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THE MINISTER.

Peter Williamson writes. . . .

Knowing of my love of food, somebody asked me recently, if I had to live on only one thing – what would I choose? Well, you think about it – what would you select? Chops, cockles, caviar, cauliflower, chocolate, crackers? For me, I decided it would be a close run thing between pollack and pies, but I think in the end I should come down on the latter. Yes, pies. OK I know I'm cheating a bit because there are so many different sorts of pies. But a proper pie crust with some sort of meat or fruit filling is enough to get my salivary glands working overtime.

When I was at university, many, many moons ago, I found it was necessary to supplement the food available at the canteen with pies of one sort or another bought from local shops. But there was one food shop which I regularly passed but never entered. You see the window was not only filled with a variety of foodstuffs, including pies, but also on many occasions with flies and the whole place had a dirty appearance which was most off-putting.

I was passing one day and all the window was covered with whitewash. I peered inside and it was a hive of activity with workmen gutting the fixtures and fittings. A couple of weeks later and the place was a transformation with the inside all bright and shiny and pristine and customers going in and out on a regular basis. And in the window there were many pies - and no flies. A banner adorned the outside saying 'Under New Management.'

Needless to say I became a very regular customer. You see it made all the difference in the world once the establishment was under new management.

It's not too far a cry, I hope, to jump from pies to Parliament because there we have got a new management. Indeed by the time you read this we might have had another new management or well on the way to one.

Here in Central we are also under new management and primary responsibility is now with the United Reformed Church through Reverend Ruth Whitehead who is the Moderator for the South Western Synod.

Hopefully Ruth will be able to come to preach for us in the early part of the new year. Jerry and I will continue as interim ministers and will work with you and for you as together we proclaim Christ in word and deed. What I'm trying to say in the light of all this is that the full answer to our problems of flies and pies, problems of our nation and indeed problems in church may well be met by new management but what we really really need is to make sure all our lives are under the direct management of Christ as Governor.

Just so long as I govern, just so long as I rule, just so long as my self is on the throne of my life there will be some squalor, some dirt, something uninviting in the shop window of my life. I have found that when Christ is allowed to be Governor I can live under that New Management and I can by His grace and guidance begin to offer something winsome and winning and attractive to other people. It was so pronounced in those early followers of Jesus that they turned the world upside down – or rather put it on its feet.

We can and should do that here at Central as a new church year gets underway; as we commit ourselves afresh to live under the management of God in Christ.

A prayer to help bring that about: Lord Jesus Christ, so rule in our hearts that our lives will show forth your praise. Amen



I LOVE TO WANDER

I love to wander through the woodlands hoary,
In the soft light of an autumnal day,
When summer gathers up her robes of glory,
And, like a dream of beauty, glides away. *By Sarah Helen Whitman*

RISE & SHINE

The early morning Rise and Shine Services are still taking place every other Sunday at Central.

Children, parents and members of our congregation attend the services where it is something a bit different.

We are back now after a short break in August and using the roots website to download set information for the services.

Last week Marie Tanton and I led the service and we concentrated on a reading from Colossians 1 which talks about the supremacy of Christ and in particular verse 26 'the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.'

Marie arranged for some special items that remind us of Jesus to be hidden in some slime and those attending were pleased to help to fish them out!! A cross, sheep, heart, a light and a crown were among them.

We can tend to forget the gifts that Jesus gives at times when these are hidden in our lives through worries, pain and confusion to name but a few. Thank goodness that Jesus still reveals himself to us today in so many ways if we seek to find them.

I know many of you think of us and for the young people who attend with their families. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers very much and we also invite you to attend and experience it for yourselves as we are all big kids at heart!

Many Thanks

Leyla Clark on behalf of all those involved in the Rise and Shine Services.



CONSCIENCE -(as defined by a small boy): "Something that makes me tell my mother before my sister does!"

A REFLECTION

I am about to enter the tenth year of writing a monthly Reflection for our Church Magazine. My first one appeared in the edition of October 2010! When I was asked to write something called a Reflection for our magazine back then, I didn't think I would still be doing so!

I do hope you are continuing to enjoy my 'ramblings'. I am always pleased to get your comments about various things I write.

Well, this is October 2019. What is going to happen this month?

Are we leaving the EU on 31st of this month? If we do leave, will it be 'with a deal', or 'without deal'?

Shall we be having a General Election? Will Brenda of Bristol have said "What, another one"!!? Perhaps we shall have a Peoples' Vote. Shall we be having another Referendum? -- Who knows? Do the 'powers that be' know? I don't think so!

Parliament is now 'prorogued' for 5 weeks. By the end of this month, it seems, we shall have no Speaker of the House of Commons - John Bercow is stepping down - unless we have a General Election before then!

We are definitely living in a time of uncertainty.

There is another thing happening this month, and that is the clocks will be going back on the 26th. Now I do not like that idea. The dark evenings will be upon us once more. The curtains will have to be drawn so much earlier. We will have the prospect of cold days soon.

And you are saying, "What a doom and gloom reflection this month Margaret"!!

Well, I can lift your spirits. I can tell you of one certain reliability -- whatever happens on 31st October, whichever Party will be in power,

whoever the new Speaker will be, and however dark and cold the days are going to be --

We can always rely on Jesus. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and FOREVER.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of our lives. Jesus is the One who will always be with us, whether the storm roars around us; whether the snow falls, or the sun shines. We can always rely on Jesus to hold on to us, and we can rely on Him to direct us.

There is a phrase which occurs many times in the Bible. This is it:- “And it came to pass”. The horrible things which beset all of us at one time or another do pass. When we are in the storm we so often think that Jesus has deserted us. But He hasn’t. Jesus supports us, Jesus walks with us, and Jesus reminds us of this when He says, “I am with you always”. How often have you said, ‘I never thought I would manage to come through that storm which really knocked me sideways. And yet you did. It was Jesus who helped you.

So, whatever happens on 31st October; whatever happens as we live through the Autumn, let us all remember that Jesus is the same, yesterday and forever.

Margaret Newman.



BARNABAS CHARITY...working for persecuted Christians.

“My Lord has sent me good news through the Barnabas Fund” exclaimed a brick-kiln worker in Pakistan whose debt to the brick-kiln owner was paid by the Barnabas supporters, thus releasing him and his family from bonded labour. “My mouth just does not stop praising God” said Irfan after he was freed in the same way. Rani, whose husband Liagat, had been a bonded brick-kiln labourer since childhood, now rejoices that they can sleep at night without worrying, and can go to church on Sundays as they could not when they were bonded by debt. Thank the Lord for generous Barnabas donations that have set free 790 bonded brick-kiln families (that is nearly 4,000 people).

Please pray for even more to be freed.

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OPEN DOORS – HOPE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

The war in Syria caused much material damage as well as human losses. Many houses, even entire neighbourhoods or villages, were destroyed. Pray for **Open Doors'** local partners helping people to return and rebuild their homes in relatively peaceful parts of their country.

Many Syrians lost their work during the war, with your support, Open Doors is providing income generating projects to help people earn an income so they can support their families. Please pray for wisdom for Open Doors staff co-ordinating these projects as they decide where to invest their time and resources most effectively.

Last year over 1000 Christian families were able return and rebuild their homes in the Nineveh plains, thanks to your support. Praise God for their courage and determination to preserve the important Christian presence in this country. Pray that the church will not just **survive**, but will **thrive** as a witness to Christ.

Many Christians who return to the Nineveh plains struggle to find jobs. Schooling and other public services are also not yet back to the same levels as when so-called Islamic State took over. **Ask the Lord to give His people power to endure patiently and pray for Open Doors partners helping people with training, income generating loans and spiritual support.**

Taken from Open Doors Prayer Diary Sept/Oct- available at church, please ask me for one! (Sue Coatham)



GARDENING TIP

The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull up everything.

If they come up again – they're weeds!

FINANCE

As promised I write every month to give an update on our financial situation. First, some good news...Paul Sherriff and I are pleased to welcome Adrian Robinson to the finance team. Adrian's experience working with budgets and accounts will be a great asset to the Church and we look forward to working with him.

We ended August £2,500 in the black rather than the budgeted £15,000 in the red! This is primarily due to us not having to pay the Methodist assessment charge this quarter as we switch to URC.

Our offerings however were around £1500 below budget year to date and are forecast to be well below budget by year end, so we all need to continue to dig deep to increase our individual offerings. Our room bookings stand at nearly £19,000 year to date and are well on the way to making the £25,000 budget by the end of the year.

On the cost side we have just renewed the Church insurance policy based on a valuation of £8m which was nearly £5,000. This together with the annual gas and electricity charges total around £16,000 – and as we all know from our domestic bills the only way these are going is upwards!

Assuming we do not incur URC Mission of Ministry (MoM) charges until the New Year we anticipate ending the year with around a £15,000 loss against a planned loss of nearly £25, 000. As soon as we start to incur URC MoM charges in the New Year (which we anticipate will be equivalent to the old Methodist Assessment charges) then we will once again be outlooking a £25,000 loss for 2020.

The big question that we should continue to ask ourselves is “how sustainable is our financial situation in the medium term - eg over the next 5 years?” We must continue to consider our financial situation alongside our future spiritual aspirations as we move forward together with the URC.

Steve Norman

APPOINTMENT OF A URC MINISTER AT CENTRAL – BUT NOT QUITE YET!

A few weeks ago Reverend Ruth Whitehead (Provincial Moderator of the URC) met with the Leadership Team and explained the process whereby a new URC minister would be appointed to Central. She advised that the Reverend Phil Nevard, a URC minister, had been asked by the South Western Province to help Central decide what they wanted from a minister and how they saw their ministry and mission for the next phase of ministry. He was not being asked to do more than that, other than to also offer some worship appointments when he was able to do so.

Phil met with the Leadership Team and it was a positive meeting. To further discussion it was agreed to hold **a meeting with interested parties at Central on the afternoon of Sunday 27th October after the morning service commencing around 1.00pm** and culminating with the evening service for those who wished to stay. Phil Nevard to lead that service. So if you want to help decide the profile for the next minister and decide what our priorities as a church should be then this is the meeting for you. When a profile has been decided – and it could take some time -and a URC minister shows interest then the normal procedures for the appointment of a URC minister will be followed.

Peter Williamson



FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To **Barbara Lawton** on the birth of her great grandson, Elliott James born in Lynchburg, Virginia, America on 3rd September.
- **Sue Lees** has a new baby Granddaughter. Born Monday 16th September. 8il 9oz. Congratulations to Proud parents. Jo and David Sorhaindo. I'm sure many of you will remember Jo from many years in Junior Church.

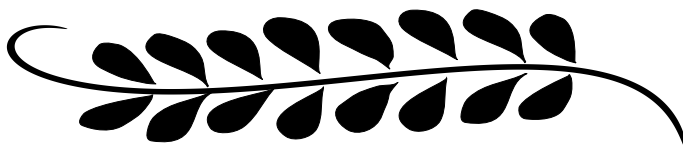
OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	DETAIL
Tues	1 st	9.30	Midweek Prayers. Philip Kay
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	2 nd	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	3 rd	9.30	Central Tots
		7.00	Finance & Property
Fri	4 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	5 th	1.30	Circuit Missions Day
Sun	6 th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
		3.00	Final Service at Kingskerswell Methodist Church
Mon	7 th	2.30	Central's Fell: Action for Children. Denise Gillette
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	8 th	9.30	Midweek Service Margaret Newman
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	9 th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	10 th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	11 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sun	13 th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
		12.30	Community Lunch
Mon	14 th	2.30	Central's Fell: Harvest – Margaret Newman
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	15 th	9.30	Midweek Prayers Barbara Lawton
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees

Wed	16th	10.00	Faith Matters
		7.30	Quiz Evening
Thurs	17th	9.30	Central Tots
Fri	18 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	19 th	2.30	Tea Dance
Sun	20th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
Mon	21 st	2.30	Central's Fell: Music Afternoon – Philip Kay
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	22 nd	9.30	Midweek Communion. Revd Valerie Price
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Busy Bees
		7.00	New Life Housegroup
Wed	23 rd	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	24 th	9.30	Central Tots
		7.30	Moors Housegroup
Fri	25 th	10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		11.00	Belleplates
		7.00	Choir
Sat	26th	10.00	CHURCH GIFT DAY - until 12 noon
Sun	27th		SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR ALL SERVICES
		1.00	Special Meeting to discuss the Profile of a new URC Minister. (Bring your own refreshments
Mon	28th	2.30	Central's Fellowship: Barking Tricksters
		6.30	Flexercise Fun
Tues	29th	9.30	Midweek Prayers. Philip Kay
		10.00	Coffee & Fellowship
		10.00	Busy Bees
Wed	30th	10.00	Faith Matters
Thurs	31st	9.30	Central Tots

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2019
(HC) = Sacrament of Holy Communion

DATE	TIME	MORNING	EVENING. 6.30
6th	10.30	Revd Peter Williamson	Margaret Newman
13th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Revd Jerry Cook (HC)	Revd Valerie Price
20th	10.30	Helen Barrett	Major Denise Brine
27th	9.00	Rise & Shine	
	10.30	Margaret Newman	NOTE TIME - 6PM Revd Peter Williamson(HC)



WELCOME ROTA

DATE	10.30 am	6.30 pm
6 th	Tessa Goodwin & Leonie Tyas	Paul Sherriff
13 th	Heather Bellingham & Barbara Gissinger	Sue Coatham
20 th	Barbara Lawton & Sue Coatham	Philip Kay
27 th	Cynthia Arscott & Heather Bellingham	Barbara Lawton

CENTRAL'S FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting on the 7th we will welcome Julie and Valerie coming to tell us about 'Action for Children' our Charity for the coming year. Margaret Newman will lead our Harvest on the 14th with all proceeds going to our Charity and we look forward to a Musical afternoon with Philip Kay on the 21st. Our final meeting on the 28th sees a return visit from the 'Barking Tricksters' for an afternoon of 'doggie tricks'!

At our AGM in August we agreed to donate £500.00 to Central Church and our final total for The Leprosy Mission, our Charity this last year, was £545.00.

Sadly one of our members, Dorothy Barnett, passed away during the summer. Dorothy was a faithful member of the Fellowship and will be sorely missed by us all and we remember her family and friends, especially Cynthia at this sad time. We also remember Sheila whose daughter Denise lost her battle with cancer in July.

Barbara Lawton

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Sunday 27th October
1.00pm – 5.30 pm
(followed by evening service at 6.00pm)

**Help formulate the Profile that will bring us a new
URC Minister**
**Meet with the Leadership Team, Church Council and
Reverend Phil Nevard**
**Share your ideas for the shape of work and ministry
that you would like to see here at Central – and be
part of.**



NEW CHURCH MEMBERS FOR CENTRAL

On Sunday evening, 1st September, we welcomed, by transfer from another denomination, Adrian Robinson as a full member of Central Church. Adrian has been part of the Central fellowship for some time now and is involved in its life and work. He felt the time had come to commit himself to membership and we welcome him most warmly as a fellow Christian and look forward to a long and happy time together as together we 'fight the good fight'.

If there are any other people who want to follow the same path as Adrian please let the ministers or church stewards know and we will swiftly arrange for you too to be formally recognised as a member of Central. Equally if you have never been confirmed into any denomination in the past and would like to know more about Christian commitment through membership at Central, then again just let the ministers or church stewards know and we will be very happy to explain what's involved.

Peter Williamson

TEARFUND

***‘Harvest is the perfect time to reflect on what
we are gathering in our lives’***

“No one can serve two masters, either you will hate one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.” **Luke 16 v 13-15**

Harvest is the perfect time to reflect on what we are ‘gathering’ in our lives. Perhaps we have things ‘stored away in barns’ that we’d be better off letting go of. This could be anger, unforgiveness, bad habits, or perhaps literal objects that are cluttering our lives.

The Trappist monk said that, ‘People may spend their whole lives climbing the ladder of success only to find once they reach the top, that the ladder is leaning on the wrong wall’.

The gospel implores us to take our ladder off the wall of worldly success, selfish ambition and consumerism. When we decide to live with less, we may find that we have more time and space to focus more what truly matters?

Pray – Loving God, thank you that you have already given us so much: our lives, your beautiful creation, liberation from sin and death. We could never thank you enough for what we have received. Help us to see through our culture’s message of ‘more’, and instead cultivate lives where we focus on what we already have, and what we have to give. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Taken from TEARFUND prayer diary

If you would like a copy please ask me!

Sue Coatham

SHOE BOXES

There are changes afoot with the process for checking and shipping the Shoe Boxes this year. We will still collect the boxes at Central from our members but they will be sealed and despatched in another part of the country. We will make up as many boxes as we can with the gifts brought by our members as usual but they will then be collected and taken to our nearest processing centre in Westbury.

Apparently in other countries there are only a few of these centres, Australia 3 centres, Canada 5 and the USA 8, the UK has 93! The UK has to reduce from 93 to 30 in the next three years and finally to 10.

There a couple of changes to contents this year, **no sweets or tooth-paste** but they would still like us to send flannels and tooth brushes as well as all the usual items.

I would be grateful if all boxes and items could be brought to Central for Sunday 27th. I have some ready-made boxes available @ 50p each

Sue Coatham 01803 323212



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CHURCH GIFT DAY SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER

Even during my short time here at Central I have already very quickly come to appreciate the love and loyalty shown by the congregation to our Lord and to the worship and work of the church. I appreciate the support you are giving to Jerry and I, the Leadership Team and to the Church Council as we tackle the various issues that face us as a worshipping community. Whilst the summer is supposed to be a quiet time this year has seen us very busy with various meetings as we prepare for the coming church year – which is now here.

We want to ensure that our worship is pleasing to God, that our pastoral needs are being met and that our mission to the community is relevant. The last few months have been difficult as we have had to adjust to changing circumstances but we have more than survived because I believe that God still has plans for us as a church family.

There are plans for what we will be able to offer in the way of worship, in our outreach work and in growing our discipleship. There are plans concerning the building in addition to ongoing maintenance – particularly the upgrading of the kitchen. In Tessa Goodwin and her team of colleagues we have a wonderful asset and we need to do our best in providing them and us with first-class facilities.

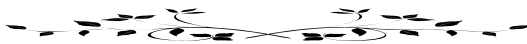
Inevitably all this will cost money as well as prayer, commitment and dedication. Unfortunately, even though we are a church we don't get things any cheaper than anyone else. I'm sure that like me you don't want our work to suffer because of a lack of funds and that is why I'm making this direct appeal to you to give a very special gift to your church this Gift Day so that the work here at Central can go forward in strength and power unencumbered by a lack of funds.

As a result of a suggestion at a recent Church Meeting it has been agreed by the Church Council that the funds from Gift Day this year will be for the urgent and necessary upgrading of the kitchen which is required to meet health and safety requirements. The kitchen is an invaluable asset

to our outreach programme and we don't want there to be a problem regarding it being unfit for purpose. The law is very strict on such matters and rightly so.

I will be present at Central between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on Saturday 26th October to gratefully receive your gift. If that date and time is not convenient for you then your pastoral visitor, magazine deliverer, Jerry or myself will be pleased to receive your gift at a more suitable time and place for you.

There are many good causes we can devote our money to but what can be better than building the Kingdom? Together we can do great things; together with God we can do even greater, of that I am convinced. *'Put me to the test' He says, 'and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things'.* (Malachi 3:10). May we together make this a real bumper gift day. You have been part of Central's past and you are part of its present and future – let's make it a great one. *Peter Williamson*



AMAZON RAINFOREST FIRES.

Recently responding to the fires in the Amazon rainforest, the Church of England's lead bishop for Environmental Affairs, the Bishop of Salisbury, Nick Holtam, has said:

"There is a climate emergency which does not know international boundaries. The Amazon is a global resource as well as a national one.

"I have been asked to sign a variety of climate related petitions and letters. People are concerned. So our politicians should be talking about it and finding ways to act collectively.

"The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment. At the moment there are so many initiatives to plant trees to help carbon capture. It is appalling to see such large areas of rainforest burn.

"They destroy more than the trees. They destroy hope."

A PRAYER

This prayer I came across from St Teresa of Avila. The words are lovely and talk about the Lord guiding us and for us to follow his plans. I recently read it out during our rise and shine service.

***Lord, grant that I may always allow myself
to be guided by You,
always follow Your plans,
and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.
Grant that in all things, great and small,
today and all the days of my life,
I may do whatever You require of me.
Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,
so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour.
May Your Will be done in time
and in eternity by me, in me, and through me. Amen.***

I may have mentioned before that as a cleaner at Walmer House I have been asked to read something out once per week at lunchtimes so tomorrow I will be reading the prayer out as I liked it very much.

I will be mentioning a lady who I used to know well when we worked together. She is blind and her guide dog used to guide her to where we worked each day. The dog enabled her to do what she could never do alone.

The word guidance means teaching, instruction and direction also helping someone by their own efforts to reach his or her potential.

We could have collected my friend and colleague each day for work but this way she was doing it. She was not alone in her walk. When we accept the Lords guidance we are not alone either in our walk in life, we can't see what is up ahead of us.

At my work by our stairs there is a sign that reads: 'You don't have to see the whole staircase to take the first step.' The words were written by Martin Luther King.

In the same way the Lord is waiting for us to take our steps with him each day so that he can bless us. What a lovely thought!

Love Leyla Clark x

IN PRAISE OF GRANDPARENTS!

6th October is 'Grandparents Day'. Grandparents in the UK number about 17 million, or more than one in four of the adult population. Grandparents average out at 68 years of age, have four grandchildren who live 10 miles away, and who spend five hours per visit.

Grandparents have multiple roles as their grandchildren grow up: playmates, teachers, confidants, spiritual guides, mentors, role models and nurturers, as well as pray-ers. They also can keep children's milestones, family history and family events alive. Grandchildren will often discuss their personal concerns with a trusted grandparent.

Grandparents are also important for the UK economy! Nine million of them looked after their grandchildren in 2017. On average they did so for eight hours a week, and 96% received no payment.

Grandparents' Day in the UK is the first Sunday in October. Should we put that day in our church diary for a special celebration of our grandparents?



The poster is enclosed in a double-line border. It features the word 'Autumn' in a large, stylized, cursive font at the top left. To its right is a black silhouette of a tree with many leaves, some of which are falling. Below 'Autumn' is the word 'TEA' in a bold, blocky font, followed by 'DANCE' in the same style. Below 'TEA DANCE' is the phrase 'Dancing to music from Tracey' in a cursive font. To the right of this phrase is the word 'Tea' in a large, stylized font. Below these elements is the word 'Friendship' in a bold, blocky font. At the bottom of the poster, the date 'Saturday 19th October' is written in a large, bold font, followed by the time '2.30pm – 5.00pm' in a slightly smaller bold font. Below the time is the text 'A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON FOR ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEND TIME WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS' in a bold, blocky font, and at the very bottom is 'Admission £4.00 including tea' in a bold, blocky font.

Autumn
TEA DANCE
Dancing to music from Tracey
Friendship
Tea
Saturday 19th October
2.30pm – 5.00pm
**A SOCIABLE AFTERNOON FOR ALL THOSE WHO WISH
TO SPEND TIME WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS**
Admission £4.00 including tea

WESLEY COTTAGE at Trewint near Launceston is where John Wesley preached and rested. It is a unique visitor experience set in an 18th century cottage and chapel, thought to be the smallest Methodist Preaching place in the world.

Wesley Cottage Events October to December 2019

Monday 14th October 10am to 3pm Bible Study Day: ‘On Eagles Wings’ with Gareth Jones, Wesley Cottage welcomes Gareth from the New-quay, Perranporth and St Agnes Methodist Circuit for this day considering references to eagles in the Bible.

Monday 21st October 10am to 3pm Bible Reading Day: ‘1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, James, Jude’ with John Hogarth. A day to take space to hear scripture read and consider what it may be saying to you.

Friday 22nd November 10am to 3pm Celtic Quiet Day with Doreen Sparey-Delacassa. Doreen returns to Wesley Cottage for another of her popular Celtic Quiet Days.

Thursday 28th November 10am to 3pm Study Day: ‘Experiencing the Father’s Embrace’ with Carolyn and Mark Lawrence. Wesley Cottage welcomes Carolyn (Vice-President Designate of the Methodist Conference) and Mark (Presbyter at Ivybridge) for a special study day.

Friday 29th November 10am to 3pm Bible Reading Day: ‘Pastoral Epistles: 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon’ with John Hogarth.

Friday 6th December 10am-3pm Christmas Craft Day with Naomi Sparey. Over recent years Naomi has provided Wesley Cottage with a wide selection of hand-made cards and we are delighted to welcome her to lead us in a Christmas Craft Day.

Tuesday 10th December 10am-3pm Bible Reading Day: “Ecclesiastes” with John Hogarth.

Wednesday 11th December 10am-3pm Advent Reflections Quiet Day with Janet Gerrard. A Worship leader in the Saltash Circuit Janet has been a volunteer at Wesley Cottage for some years and we are delighted she will share some of her inspirational reflections.

Places are limited on our study and quiet days so advance booking is essential (telephone 01566 880265 and leave a message or email wesleycottage@live.co.uk). Although there is no set charge to attend donations are welcome and lunch is provided.

Watchnight Covenant Service

Tuesday 31st December 11.15pm Watchnight Covenant Service with Rev Doreen Sparey-Delacassa

Prayer and Scripture Hour

Thursday 31st October 4.30-5.30pm Led by Rev Doreen Sparey-Delacassa

Tuesday 26th November 4-5pm Led by Rev Doreen Sparey-Delacassa



MY MOBILITY SCOOTER

I love my little scooter
It helps me get about
It has a little hooter
So I don't need to shout;
Though neither help the shocking
State of paths, worse ev'ry day!
And neither help unblocking
The cars parked in my way. *By Nigel Beeton*

