



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

# Wesley Somborne Link

## One Church on two sites

15th May 2026



King's Somborne Methodist Church

## Plants and Prayers



I was reminded the other day of a cartoon by Hugh Burnett (a former editor of the Methodist Recorder). It depicted two monks in conversation. One is holding a plant pot with an elegant flower growing in it. He is saying to the other monk, rather sheepishly (presumably in response to an enquiry about the secret of his success) ....“Prayer and a liberal sprinkling of fertilizer”

This expression is a common idiom or trope in gardening literature, which refers to the blend of hope in tandem with hard work. Over the many years I have put into gardening (and I'm sure that most gardeners will agree) I can vouch for the fact that no garden looks a picture unless it has been carefully tended. It is always a product of planning, sowing, planting, feeding, weeding, cutting back, not to mention mowing. Even so called 'wild flower' displays need careful attention at certain times of the year, if they are to succeed in future years. So, putting our trust in the regularity of seasons, the sun and rain, we get out what we put in. Perhaps this is a formula for life in general?

In Christian terms this can also be seen as a metaphor about the balance between spiritual faith and practical action. Prayer may be an important constituent for any plans or actions that we have personally and in the church, but it doesn't stand alone. It must go hand in hand with our own physical efforts, creativity and inspiration. We can't just 'pray' and sit back. God works in us and through us. The letters of James in the New Testament are clear that faith and works go hand in hand (James 2v24). Maybe the extra ingredient is the spirit (the fertilizer) which provides motivation, encouragement and inspiration.

So when I am hard at work weeding borders or planting new seedlings or helping to sell plants at our Plant Sale, I can reflect on the cartoon as a kind of parable with so many important messages.

I'm reminded, too, of a hymn we used to sing and the significance of 'gardens' in the Bible:

“God has given us a book full of stories, that was made for his people of old. It begins with the tale of a garden, and ends with the city of gold.”

Nick

**See you at the Plant Sale, this Saturday 10.00am—12 noon!**

**On Sunday 17th May at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Revd Peter Rayson  
On Sunday 24th May at 10.30am the ReRefresh Service will be led by the Worship Leaders  
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:**

14th May: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

14th May: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

15th May: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

15th May: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

**16th May: Plant Sale and Café Wesley in aid of The Winchester Beacon (10.00am-12noon)**

17th May: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

17th May: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

21st May: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

**23rd May: Lego Church (10.00am-11.30am)**

24th May: Pentecost Refresh Service led by the Worship Team at Wesley 10.30am

24th May: Service led by Mr Graham Hepburn at King's Somborne 10.30am

28th May: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

31st May: Service led by Mr Tom Belshaw at Wesley 10.30am

31st May: Service led by Revd Tim Searle at King's Somborne 10.30am

4th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

**4th June: Safeguarding Training at Wesley (1.45pm—4.15pm)**

5th June: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

5th June: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

7th June: Service led by Revd Peter Raysom at Wesley 10.30am, followed by the General Church Meeting

7th June: Service led by Revd Andrew de Ville at King's Somborne 10.30am

11th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

11th June: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

14th June: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Rachael Hawkins at Wesley 10.30am

14th June: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Catherine Bowstead at King's Somborne 10.30am

18th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

19th June: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

19th June: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

21st June: Service led by Revd Peter Raysom at Wesley 10.30am

21st June: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

25th June: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

25th June: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

**27th June: Café Wesley in aid of Brickworks (10.00am-12 noon) and Lego Church (10.00am—11.30am)**

28th June: ReFresh Service led by Dr Mike Wood at Wesley 10.30am

28th June: Service led by Mrs Sandra Timms at King's Somborne 10.30am

**Congratulations to Margaret and John Haynes who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary last week!**

**Congratulations also to Hilary and Andrew Honess who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 24th May!**

The next edition of the WSL will be on Friday 29th May, we will need any items for inclusion to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 27th May 2026.

Email: [brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com](mailto:brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com) or by phone on 01794389153.

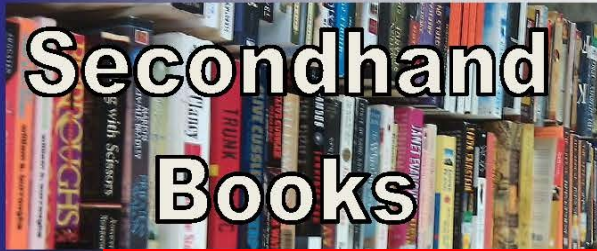
The next Café Wesley is raising money for The Winchester Beacon



**Cards**



**Drop in  
for a  
chat**



**Secondhand  
Books**



**Secondhand  
Jigsaws**

**Next Café Wesley and Plant Sale**

**This Saturday, 16th May 10.00am to 12.00pm**

**Next Lego Church**

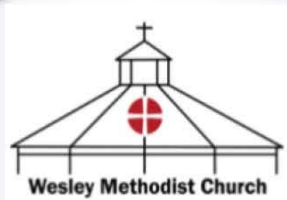
**Saturday, 23rd May 10.00am to 11.30pm**

**create a  
scene  
challenge**



**LEGO  
CHURCH**

**Bacon roll**



Churches  
Together in  
Winchester



# Pentecost Service

*Pentecost and gathered  
together in prayer*



SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025



7 PM



ST PETER'S CHURCH  
JEWRY STREET, WINCHESTER

Come and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit  
and the unity of the Church in our city.

## News from King's Somborne

### Drop In News



We were pleased to have four generations of the Snellgrove family with us recently at Drop In when Anne brought along her daughter, Tracey, granddaughter, Katie and her first great granddaughter, Harriet who arrived fifteen weeks ago. Congratulations to all the family!

In November Drop In will be 40 years old! We are looking forward to some celebrations then!

Marion and Marilyn

### Women's Fellowship



At our April meeting we welcomed Charlotte from Romsey Young Carers to speak about the work they do. They are a charity that covers the Southern Test Valley area and work with children from 8-18 giving both physical and emotional care.

The support is given in schools as well as after school and at weekends. There are a range of activities such as games, crafting and they also have residential trips, with outdoor activities such as kayaking, climbing and paddleboarding and weekend camps.

They are only a small charity which relies on grants, donations etc and we were pleased to be able to give a donation and we thank all those who came along and supported us.

Marion and Marilyn

# **One Achor Summer Concert**

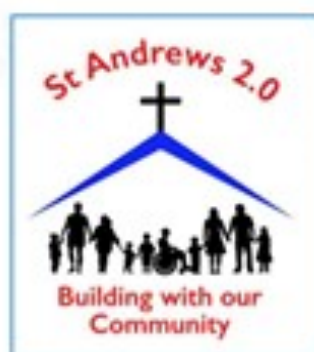
**Saturday 6th June 2026**

**7.00 pm**

**St. Andrews Methodist  
Church**

**Blenheim Road  
Eastleigh, SO50 5SD**

**Donations on the night to  
St Andrews 2.0 Project**



Join and support our wonderful local charity “Friends of Music in Winchester” by coming to their next concert with **Bach Winchester Voices**, four rising star soloists and **the London Bach Players** in St. Paul’s Church Winchester on **Sunday 7 June at 4 pm.**

**They will give you 3 Bach cantatas (BWV 10, 20 & 75), the opening chorus of cantata no. 176 as well as Gavottes from J. S. Bach’s Orchestral Suite III.**

An afternoon of Lutheran texts, fierce and joyful, brilliantly set to music by grandmaster Bach, and directed by Andrew Hayman.

THE FRIENDS OF  
**Music**  
IN WINCHESTER

**Bach Winchester Voices  
& Orchestra**  
**Andrew Hayman**  
director

**Jessie Edgar** soprano  
**Tamsin Jones** alto  
**Maurice Cole** tenor  
**Michael Craddock** bass

**Eternity,  
You Word of Thunder!**

**Sunday 7 June 2026** 16:00 - 18:00  
**St Paul's Church** Winchester SO22 5AB  
Tickets £23, £15 (under 21s), on the door or from  
[ticketsource.com/friends-of-music-in-winchester](https://ticketsource.com/friends-of-music-in-winchester)

Driving force behind such concerts is **Friends of Music in Winchester’s** chairman **Jon Newman**, who is well-known for helping musicians stage concerts showcasing Bach’s music, funding both established soloists and superb young musicians on the threshold of their careers, as well as some of the best professional period instrumentalists in the country.

**Tickets** from [www.ticketsource.com](https://www.ticketsource.com) or on the door.

**Info about Friends of Music in Winchester:** [www.musicinwinchester.co.uk](https://www.musicinwinchester.co.uk)

Sunday 24 May 2026 at 10 am

# DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH SERVICE

Winchester Baptist Church  
City Road SO23 8SD



**Winchester** Baptist Church

Open Hearts | Open Minds | Open Arms

Part of Dementia Action Week  
Supported by **Dementia Friendly Winchester**

The Revd Dr Howard Mellor has sent this link through, advertising a Sustainable Nutrition Masterclass taking place at The Pavilion behind the Winchester Cathedral Café on Thursday 28th May 2026, 1.00pm

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/eating-for-wellbeing/>

Follow the link for more information and/or look in the Wesley Foyer for more details.



Wesley Methodist Church

70th Anniversary

24th and 25th October

2026

**You said: “Let there be”,  
And so there was.  
Creation awakened.  
Reaching towards you,  
life sang your praises.  
Each seed, each atom  
replied to your calling;  
each plant, each creature  
- knowing, unasking.  
You said: “Let them live”,  
and so we did.  
Creation: abundant,  
reaping the harvest,  
called to your table.  
Each man, each woman  
joined in the feasting,  
each son, each daughter  
- praising, rejoicing.  
You said: “Let them share”,  
and how we fail.  
Creation: unbalanced.  
wasting, destroying,  
we take from others.  
Keeping, withholding,  
we fail to notice  
each man, each woman  
- hungering, weeping.  
We say: “Let us learn”,  
and so we must.  
Creation: restored.  
Giving and taking:  
to each life sufficient.  
Each to another,  
filled with your bounty  
each prayer, each answer  
- Building, remaking.**



***Prayer: Claud Mba/CAFOD***

# Gardening

## Word Search Puzzle



S P C O M P O S T J V C Q M L V S  
V L L B X Q W T S I U D R A K E U  
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CLIPPERS	RAKE	SUNSHINE
COMPOST	SEEDS	TILLER
FLOWERS	SHEARS	TROWEL
GARDEN HOSE	SHOVEL	VEGETABLES
GLOVES	SNAILS	WATER
HERBS	SNIPS	WATERING CAN
HOE	SOIL	WEEDS
PLANTING	SPADE	WHEELBARROW