

**create a
scene
challenge**



**LEGO
CHURCH**

Bacon roll



SALE

in aid of



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

on Saturday 7th June

from 10 - 12 noon

at the Epworth Hall

Books



Jigsaw Puzzles



Plants



Raffles



Cakes

Refreshments



Women's Fellowship



Wednesday 28th May at 2:30pm

A representative from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance will be coming to talk to us about the work they do.

This is an open meeting so please come along and support us.

Refreshments will follow.

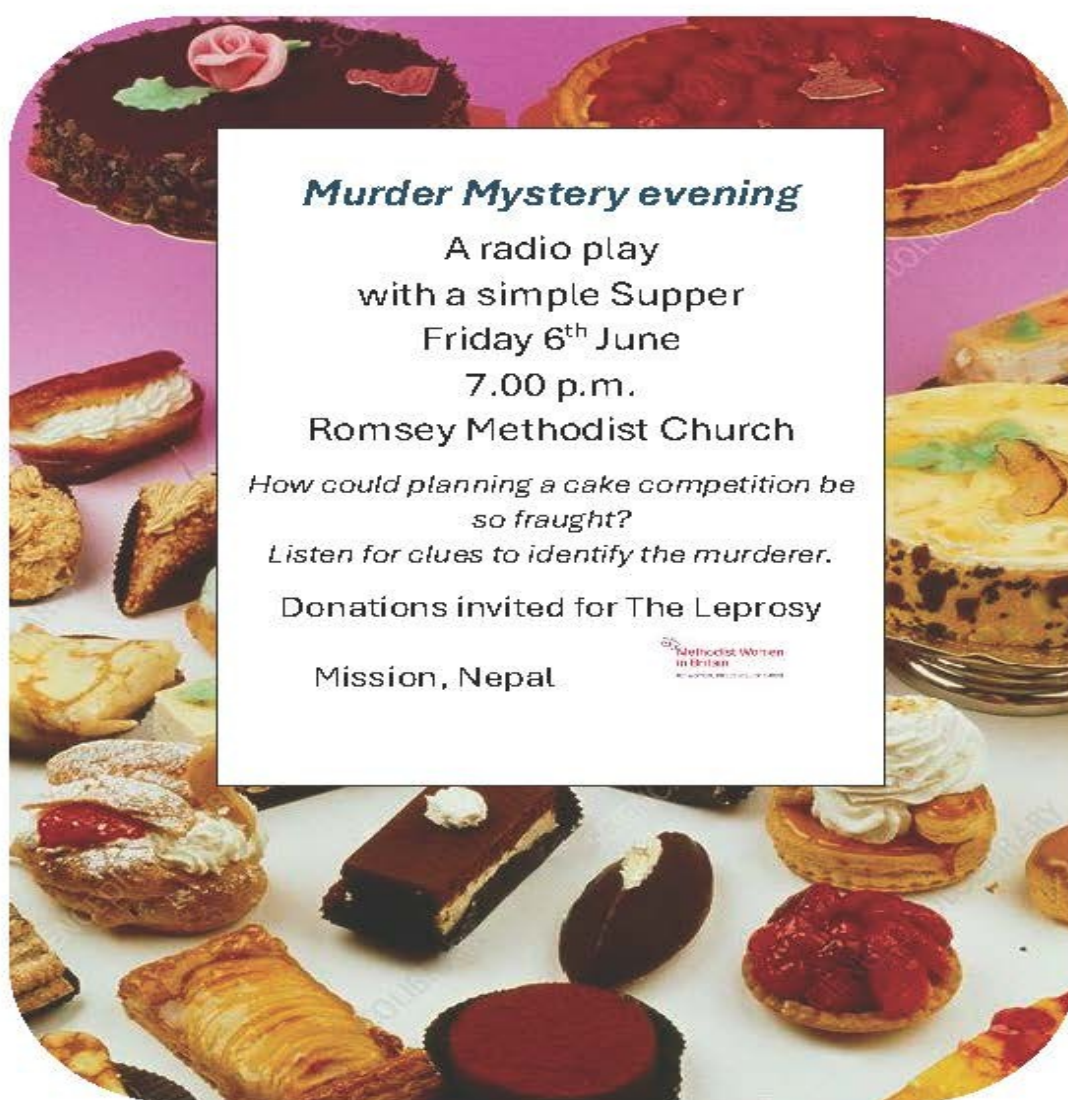
Hello, a Murder Mystery radio play is being performed at Romsey Methodist church on 6th June to raise funds for the Methodist Women's current project -The Leprosy Mission, Nepal.

Please find attached a flier. It would be helpful to know if anyone intends to come to help us ensure there is enough food, but otherwise there is no need to book.

Register your intention to come by emailing hife49@gmail.com.

with thanks,

Hilary Evans





CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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Welcome to this issue of Chaplaincy News. This month we are focusing on the Butterfly Volunteer Scheme, a collaboration between Chaplaincy and Palliative Care Volunteering.



Our End of Life Care Butterfly Volunteer service is to support people who are dying in hospital and to ensure, as far as possible, that they do not die on their own. Some of our patients do not have family or friends to sit with them, or their family may need just a few hours where they can know that their loved one has someone with them.

The service is non-judgemental, inclusive and compassionate, and we are looking for **more people** to join the team. We need people who will act with integrity, sensitivity and understanding, who have significant experience in pastoral care and who can offer a listening ear, comfort and support. Butterfly volunteers will not be expected to provide any direct care to patients and full training and support will be provided.

Chaplaincy and Palliative Care will be hosting a Butterfly Volunteer Training Event on 18th June from 12.30-16.30 where you can find out much more about the scheme. Attending the training does not commit you to becoming a volunteer!

Interested in finding out more about the scheme and/or the training?

Please contact chaplaincy@hhft.nhs.uk and we will pass your details on to Caroline Nash, Palliative Care Volunteer Coordinator, who co-ordinates volunteer recruitment and training for the Butterfly Volunteer service.

E-mail:

chaplaincy@hhft.nhs.uk

Tel:

01256 314901 (Basingstoke)

01962 824906 (Winchester)



Hearing God

Loving Father,

We thank you that you are a God who daily teaches us more about yourself, who has always more to reveal of your love.

Speak to us now,

And give us ears to hear!

We thank you for the many ways we hear your voice—through the scriptures, the world around us, and the people we meet; through prayer and reflection; through the experiences of life, and through our daily walk with you.

Speak to us now,

And give us ears to hear!

Loving Father,

We thank you that day by day you speak to us. Help us to be open to everything you would say, ready to receive your instruction and accept your guidance.

Speak to us now,

And give us ears to hear!

Save us from closing our ears to that which we do not want to hear; from becoming so fixed in our ways and opinions that we become spiritually deaf; from limiting your word or denying your call through our unwillingness to listen.

Speak to us now,

And give us ears to hear,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Taken from "Prayers for all seasons" Nick Fawcett 1998)



Speak Lord,
for your servant is listening
1 Samuel 3:1-21

Cycling Word Search

mountain bike

handle bars

reflectors

sprocket

indicate

accident

bearings

cycling

corners

wheels

ticket

spokes

safety

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pedals

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