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# Wesley Somborne Link

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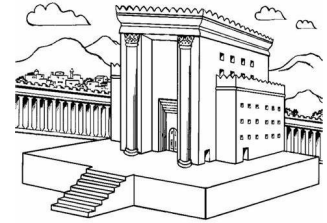
21st March 2025



King's Somborne Methodist Church

### Liminal Spaces

### *The Temple in Jerusalem*



Some years ago now, Rev Tom Stuckey, then Chairman of the District came to lead our worship on our Chapel Anniversary. He introduced me and probably others too, to the idea of 'liminal spaces'. That is a place or a time when you can feel closer to God. What Celtic Christianity often knew as 'thin places'.

As we approach Easter this year, we will, as usual, be inviting children from local schools into our sanctuary to experience life in the Temple forecourt (in Jerusalem), soon after the crucifixion. I have been type-caste for some years now as the Pharisee, overseeing access to the Temple and because this exercise involves 'active learning' (children enquiring) I realised that I needed to be able to answer any questions thrown at me. So I did my research!

Visitors to the Temple at the time of Jesus needed to obey 'purity' rules by first washing feet, then purchasing (using temple coinage) suitable bird-life for sacrifice to honour God (all part of the 'Easter Is' experience). This Temple was the 'liminal place' for the people, where they could be confident of encountering God. Back in Jewish history, travelling with Moses in the desert, God had been present in the Arc of the Covenant, which they carried with them. When Solomon built the temple, the Arc was placed within. So the Temple in Jerusalem became an important focus of 'pilgrimage' for God-fearing Jews. That Temple was soon to be raised to the ground by the occupying Roman armies.

In John Chapter 2, when asked by Jews, for a sign to prove his authority, 'Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days ".....But the temple he had spoken of was his body.'" So to early Christians, and to us too, Jesus identifies himself as that liminal link with God. The question for us today is where can we meet him?

Where are your personal 'liminal spaces'? Perhaps it's in a favourite patch of countryside, a mountain top, a seaside or a woodland with all the sounds of nature around you? Or maybe it's your own garden, a comfortable corner of your home or a favourite church? It could be in music or art, or just a 'place in time', an incident which arrives out of the blue, which has, unexpectedly, alerted you to God's presence and God's peace. These are occasions that, at times, we all need.

I pray that your own faith may keep you in a state of awareness for these liminal moments.  
Nick Langham

**On Sunday 23rd March, at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Revd Tim Searle**  
**On Sunday 30th March, at 10.30am, the ReFresh Service will be led by Revd Peter Rayson**  
**These services will be live streamed, the link to which can be found via the Wesley Website at:**  
**[www.wesleychurch.org.uk](http://www.wesleychurch.org.uk)**

**Dates for Your Diary:**

20th March: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

21st March: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

21st March: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

**22nd March: Café Wesley (supporting Winchester) and Lego Church (10.00-12 noon)**

23rd March: Service led by Revd Tim Searle at Wesley 10.30am

23rd March: Service led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

**Wednesday 26th March: Church Council at Wesley at 7.30pm**

27th March: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

27th March: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

30th March: ReFresh Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

30th: March: Service led by Dr Mike Wood at King's Somborne 10.30am

**Tuesday 1st April: Easter Is at Wesley (9.00am to Noon)**

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

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

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

6th April: Service led by Mrs Pat Fry at Wesley 10.30am

6th April: Service led by Dr Lesley Ritchie at King's Somborne 10.30am

10th April: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

10th April: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

13th April: Mission Service led by the Mission Team at Wesley 10.30am

13th April: United Service at the Parish Church King's Somborne 10am (following a 9.40am walk for Palm Sunday, led by Revd Peter Rayson)

**This week's ECO TIP**

Reduce **single-use plastics** and avoid them if at all possible. Most supermarkets have a 'bin' for used **plastic bags**



# Don't forget our Plant Sale

Now's the  
time!



Prepare plants

Plant seeds

Get growing!



**NOTE NEW DATE**

**Saturday 26th April**

**Café Wesley**

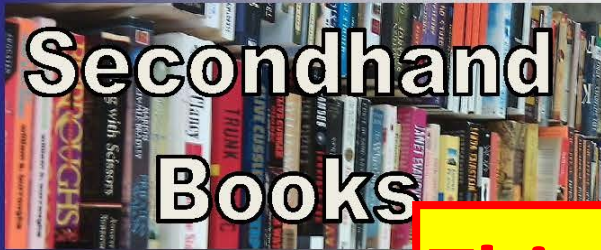
Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 4th April 2025, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 2nd April 2025. Many thanks!  
Email: [brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com](mailto:brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com) or contact 01794 389153.



**Cards**



**Drop in  
for a  
chat**



**Secondhand  
Books**



**Secondhand  
Jigsaws**

**This Saturday!**

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

**create a  
scene  
challenge**



**LEGO  
CHURCH**

**Bacon roll**



## WELCOME TO SPRING

The last few days have been glorious, the golden daffodils and the superb sunshine have warmed our hearts and minds let alone our bodies. We had many wonderful comments

about the Christmas lights enhancing the night sky around the church and we have been delighted to accept Aiden Craig's offer to create an illuminated garden on the Fromond Road side of the Church for Spring. It will start at the start of Spring 21<sup>st</sup> March and end on Mothers Day. If you are available come and see the show. If you have problem getting out and about, ask a friend if they can bring you to see them in a car.



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## Wesley's Spring message to the Community



## King Somborne's Spring message to the Community



Sunshine and Showers is a collection of six-week courses that allow small groups to explore aspects of the Christian faith together.

- **Prayer's beautiful messiness**
- **The Bible's beautiful strangeness**
- **Worship's beautiful elusiveness** (coming Autumn 2025)

Each course explores a series of **paradoxes** - ideas and beliefs we hold in our minds which contradict each other, and seemingly can't both be true, but somehow are. Like a weather forecast for sunshine and showers. Two types of weather, both valid, even when they don't go together.

Come and join us on each Monday at 10.00am from March 31st through to April 14th at the King's Somborne Chapel, where there is an opportunity to explore Prayer's Beautiful Messiness! All are welcome! Please contact Brenda (01794 389153) or Marilyn (01794 389356) for further details.



**From:** Nature Recovery Dean Lane Teg Down <[deanlanetegdown@gmail.com](mailto:deanlanetegdown@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Teg Down Nature Group: News Update March 2025

**Date:** 7 March 2025 at 14:35:11 GMT

**To:** Susie Nicodemi <[deanlanetegdown@gmail.com](mailto:deanlanetegdown@gmail.com)>



## Gardening for Wildlife

**Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm**

Our gardens offer a great opportunity to bring wildlife into our community by providing food and shelter for a range of species. **Teg Down Nature Group** are delighted that Jane and Steve Page, **Wild Garden Champions with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**, have agreed to join us to talk about what they've done to their garden in Chandlers Ford to make homes for a huge range of plants and animals. Their plot is a real inspiration for all would-be wildlife gardeners, so if you'd like to hear about and see examples of what they've achieved, and get a few ideas for your own garden, join us for an open session on **Gardening for Wildlife** at the **Wesley Methodist Church, Fromond Road at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9th April**.

The session will last around 2 hours and there will be an opportunity for questions and to discuss what we can do locally.

**To book a place** please e-mail us by 6th April at [deanlanetegdown@gmail.com](mailto:deanlanetegdown@gmail.com), and let us know your name and how many seats you'd like to reserve.

We will be promoting this to other local nature groups so do book early! We'll ask for a small voluntary donation on the door, to help cover our costs and support our future work.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

*Teg Down Nature Group team.*

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# FRIDAY FUN CLUB

7th February

**CRAFTS**

February  
Learning  
about  
Moses

21st February

7th March

March  
Learning  
about  
Lent &  
Mothering  
Sunday

**GAMES**

21st March

April  
learning  
about  
Easter

4th April

**WORSHIP**

**SNACK**

**5:00 to 6:30pm**

For young people aged between 5-11 years

Cost £1 per session

A registration form needs to be completed to attend club.

All young people need to be collected by parent / guardian at the end of the session.

# FEEL GOOD FRIDAY



21st Feb

Dodge Ball / Hockey Challenges



21st March  
Nerf battle



BEETLE DRIVE



Easter Bingo / Beatle Drive

## Program

Feb - April 2025

7th Feb

Normal Games out



7th March

Pizza Making



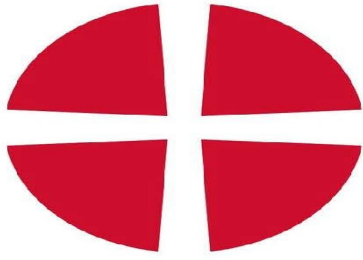
4th April

Sessions may also include time for Manhunt or board games.

If you have any suggestions for May to July program let a leader know.

All are welcome (ages from 11-16years)!





# Celebration Service

## Second Anniversary of the re-opening of Canada Common Chapel

**When: Sunday 23rd March**

**Time: 2.30pm**

**Where: Canada Common Chapel,  
Canada Common, West Wellow,  
SO51 6DH**

Everyone is welcome to this  
interdenominational Service

**Speaker** Revd Andrew de Ville

**Worship leader** Pastor Peter Castle

**Musician** Julia McKinley

Please stay for Refreshments s after  
the Service.

For more details contact Pastor Peter  
Castle on [pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk)



### **Would you baptise a robot? Theological questions from the edges of science and technology.**

The next meeting of the Southampton Regional Theology Forum of the Methodist Church, to be held from 10 am on Thursday, June 5, 2025 in Romsey Methodist Church (<https://www.romseymethodist.church>).

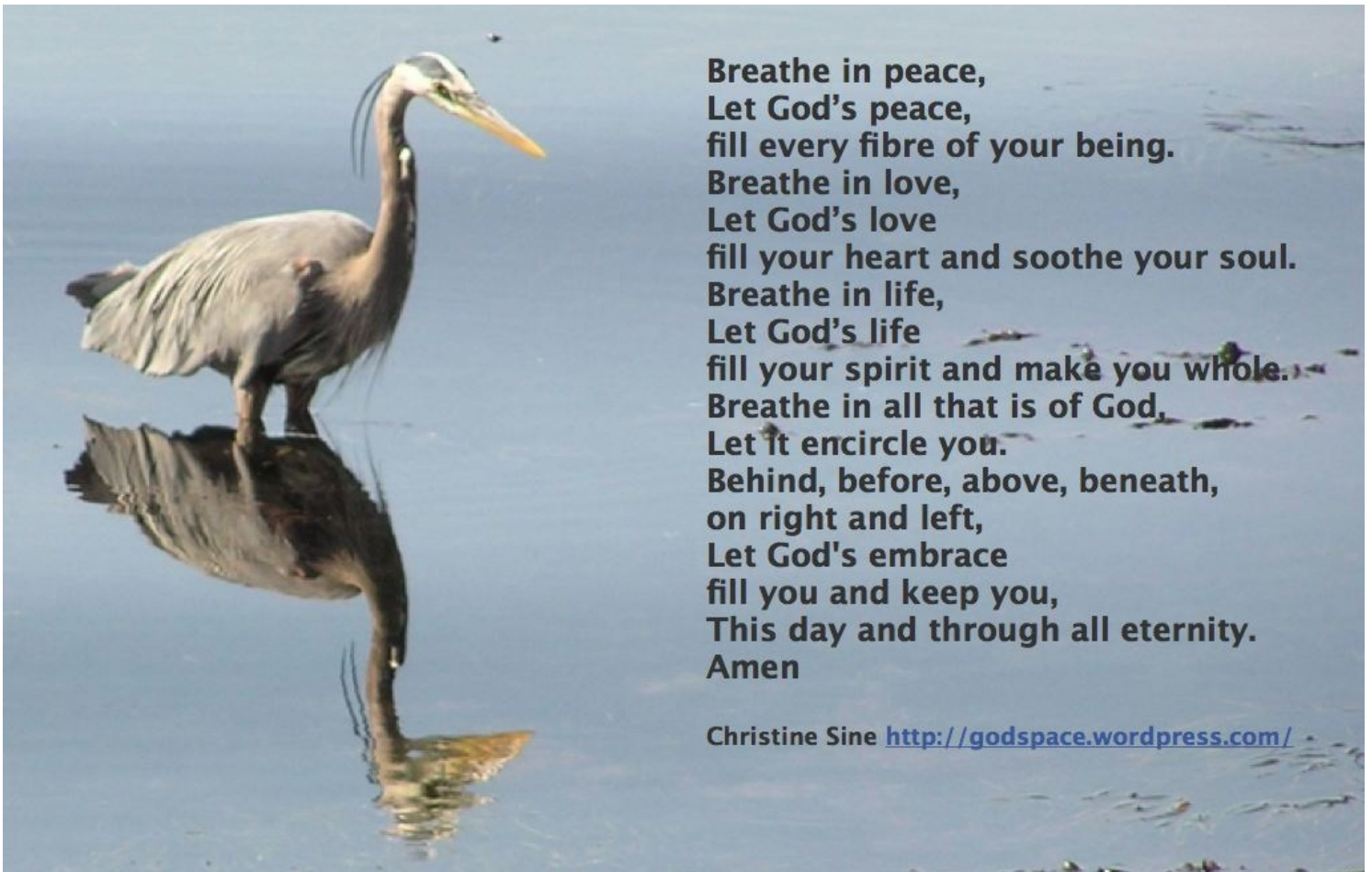
Our discussion will be led by Revd Dr Philip Luscombe, former Director of the Wesley Study Centre in Durham and Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge Theological Federation.

Philip's rather intriguing title is:

Would you baptise a robot? Theological questions from the edges of science and technology.

This will be a morning-only meeting. We start with a welcome drink, and the discussion will be in a cafe-style environment, aided by the products of a Swedish Bakery from Hedge End, thanks to the help of our local zero-waste shop and cafe, Lemon and Jinja. We also hope to have a table of books for sale through the Oasis Christian Centre (<https://oasisromsey.co.uk/>)

John Evans



Breathe in peace,  
 Let God's peace,  
 fill every fibre of your being.  
 Breathe in love,  
 Let God's love  
 fill your heart and soothe your soul.  
 Breathe in life,  
 Let God's life  
 fill your spirit and make you whole.  
 Breathe in all that is of God,  
 Let it encircle you.  
 Behind, before, above, beneath,  
 on right and left,  
 Let God's embrace  
 fill you and keep you,  
 This day and through all eternity.  
 Amen

Christine Sine <http://godspace.wordpress.com/>

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