



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

5th September 2025



King's Somborne Methodist Church

Journeying with God

The other day, I was listening to an audio book where the protagonist is trying to sort out her life by following the advice of a (fictional) lifestyle guru. The principal advice of this guru is that she should forget all that has happened before and concentrate solely on the future. I got the impression that the author was using this as a satirical device, but it is advice for which we can find scriptural support from both the Old and New Testaments.

The people of Israel are reluctant to rebuild the temple of the Lord because they feel inadequate to the task. The prophet Haggai exhorts them not to look back to the splendours of the old temple; it is gone forever. What they should be doing is looking with hope to the new temple which God promises he himself will fill with splendour. More dramatically, we have the story of Lot's wife in Genesis 19, who looks back and is turned into a pillar of salt. Jesus directly refers to this passage in Luke 17 and earlier, in Luke 9, Jesus declares that "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." (NRSV)

Unlike our fictional guru, what Jesus is not saying that we should ignore the past. Indeed, the fact he frequently quotes from the Torah and the Prophets shows us that the past remains an important guide for us. What Jesus is telling us is that we should not live for the past; what is past is done and, like the first temple, cannot be recreated. Like those charged with building the new temple, we should not let our past define what we can be in the future. The very foundation of salvation through Jesus is that the past is behind us and we become a new creation in him.

This week marks the beginning of a new Methodist year. We can, of course, look back at our successes and our failures of the past year but what is done is done. What matters is what God is calling us to seek to achieve in the coming year. Where will our journey with God take us over the next twelve months? What can we do to help to reveal the splendour of God in the world? What will our part be in continuing the building of God's kingdom on earth?

Blessings

Peter

On Sunday 7th September at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mr Tom Belshaw

On Sunday 14th September, at 10.30am a service of Holy Communion will be led by Revd Peter Rayson

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:

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

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

7th September: Service led by Mr Tom Belshaw at Wesley 10.30am

7th September: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 10.30am

8th September: Worship Leaders' Course led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor at Wesley at 7.30pm

10th September: Property and Finance Group Meeting at Wesley at 7.30pm

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

11th September: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

11th September: Messy Church Planning Meeting at King's Somborne at 3.30pm

14th September: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

14th September: Service led by Dr Mike Wood at King's Somborne 10.30am

15th September: Circuit Children, Youth and Family Leaders Zoom 7-8pm

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

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

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

20th September: District Synod at The Spire, Poole—All Day

21st September: Service led by Revd Rachael Hawkins at Wesley 10.30am

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

22nd September: Worship Leaders' Course led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor at Wesley at 7.30pm

23rd September: Tuesday House Group at the home of Richard and Margaret at 8.00pm

24th September: Worship and Fellowship Group Meeting in the Upper Room at Wesley at 7.30pm

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

25th September: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

27th September: Café Wesley 10.00am—12 noon, with Lego Church 10.00am-11.30am, followed by a Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm (see next page)

28th September: Harvest ReFresh at Wesley 10.30am led by Revd Dr Howard Mellor All Are Welcome!

28th September: Harvest Festival led by Dr John Evans at King's Somborne 10.30am



WaterHarvest
MAKING EVERY DROP COUNT

The next Café Wesley will be on Saturday 27th September 10.00am until 12 noon and will be supporting the work of Water Harvest.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

"Spreading a Little Happiness"

Supported by
Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland

Margaret Billington will be bringing boxes and information pamphlets to Wesley on Sunday to launch this year's Rotary Shoebox Scheme.

Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 19th September 2025, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by **Saturday 13th September 2025**.
Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or by phone on 01794389153.



You are invited to a Harvest Lunch!

The lunch will consist of cheese, cold meats, new potatoes and salad, followed by fruit salad and cream. Donations will be gratefully received on the day to cover the cost of the lunch, any additional proceeds will go to Basics Bank.

This will take place at 12.30pm, following Café Wesley and Lego Church (to which you are all welcome of course!), on Saturday 27th September.

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or let Brenda and Paul know if you intend to come by emailing us at: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or telephone us on 01794 389153

We are in need of donations of the following:



- Tinned pears and pineapple (in juice)
- Tinned sweetcorn and mixed veg
- Tinned big soups with meat
- Tinned macaroni cheese and ravioli
- Tinned meat (meatballs, chicken in white sauce, chilli, mince, curry, corned beef)
- Custard/rice pudding
- Jam, honey, marmite, peanut butter
- Rice, pasta, noodles
- Cooking sauces and condiments
- Squash & fruit juice
- Cereals & porridge



We also need pots & pans, cutlery, tin openers, towels & some items of clothing (new or used) like track-suits, hoodies, leggings and trainers, as well as sleeping bags.

For up-to-date information about Winchester Basics Bank, including how to access help, visit www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk

Please bring any of the above to our Harvest ReFresh Service on Sunday 28th September

Thank You!

PLEASE, NO FRESH FOODS IN THE COLLECTION BINS

WBB is working in partnership with the Hygiene Bank and Unit 12 and Carroll Centre Community pantries



Out and About in the Summer!



Enjoying a lovely cream tea at the Trout Fishery, Headbourne Worthy.



Enjoying all that Lakeside, Eastleigh has to offer!



The "Watermelons"
Having a respite at the Water Meadows, St Cross



On the Tolpuddle Trail care of the Dorchester Yarriens!



Not forgetting Nick and Faith for their walk around Whitchurch!

A huge thank you to all those who made these sociable get togethers possible!



Arnold Leonard Jarman

17th January 1929 - 4th July 2025



The Chesil Suite, Chesil House

Monday 18th August 2025
at 2.30 pm

Thursday, July 31, 2025 **17**

DEATHS Notices

JARMAN Arnold L W

Passed away peacefully on 4th July 2025,
aged 96 years.

Arnold was father to Hazel, Keith and Maureen.
Grandfather to 6 and also great grandfather of 6.

His principal career was as a Building Surveyor, latterly with Hampshire County Council. Arnold was an Organist and Choirmaster at both the City Road Baptist and Wesley Methodist Churches in Winchester. Alongside this Arnold was involved with many other Churches in the area, playing for services, weddings and funerals as well as organising concerts and fundraising events, notably the regular lunchtime concerts at Winchester Cathedral. Arnold will be greatly missed by all the family, his many friends and colleagues.



Arnold rehearsing the Wesley choir. From the left, Sheila Honess, Audrey Roberts, Bill Pickard, Olive Francis, Veronica Sibbring, Colin Butterworth, Barbara Payne, Grace Tapper, Barbara Ashley, Audrey Anderson, Olive Jarman, Mary-Ann Cameron.

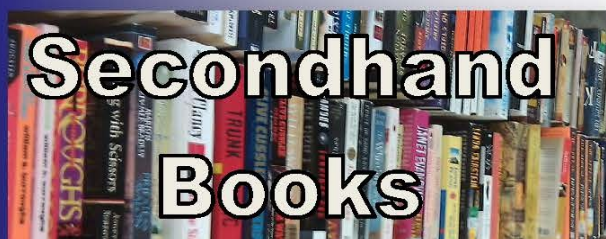
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Cards



**Drop in
for a
chat**



**Secondhand
Books**



**Secondhand
Jigsaws**

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

**create a
scene
challenge**



**LEGO
CHURCH**

Bacon roll



Next Café Wesley and Lego Church Saturday 27th September—see you there!

ADMINISTRATION of WESLEY CHURCH

Many of our readers have keys to the Wesley Church for a variety of reasons.

Some arrange meetings and/or use of the building for the work of the church.

Please note that our Church Administrator (Sonia Craig) is now responsible from 1st September for the administration of the use of the Buildings by church organisations and other users.

If you are thinking of using a room for any reason please check with Sonia before doing so or you might be disappointed!

The Sea – friend and foe

An Invitation to share in a

Quiet Morning

At Kings Somborne Methodist Church

Wednesday 17th September

Come and share in reflecting and responding to the sea, known to the Israelites as 'The Deep', but also a place of fascination to which many are drawn by its moods and changes.

Take time to respond in contemplation, art work, writing, and how the sea has inspired others.

Places are limited. To book a place email Hilary at hjfe49@gmail.com or call 01794 368434 by 14th September 2025

You may like to bring a Bible, your own art or craft materials [although a range will be available], or an item that reminds you of the sea.

Drinks will be available all morning. You may like to bring some lunch as we have the hall until 1.00 p.m.

A donation towards costs appreciated.



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IN WINCHESTER!

Can YOU help us
extend coverage?



Where? Secondary & Primary Schools across Winchester and district

When? Lunchtimes - once or twice a week. Other times by agreement.

Volunteers will:

- Receive relevant online training in October and November
- Wear an identifying uniform
- Operate with one or two other volunteers
- Build relationships with pupils, staff and parents at 'your' school
- Witness a change in the atmosphere of the school as you spend time there and pray for the school and the area

Interested in finding out more?

Maybe you would like to work in a school near you?

To find out more about being a School Pastor or supporting us in prayer, contact Mark Hibbert-Hingston:

- By email: winchester@schoolpastors.org.uk
- Or 07740 288654



Fundraising Concerts and Other Events for the New Piano at the United Church.

These can also be found with more information and booking at ucw.org.uk/upcoming-events/.

Southampton University Pianists and Singers Wednesday 3 September 7.30 pm

Postgraduate Music Students from the University of Southampton share their favourite pieces from their final recital programmes.

Virtuoso piano music, beautiful melodies, favourite arias and songs – a late summer feast of music for all music lovers.

The concert programme and booking details are available [here](#).



‘Out of the Hat’ Piano Concert Saturday 20 September 7 pm

An impromptu recital given by pianists of all ages and abilities who attended our Hat Fair open day, and played our Boston Steinway piano.

The Grigorians and Friends Saturday 4 October 7.30pm

A concert of music for the United Church, provided by Amelie and Jacob Grigorian of the United Church and their Peter Symonds College friends.

Gerard Brooks (Organ) Saturday 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.

A Prayer for the Start of the Connexional Year

O Christ of the morning,
You who sang the stars into being,
Sing again into our hearts today.

As a new year unfolds,
we walk into the next verse of your story,
the next line of your song.

May the Spirit stir our memory,
reminding us who we are a
your people, your melody,
each life a note in your unfolding hymn.

Guide us in courage,
hold us in love,
send us with hope.

In the name of the One who goes before us,
beside us, and sings within us
Christ our companion,

Amen.



Back To School



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ART
BOOK
BUS
DESK

GLUE
KIDS
MATH
NAMES
NEW

PLAY
READ
SIT
TAPE
WORK

