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Wesley Somborne Link

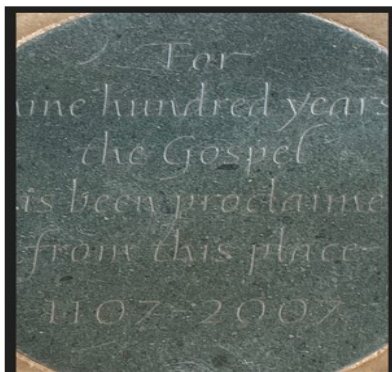
One Church on two sites

2nd May 2025



King's Somborne Methodist Church

At the beginning of spring, filled with excitement of warm weather, we travelled to visit family in Wymondham, Norfolk. For an ordinary time outdoors, we went on a tour of the town which ended with us in Wymondham Abbey. Most of the area within the boundary is graveyard, parts being remains of once "majestic" annexes. A plaque on the floor caught my eye and I took a photo.



*For nine hundred years
the gospel
has been proclaimed
from this place
1107-2007*



Questions spun in my mind, some of which are:

Did the builders' intention of a lasting structure suggest they thought they would live forever?

Which aspects did they consider in their design forecasts? Did they envisage the building to be in use to this day?

The building was constructed for believers and so would be naive to think they thought they would live forever. They should have come across scripture in which God curtailed the life of humankind; Genesis 6:3 wherein God determined that the spirit will be content to be with mortals for 120 years. Why then did they build it to last so long? Could it be that they considered the worship place a good inheritance that would be passed on to children's children (Proverbs 13:22)?

What is amazing is that the place of worship still stands tall while most of the annexes are only signified by small mounds of ruins. Everything else can fall, but the power of God does not. For present continuous effect, the custodians should consider installing a digitalised plaque to show in real time how long worship has been proclaimed (not so long will the floor plaque be twenty years in place and counting). Real time display would save us from mathematical embarrassment.

Wymondham Abbey and many similar are a lasting legacy of early believers. They served the Lord in ways they were called to. Did they have large congregations? If population statistics are anything to be used as pointers, it should have taken all town dwellers to attend services to fill them. Was that a possibility? They built to accommodate many, maybe in anticipation of growth.

Contrary to the early believers who built worship places; chapels, churches and cathedrals, today's believers are overseeing closures of these worship places. Are today's believers in some way a different workmanship of God that misaligns with purpose outlined in Ephesians 2:10? Even though life on earth is short in comparison to the continuum of time, there must be a record of which fight was fought, which race was run to lay claim on the crown (2 Timothy 4:7-8) and it is doubtful that what is happening to worship places will count.

But not to despair, Paul writes that his time to be sacrificed was up but was happy with what he had done (2 Tim 2:6) and knew it would be a long lasting legacy. Through being a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1), a lasting legacy can be each act of kindness rendered in humility and every word spoken in truth of the Lord and all work that envisage perpetual worship by others in the future.

Remain blessed.

Clever Safurawu

On Sunday 4th May, at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mr Nick Langham

On Sunday 11th 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

Dates for Your Diary:

1st May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

2nd May: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

2nd May: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

4th May: Service led by Mr Nick Langham at Wesley 10.30am

4th May: Local Arrangements at King's Somborne 10.30am

8th May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

8th May: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

11th May: Service led by MWiB at Wesley 10.30am

11th May: Service led by Mr Nick Langam at King's Somborne 10.30am

15th May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

16th May: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

16th May: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

18th May: Church Anniversary Service led by Revd John Yarrien at Wesley 10.30am

18th May: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

22nd May: Mini-Marvels (9.00-11.00am)

22nd May: Together Thursday (2.30-4.30pm)

24th May: Café Wesley (supporting Winchester Night Shelter) and Lego Church (10.00-12 noon)

25th May: ReFresh Service led by Mr Stewart MacLachlan at Wesley 10.30am

25th May: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Robert Kitching at King's Somborne 10.30am

There are no Youth Activities during the May Half-Term Holiday

1st June: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd John Archer at Wesley 10.30am

1st June: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 10.30am



Come and Celebrate our Church Anniversary Weekend!

When: Saturday May 17th

What: A buffet supper at 6.00pm for 6.30pm

**This will be a shared Wesley family meal, followed by some short
Entertainment!**

Please sign up on the notice in the vestibule by Sunday, 4th May!

Sunday May 18th

We welcome the Revd John Yarrien to take this special Anniversary Service. It is a lovely opportunity to hear John preach again. He is currently the Superintendent Minister for the Dorset, South and West Circuit.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend these Church Celebrations!

**Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 16th May, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 14th May. Many thanks!
Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or contact 01794 389153.**

This week's ECO TIP

Try to conserve **water** in daily activities.

Gardeners can use '**waste water**' in dry spells.

This has been a dry year so far. Hose-pipe bans may yet be needed.



Café Wesley and the Plant Sale, which took place on Saturday 26th May!

Many thanks to all who made this the success it was!

The Plant Sale yielded £360plus another £100 from Café Wesley through the sale of coffee & cakes, books and puzzles!



An excellent result! Proceeds to be split equally between Basics Bank and Brickworks.



It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of Alma. Ali, Alma's daughter, wanted this message to be passed on to the Wesley family:

"thank you to you and all at Wesley for making her (and me) so very welcome at Wesley since she moved down here in 2022. It is a truly wonderful community and the love and friendship that she has enjoyed there always meant so very much to her."

Please hold Alma, Ali and family in prayer, Alma's infectious smile and enthusiasm for life will always be remembered.



Why do the Methodists have a tea on Good Friday?!

A good question and one I'm sure a lot of people wonder about. After all, Good Friday is not a day to celebrate.

The tradition goes back many years to the chapel at Up Somborne. They celebrated their chapel anniversary on Good Friday with a service in the afternoon followed by a meeting in the evening with visiting speakers. As transport was not so readily available in those days and some would have walked quite a distance to attend, they provided refreshments between the two events.

When the chapel at Up Somborne closed in 1981 we, at King's Somborne, carried on the tradition, although we don't now have an evening meeting, and it is a chance to meet with friends both old and new.

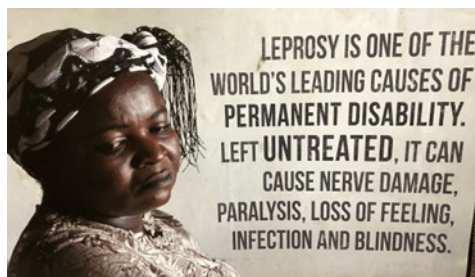


Thank you to all those who supported us this year and to those who took part. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Marion Downing

Women's Fellowship – Leprosy Mission Talk

At our recent meeting we welcomed Gillian from the Leprosy Mission. She told us stories of some of the people who live in a Leprosy village in India. Once diagnosed with leprosy these people would be sent away from their family home to fend for themselves. One boy was only 15 when he had to leave.



In the village there was no running water or even a toilet and they would have to go into the jungle where there were cobras roaming. As leprosy can rob you of feeling in your limbs it was very scary, especially in the dark, as they wouldn't feel if they'd been bitten.

Leprosy can often lead to hands and feet being amputated, or your hands can become claw-like which makes it very difficult to hold anything or even to put their hands together in greeting.

The only way they could get food would be to beg in the streets and often had only a few vegetables to eat every few days.

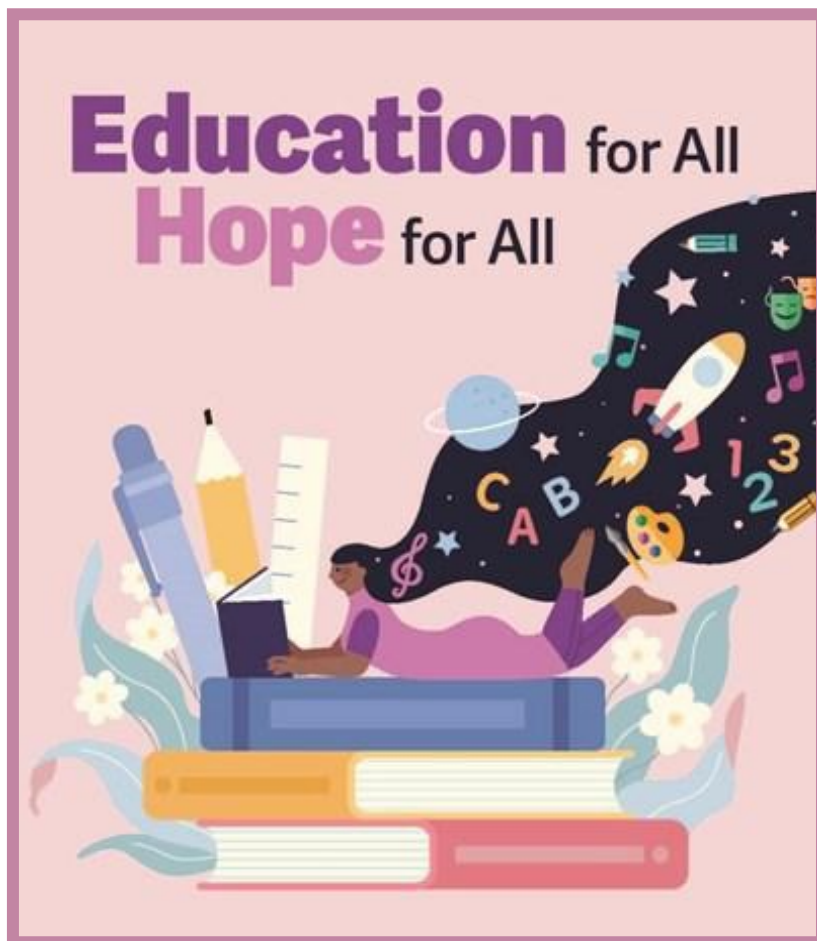


The talk was very enlightening but it is so sad in these days, when leprosy can be easily cured if caught early enough, to realise that so many people are still suffering.

Thank you to Gillian for coming to speak to us and to everyone who came to listen. I'm sure we all learned a lot.

Marion and Marilyn





EASTER Offering Service 2025

The service will be led by local Methodist women from several of our Circuit churches this year, rather than having an evening Circuit service.

Services will be held at:

Colden Common on 23rd March at 10.30 a.m.

Cadnam on 4th May at 10.30 a.m.

Wesley Weeke on 11th May at 10.30 a.m

Chandler's Ford 18th May 11.00 a.m.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone from any of our churches , to any of these services.

Envelopes will be available in all our churches for those who would like to contribute to the Methodist Church World MIssion Fund which supports the work of Mission Partners in a variety of places across the world, and enables emergency support when significant crises occur.

The Methodist Church of Britain World Mission Fund (WMF) offers support to 107 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific
Mission Partners are initially trained in this country and invited to serve for periods of at least one year. Currently:

Keith and Ida Waddell are based in Mwandi, Zambia . Keith is a teacher at Mwandi Basic School; Ida is a nurse working predominantly in HIV/AIDS care.

Revd Rachel and Revd Sylvester Deigh are in Gambia.

Sylvester is based in the connexional office working on shaping training for local preachers, probationers, and ministers.

Rachel is involved in circuit work, particularly helping to develop and strengthen the children and women ministries; and training and mentoring ordinands and preachers

General or Solidarity Grants are a rapid response that express solidarity in partnership to a partner who is facing particularly difficult circumstances or an emergency situation

In Sri Lanka in 2024 strong winds and flooding due to monsoon rains caused devastation. The WMF gave a grant of £15,000 which enabled the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka to provide temporary shelter and food for the most vulnerable displaced individuals and families.

Capacity Building Grants enable partner churches to strategically build their capacity and resources to become self -sustaining.

In Zimbabwe the Rev. Dr. Noleen Chinyere's PhD studies were funded by the World Mission Fund . She is now the first woman in the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe to be awarded a PhD, AND the first woman to be appointed Vice Principal at the United Theological College.

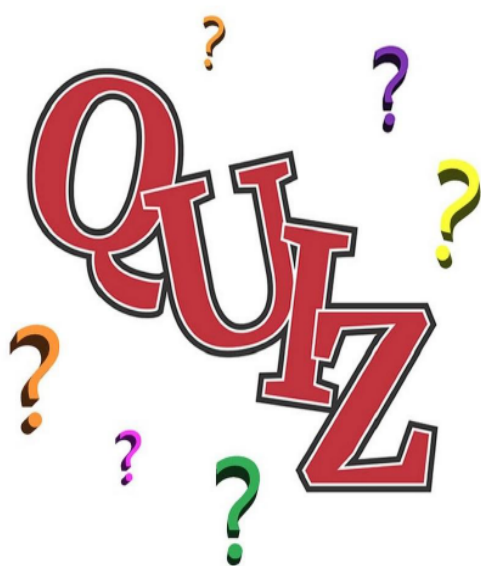
Nationals in Mission Appointments encourage and support local people in key mission projects in their own countries. There are over 100 NMA's working with partners around the world.

In Estonia Ele Paju is developing the youth ministry in the Methodist Church in Estonia, training youth leaders and running a camp for teenagers.

In Ghana Dr Ni-Addo Bruce works with Buruli ulcer patients, providing preventative and curative solutions. Over Easter time there will be Easter Offering envelopes available in church, inviting you to support the work of the Methodist Church of Britain World Mission Fund.

More information is available on:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/support-the-church/give/about-our-funds/world-mission-fund/>



Methodist Women
in Britain

Invite you to Chandler's Ford Methodist Church on Saturday 10th May 6.30 p.m.

Book your team of 4 by 25th April by emailing joyce@7dabblingducks.org.uk.

Space is limited so book early.

Ploughman's Supper will be served.

Donations are invited [guide £10 per person]

Proceeds will go to The Leprosy Mission, Nepal

United Church: Fundraising Concerts for their newly purchased Boston Steinway piano.

These concerts can be found at ucw.org.uk/upcoming-events/ and there is information below. All concerts are £15 (£10 for students and children) and can be booked at ucw.org.uk/concerts/

Roger Owens (Classical Concert) Saturday 10 May 7.30 pm

Works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Chopin.
See more details and book [here](#)



Robert Carter (Jazz Concert) Saturday 12 July 7.30 pm



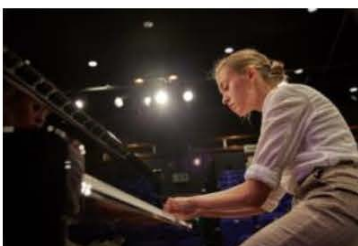
Robert's influences are wide-ranging ... among them are Olivier Messiaen, Robert Schumann, South African township music, Glenn Gould, Ornette Coleman, Cecil Taylor.

Gerard Brooks (Piano and Organ) 18 October 7.30 pm



Gerard is Director of Music at Methodist Central Hall. He played regularly for BBC Radio 4's Daily Service and Songs of Praise, and toured with the All Souls Orchestra, playing in many concert halls, including the Royal Albert Hall, Royal Festival Hall and Moscow Conservatoire.

Hanna Csermely 9 May 2026 7.30 pm



21-year-old Hungarian pianist, Hanna Csermely, grew up in Southampton for the majority of her life where her passion for music was ignited. From the age of 7, she began having piano lessons and participated in many competitions and music festivals such as Fareham Music Festival, Gosport Music Festival, Southampton Music Festival and Portsmouth Music Festival with great success, winning many of her classes.



Our Mission

Following Jesus Christ, we seek to bring about transformation; breaking the chains of leprosy, empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness.

Our Values - Because we follow Jesus Christ, we value:

- **Compassion:** we have sympathy and sadness for those who have suffered from leprosy and we have a desire to help
- **Justice:** we believe all people should be treated fairly
- **Integrity:** we believe in the value of being honest and we have strong moral principles that we will not change
- **Inclusion:** we stand by the principle that everyone should be able to use the same facilities, take part in the same activities, and enjoy the same experiences, including people who have a disability, leprosy or other disadvantage

Humility: we hope to be the hands of God on this earth and we are here to follow God's guidance

Healthcare

The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI) provides specialised leprosy care and general healthcare services through 14 hospitals and two clinics across 10 states: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The hospitals address all aspects of leprosy, including managing the disease, disability and mental health issues. They manage leprosy complications and prevent and minimise scope for further disabilities. Reconstructive surgeries are performed to restore physical appearance of the limbs and improve functional ability. Leprosy is a major cause of disability and the hospitals address the issue of disability through institution-based and community-based disability management. Some of the hospitals are centres of excellence for allied medical specialities, such as dermatology, ophthalmology, general medicine, general surgery, and obstetrics & gynaecology.

TLMTI also provides holistic care for physical, mental and spiritual well-being of elderly persons in its five Snehalyas (a house of love) spread across three states.

"Lord, we pray for the emotional resilience of missionaries. Help them to manage stress and maintain a positive outlook, even in difficult circumstances. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. Amen."



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Missionaries of The Bible

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Barnabas	Abednego	Meschach	Shadrach
Abraham	Isaiah	Daniel	Elijah
Joshua	Joseph	Jesus	Jonah
David	Moses	Sarah	Paul