



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

1st May 2026



King's Somborne Methodist Church

IT ALL STARTED HERE.....

On the 24th November 1785 an elderly clergyman of 82 got up at 3.00am in the morning and at 4.00am boarded a Mail Coach leaving London for Winchester where he arrived at 3.15pm. His purpose was to open the first Methodist Chapel in Silver Hill, near the Broadway. He visited the Cathedral and then returned to London by Coach and preached to his congregation in London at 8.00 am. What a man! What energy and commitment! (I wonder who kept his diary straight?)

This started the movement of Methodism in Winchester and its surrounding area. Most villages around the city had a Methodist chapel and most have disappeared except our sister church, King's Somborne.

In October 1956 the Winchester Circuit planted a Methodist Church on Fromond Road, Weeke, amidst the large housing Estate of Weeke, more housing followed shortly on Teg Down, Harestock and now King's Barton. A visionary action by the Circuit leaders.

The foundation stones were laid on Christmas Eve 1955, present was the then Secretary of the Methodist Conference, Rev Dr Eric Baker, and **our** celebrations will be graced by the presence of the current Secretary of Conference, Rev Dr Jonathon R Hustler.

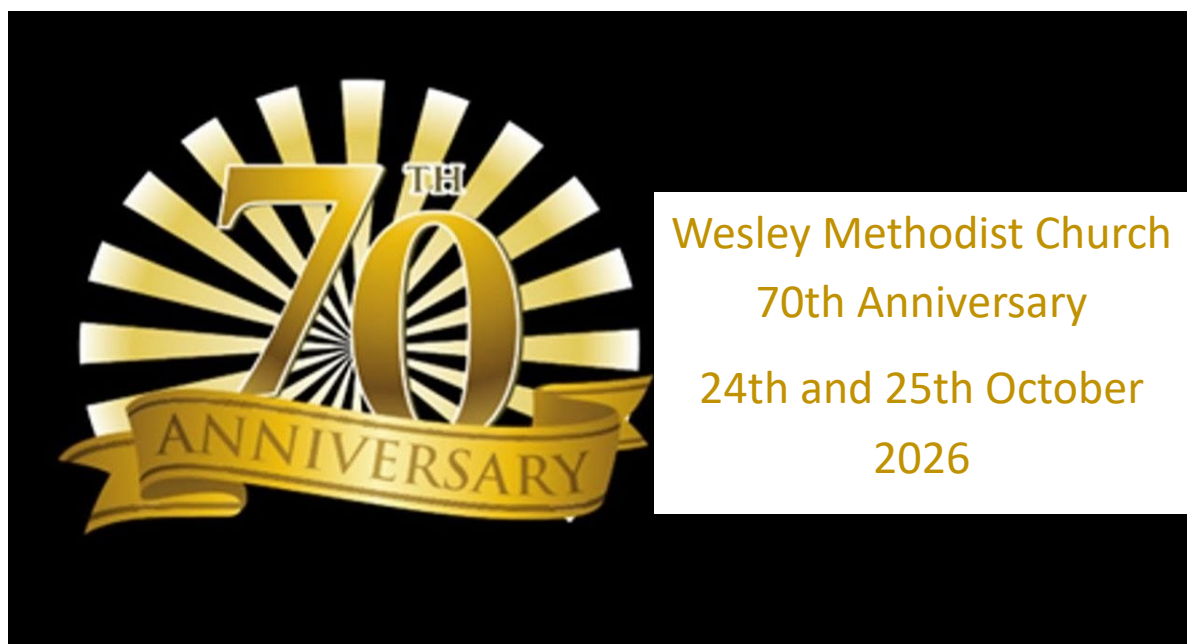
So, keep this date in your diaries, **24/25 OCTOBER 2026**, which is 70 years since the opening of the Church we now know as Wesley Methodist.

Wesley brought to the rural communities and the new industrial cities a faith they could understand; it was not bound with restrictions of practice, simply a faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a way of living out the gospel in daily life. The small groups which were the foundation of these communities were called Classes, and they shared so willingly with everyone, their way of living with the gospel, reflecting the Acts of the Apostle stories of people living and sharing their lives as they worshipped together. **(Acts 2 vv 42 – 47)**

More details will be coming out regularly as to how we can celebrate this Anniversary.

Every blessing

Richard



On Sunday 3rd May at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mrs Elizabeth Britton

On Sunday 10th May at 10.30am the Service will be led by the MWiB Team

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

www.wesleychurch.org.uk

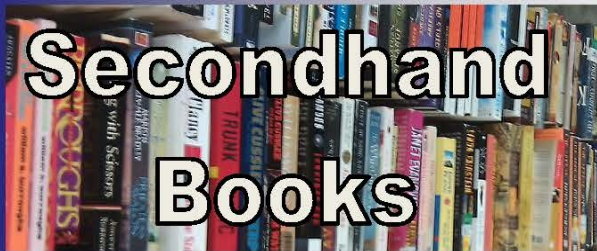
The next Café Wesley is raising money for The Winchester Beacon



Cards



Drop in
for a
chat



**Secondhand
Books**



**Secondhand
Jigsaws**

Next Café Wesley and Plant Sale
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



Could You Be Called to Chaplaincy?


An opportunity to discover more about chaplaincy in Winchester and explore whether God might be calling you.

JOIN US TO FIND OUT:

-  What chaplaincy is
-  Where and how we work in Winchester
-  What is required to be a chaplain
-  Share, ask questions and discern your calling

Ministry of presence.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
THIS MOMENT MATTERS.**


Chaplaincy is
holy work done in
fragile places.
We touch lives that
the church couldn't do.



**THURSDAY
14 MAY**

10.30AM – 11.45AM
APPROX.



**ST PETER'S
PASTORAL CENTRE**

Next to St Peter's Church,
Jewry Street, Winchester



TASTER SESSIONS

For those interested, you can
arrange to shadow a chaplain
in one of our sectors.

A Christ-shaped presence. SEEING. LISTENING. WALKING WITH OTHERS.



**WINCHESTER
CITY CHAPLAINCY**
SERVING OUR CITY TOGETHER

Brenda writes: If any one is interested in exploring this unique opportunity, please contact me by email or at home on 01794 389153.

Churches
Together in
Winchester



Pentecost Service

*Pentecost and gathered
together in prayer*



SUNDAY 24TH 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.

Not Quite Tea at the Ritz....

 **Methodist Women
in Britain**
for women, for justice, for Christ



but - ***Tea with Style*** *in aid of The*
Honey Pot Childrens Charity's
30th Anniversary

Saturday 9th May

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. at

Romsey Methodist Church

All donations to The Honey Pot [less expenses]

***Limited places so please book by 2nd May by emailing elizabethrobertsonrmc@gmail.com
giving numbers of guests and any allergy or intolerance information***



St. Andrew's Church Monthly Quiz



Can you conquer the quiz? How do you fare against these questions?

- **Cryptic** – An animal - Something beneficial to British Airways (6 letters)
- **General knowledge** - What is the value of π (pi) rounded to two decimal places?
- **Finish the famous quote** - "Ask not what your country can do for you — _____."

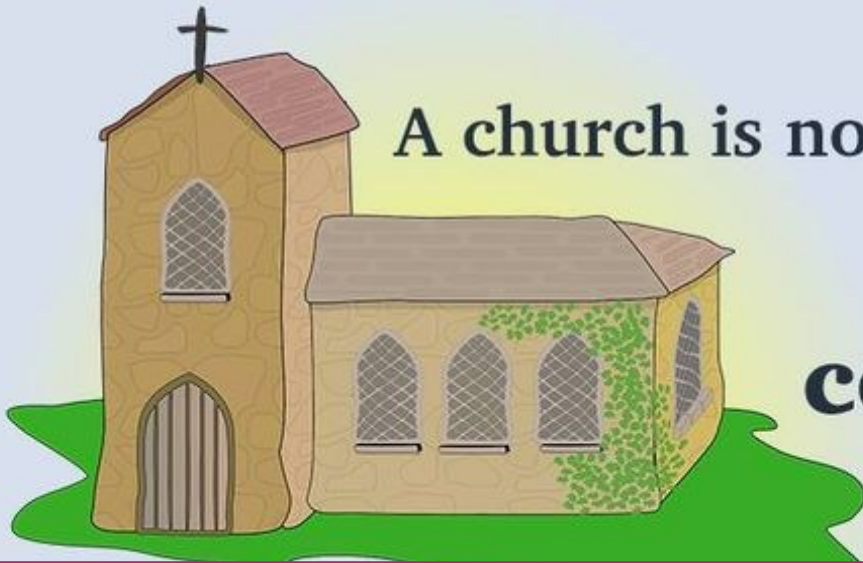
Would you like a monthly challenge, some fun and at the same time know that you are supporting the work of St. Andrew's Church, Eastleigh -Building with our community?

Each monthly quiz costs £1.50 or you can pay £18 for the year. Each quiz contains a mix of cryptic questions, general knowledge, something random and a final brain teaser.

Interested? Contact Richard Leigh for more information, to get involved or even for the answers to the above questions at quiz.standrews@outlook.com

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts....They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God...

Read More: Acts 2:42-47



A church is not just a building.

**It's a
community.**

talk **amen**

Acts 2:42-27

D V F A M I L Y N F R H C F A X U
M N F L O R D C W Z U S E I B P W
O Y G S C G Z K L S R V E R R U Y
A K T O G E T H E R D N A S E A Z
F S I K J H U B X M E S R T A F O
H I G H F I V E Q Z S E L C K K V
U M V H T Y X I X S B A Y I I B N
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N B Q J P R S D U T Q J H Y G L C
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K C E A Y W X X K S H A R I N G U
Y X R G O S P E L O X D Z W M O S

First City Church
high five
generous
friends
family

breaking bread
in common
together
Gospel
Jesus

early church
believed
sharing
summer
Lord