



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

23rd October 2026



King's Somborne Methodist Church

Wesley 1956-2026

Well, we are nearly there..... I mean close to the 70 years celebration.

I feel I have been through quite a lot of dust this week looking at old documents and photos dating from 1956 onwards. Some people I didn't know, others revived many memories. I do hope you are able to have a look at some of them over the weekend and we will leave them there until the next weekend.

!1956 where were you? What were you doing, were you looking to the future? And now you are there, is it what you expected? Are you disappointed? What is the future now?

Is there something we can learn from looking back and realising the journey we have been on? What a lot of questions. In 1956 many questions were asked and lots of decisions taken in good faith and hope for the future.

This was remarkable in the light of world events! Suez Crisis July 56, Hungarian uprising October 56, Polish workmen uprising, first 1000 mph in an airplane March 56 and the Nuclear Power station and the first Eurovision Song Contest!

Despite this unstable time, the leaders of the old Winchester Circuit went ahead with their vision of mission and care for the people who were to live in this northern part of the City. Some gave sacrificially of their money and time. The Sunday school started earlier than 1956 in the Weeke Community Centre. Some people moved their membership from the two existing Methodist churches in Winchester to serve the new church in Weeke.

What is our vision? Well, this is banded about quite a bit but here it is to remind you:

Our Mission

Loving God, Loving others, loving the world

Our Vision

A thriving church, an asset to the community and a sign of hope

This weekend we are looking backwards for inspiration and looking forward with hope for the future. If we have lived our lives dedicated to God, to be inspired by the teaching of Jesus and needing the strength and vision of the Holy Spirit, then the future is hopeful, exciting and we will have strength to tell others about the good things they can experience at Wesley. They can meet people who are kind, helpful, sincere, and generous with their resources and their time. To be found at Wesley is the light of the world, in our worship, our fellowship and our experiences. Strengthened by the word of God, our prayers and our fellowship, let's travel together, to support each other, to welcome newcomers, to give to those in need and to be here for those who need comfort, kindness and a relationship with God.

Blessings

Richard

On Sunday 25th October at 10.30am, the Service of Holy Communion will be led by Revd Peter Rayson. On Sunday 1st November 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

Dates for Your Diary:

22nd October: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

22nd October: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm at Wesley

22nd October: Renew Wellbeing Café 2.00-4.00pm at Wesley

Saturday 24th October: Celebrating Wesley's 70th Anniversary

Sunday 25th October: Holy Communion Service at Wesley 10.30am

29th October: Renew Wellbeing Café 2.00-4.00pm at Wesley

1st November: Service led by the MWiB Team at Wesley 10.30am

1st November: Service led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

5th November: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

5th November: Renew Wellbeing Café 2.00-4.00pm at Wesley

6th November: Friday Fun Club (5.00-7.00pm) Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm) at Wesley

8th November: Remembrance Service led by Mr Richard Rogers at Wesley 10.30am

8th November: Remembrance Service on the Green, then in the Parish Church, at King's Somborne 10.45am

12th November: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

12th November: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm at Wesley

12th November: Renew Wellbeing Café 2.00-4.00pm at Wesley

12th November: Circuit Children, Youth and Families Leaders' Meeting 7.00pm (Zoom)

Advance notification: The next Café Wesley (in support of Church Funds) 10.00am-12noon and Brick Church (formerly Lego Church) 10.00-11.30am at Wesley, will be on Saturday the 21st November.



The next edition of the WSL will be on **Friday 6th November**, we will need any items for inclusion to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by **Wednesday 4th November 2026**.

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

**Just a gentle reminder to
book your place.....!**

WESLEY AND KING'S SOMBORNE

Invitation to a two or three course Christmas Dinner

When: Thursday, December 10th

Where: The Golden Lion, Alresford Road, Winchester

Arrival: 6.30 pm for 6.45pm

Ticket cost: £36 per person for two courses (£4 gratuity included)

£43 per person for three courses (£4 gratuity included)

Menu choices:

Starters:

1. Lightly spiced red lentil soup
2. Baked goat's cheese with a black olive dressing
3. Chicken liver parfait, sourdough toast and chutney
4. Seafood timbale, saffron sauce, fennel and crispy leeks

Main Courses:

5. Traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings
6. Vegetarian Wellington
7. Fillet of sea bass, chorizo, cherry tomatoes, samphire and spinach
8. Pan roasted venison, dauphinoise potatoes, shallots, mushroom and madeira jus

Desserts:

9. Christmas pudding with brandy cream and rum and raisin ice cream
10. Apple crumble cheesecake
11. Chocolate cremeux, brandy snap, orange sorbet
12. Sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream

To book your place:

Please do not pay the full amount for your meal just yet. For each guest simply place £9 in a sealed envelope, which will cover your deposit (£5) and gratuity (£4) on the evening. Please put your name/s on the front of the envelope and indicate your menu choices.

e.g. John Smith 5 & 10. You can choose EITHER a starter and a main, OR a main and a dessert. However, if you would like to have three courses, three numbers will be required.

If you wish to come, please book your place by Sunday, November 1st and return your envelope to Jan or Heather. Thank you.

Thank you very much for the donations you made to the Red Cross for helping people in Nepal following the dreadful flooding which took place on 26th August. Over the weekend of 26th and 27th September a total of **£636.50** was raised. Amazing!

Below is the latest information we have from the Red Cross concerning the current situation there.

Nepal floods: people need help now after deadly flash flooding.

Last updated: 15/09/2026

Over 5,000 people including children are missing, more than 1,300 more are dead and communities have been devastated after sudden flash floods struck Nepal's Rasuwa district and parts of the Xizang/Tibet area on 26 August. The flooding, caused by a surge of water entering the Bhote Koshi River from Tibet, swept through villages with little warning.

Families lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods in a matter of hours. Many people have been forced from their homes and are facing an uncertain future as search and rescue efforts continue. It is estimated that 93,000 people have been impacted by the floods.

As more communications are established with our teams on the ground, a clearer picture is emerging of the immense scale of damage and devastation caused to people's lives.

Nepal Red Cross Society teams were deployed to affected areas immediately, assisting in urgent and ongoing search and rescue efforts. The focus right now is on protecting lives, health and human dignity. Your donations can help them access essential support to help rebuild from this disaster in Nepal and other crises around the world.

Venezuela – a reminder

Please also continue to pray for people in Venezuela who suffered such great loss in the earthquakes which took place in June, and for all those who are helping to assist them with re-building their lives.

Thank you

Chris Travell





As you may know, I am a Trustee of Winchester and District Young Carers and every year I organise a Coffee Morning at Rick Stein's Restaurant which, this year will be held on Friday, 13th November 2026 commencing at 9am until 11am. The cost is £5 and you are all welcome to attend. I do hope you will be able to come and support this small but amazing charity that does so much good work with Young Carers in Winchester and the surrounding area.

Thanks for your help.
Mike Billington



A big thank you to all who contributed to the King Somborne Coffee Morning which took place in the Epworth Hall on Saturday 17th October. The proceeds are going to fund the badly needed new hall chairs, and we are delighted to say, that including donations, a magnificent £472 was raised. Thanks again, Marilyn and Marion!



[A prayer on the anniversary of the Aberfan disaster](#)

God of grace and compassion, we pray for the people and community of Aberfan.

The world watched 60 years ago as the tip slide engulfed Pantglas School and took away so many hopes for the future.

In time, news coverage and the world focus slipped away as the community was left to rebuild and recover hope. Since then, the village has lived with pain, loss and anger: mourning those who died and supporting survivors and bereaved families.

We thank you for faithful leaders who ministered in your name to the families; for consistent pastoral care in the pain and the aftermath and for encouragement to rebuild their lives.

Today, as we remember the 116 children and 28 adults who died – and the lives impacted by that – we commend Aberfan to the God who knows our darkest moments and meets us in our brokenness.

We know that the promise of our faith is a day when all pain, sickness and tears will be wiped away.

Give us faith to live in that promise, now and always.

Amen.

The Revd Gareth Hill

WHAT DO YOU SEE FIRST?

Many see **PEACE**.

Others find **HOPE, JOY, or STRENGTH**.

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PEACE • HOPE • JOY • GRACE • HEALING • PURPOSE
STRENGTH • WISDOM • FAITH • COURAGE • LOVE • REST

