



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

20th March 2026



King's Somborne Methodist Church

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

A few weeks ago, Paul attended a District Retreat, where the reflective sessions were led by the President of Conference, Revd Richard Andrew. The passage below was used to stimulate conversation and reflection, both collectively and in many ways, more importantly, individually. "Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

A key part of the session was to spend time looking at the painting shown.

The painting, by Ain Vares, portrays Jesus teaching while visiting the sisters' home in Bethany, focusing on the moment Mary sits at His feet to listen while Martha is preoccupied with domestic duties. Mary is shown in a contemplative state, listening to Jesus' "words of life," while Martha represents the active life of service and hospitality. The painting highlights the spiritual importance of choosing time with Christ over worldly distractions—a concept often referred to as "choosing the better part".

A Concord Pastor poses some questions to consider when looking at the painting:

- what does the artist's placement of the three individuals tell me?
- who's speaking to whom?
- who's listening to whom?
- who's focused on whom? and why?
- what does the painting tell me about Jesus?



Referring back to the District Retreat, many of the Circuit Stewards who attended, felt they reflected Martha's stance, rather than Mary's. How often do we find our time in developing a relationship with God, is foreshadowed by the busyness of our lives? It is clear that Martha felt as though she was not receiving the help she deserved. She must have felt irritated by what she saw as an unfair situation: her sister Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus rather than assisting her with the multitude of preparations. She complains to Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" (v. 40). Jesus' response to Martha was a simple matter of refocus. His answer reveals just how well God knows and understands us: "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42). Martha would not have wanted to hear Jesus' response, but it's what she needed to hear. She needed to be reminded to refocus, to think about how God was the centre of her life and what was really important. We need to find the time in our busy schedules to refocus, to find time to talk to God, to listen to his voice and to be reminded of what is spiritually important, as well as providing for our families, friends and prioritising what needs to be done each day!

Blessings

Paul and Brenda



On Sunday 22nd March at 10.30am, the ReFresh Service will be led by the LA Team

On Sunday 29th March at 10.30am the Service will be led by Mr Graham Hepburn

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:

19th March: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

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

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

22nd March: LA ReFresh Service at Wesley 10.30am

22nd March: Service led by Revd John Archer at King's Somborne 10.30am

Monday 23rd March: Wesley Church Council at Wesley 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th March: Easter Is at Wesley 9.00am-12noon

26th March: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

26th March: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

28th March: Café Wesley (10.00—12 noon) in aid of Winchester Hospice and Lego Church (10.00-11.30am)

29th March: Service led by Mr Graham Hepburn at Wesley 10.30am

29th March: United Service at the Parish Church following a Palm Sunday procession, led by

Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 10.00am

Friday 3rd April: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 9.30am

Friday 3rd April: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 3.00pm followed by tea

5th April: Easter Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Catherine Bowstead at Wesley 10.30am

5th April: Easter Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

9th April: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

12th April: Service led by Mr Andrew La Follette at Wesley 10.30am

15th April: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

15th April: Circuit Children, Youth and Family Leaders Zoom 7.00—8.00pm

17th April: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

17th April: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

19th April: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

19th April: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

23rd April: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

23rd April: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

25th April: Café Wesley (10.00—12 noon) in aid of Winchester Food and Basics Bank and Lego Church (10.00-11.30am)

26th April: Service led by the Mission Team at Wesley 10.30am

26th April: Service led by Mr Tom Belshaw at King's Somborne 10.30am

Easter Holy Saturday

AFTERNOON TEA



Come and join the Wesley family on
Saturday, April 4th from 3.00pm-5.00pm
for cake and sandwiches.

You can also enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt
(Easy - whether you are 9 or 90!)



Please let us know if you are able to come

by signing the list in the vestibule by Sunday, March 22nd.

The next edition of the WSL will be on Friday 3rd April, we will need any items for inclusion to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 1st April 2026.

Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or by phone on 01794389153.



Leprosy defeated, lives transformed

Thanks go to everyone who has supported the card stall in aid of the Leprosy Mission at Cafe Wesley over the past year. With the profits from the sale of the cards, along with donations, we have been able to provide the medicine and support to completely cure a child showing the early stages of leprosy.

Our support for the Leprosy Mission at Cafe Wesley continues.

From curing leprosy and challenging stigma, to providing reconstructive surgery and vocational training. You are helping to bring God's hope and transformation to children affected by leprosy across the world.

Sue Lightfoot



In advance can you

- ...plant seeds ?
- ...take cuttings ?

Plant Sale 16th May

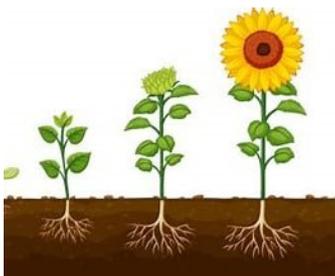
Plant Sale 16th May



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- ...divide and pot garden shrubs ?
- ...plant bulbs ?



Any help you can offer
for this valued
community event will
be much appreciated





Women's World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer 2026 artwork, designed by Gift Amarachi Otta, depicts the daily reality of rural Nigerian women whose lives are marked by endless labour from sunrise to sunset.

The 2026 World Day of Prayer, prepared by women in Nigeria, focused on the theme "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30). It is a global, ecumenical, and women-led movement and a service celebrating this took place on March 6, 2026 at the Parish Church, King's Somborne.



The theme of the service was "I Will Give You Rest: Come," based on Matthew 11:28–30, encouraging people to find peace, resilience, and solace during hardships of social struggles such as poverty. The service focused on the experiences of Nigerian women, often those who were widows facing many challenges and highlighted the importance of community and faith.

Kaross was originally used by indigenous populations of South Africa as functional clothing and bedding.

These were often made from animal hides, stitched together using sinew. Kaross also refers to a contemporary South African embroidery, which is hand sewn and made into items such as cushion covers, bags and placemats, similar to the ones pictured below:



Message from Janet Cunningham:

"Many thanks to all who helped Cafe Wesley to raise the grand total of £137 for the church flower fund" which enables a valued outreach activity to continue.



Cards



**Drop in
for a
chat**

Next one Saturday, 28th March 2026



Books



Jigsaws

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

**create a
scene
challenge**

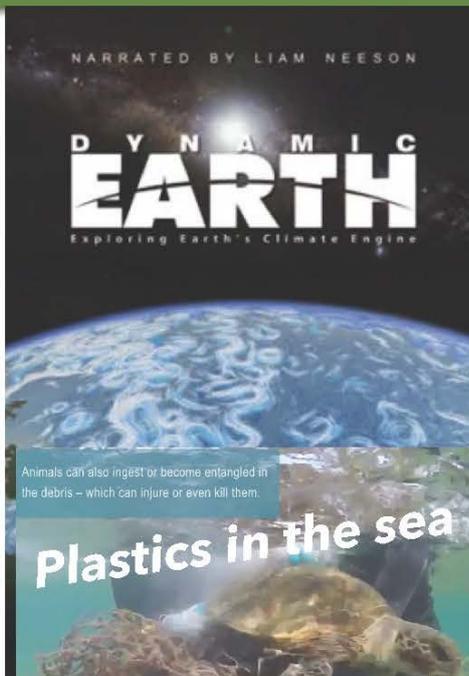


**LEGO
CHURCH**

Bacon roll



Caring for our Planet



Morning: Seminars
on Caring for our planet

Why? Ruth Valerio

*Programmes, Partnerships and
Advocacy Director, (Embrace
the Middle East)*

How? Steve Collins

*Net Zero Carbon (NZC)
team, The Church of England*

Afternoon:
Panel discussion

A free community event

with much to explore

All zones are accessible

View movies in the **Science Dome**

Creative fun **Craft Zone for children**

Poems, photos, posters **Exhibition Space**

Expand your thought? **Seminar Room**

Reflect in the **Quiet Room**

Drinks and snacks **Refreshment zone**

Local action groups **Market zone**

Something for everyone

When: **18 April 2026**

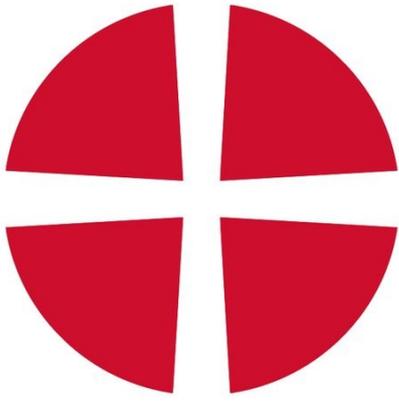
Where: **Chandler's Ford Methodist
Church, SO53 2GJ**

Time: **10 am to 4 pm**

Updates will be published on:

<http://www.wermethodistcircuit.org.uk>





Celebration Service

Third Anniversary of the re-opening of Canada Common Chapel

Everyone is welcome to this
interdenominational Service

When: Sunday 29th March

Time: 2.30pm

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

Speaker Revd Dr Howard Mellor
Ex-Principal and Director of Evangelism at
Cliff College.

Worship leader Pastor Peter Castle

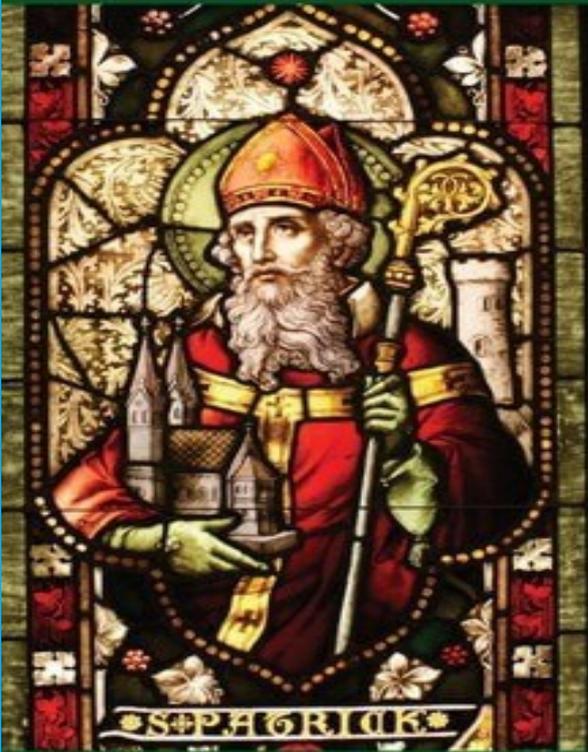
Musician Ann Friend

Please stay for Refreshments s after
the Service.

For more details contact Pastor Peter
Castle on
pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk



The Prayer of St. Patrick



Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man who
 thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who
 speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

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