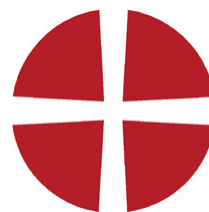


Upminster
Methodist Church



Newsletter
July/August 2019

About the Methodist Church



The Methodist Church is one of the largest Christian churches serving Great Britain, with nearly 209,000 members and regular contact with 800,000 people.

It has 4,812 churches in Great Britain, and also maintains links with other Methodist churches with a worldwide total membership of over 80 million.

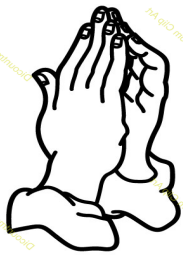
Its activities, both alone and with ecumenical and secular partners, are based on four aims known as ***Our Calling:***

To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love

To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care

To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

To make more followers of Jesus Christ



Lord, be our focus.

When transformation of this world is far from linear, let us be patient.

Where the troubles of today appear to be greater than those of yesterday, help us to pray.

When the voice of your love is muffled by our selfish ways, may we repent.

Lord, lead us.

When the chance to do what is best for your kingdom is before us, come Holy Spirit.

When making tough decisions is even harder than we imagined, give us courage.

When the future looks so different from the present, increase our faith.

Lord, bless us.

When we worship you, may we be your blessing to others.

Where we live and dwell, may we act kindly to all.

When our race is run, may others give you thanks. Amen.

Stephen Lindridge, Newcastle Upon Tyne District Chair



Contemplative Worship

Upminster Methodist Church

Are you seeking to explore your spirituality and an alternative way to worship?

At Upminster Methodist church Revd. Jason Vinyard will be leading Christian Contemplative Worship on the third Sunday evening of each month from 6.30pm

This is a forty five minute Contemplative Service, with tea, coffee or hot chocolate served afterwards, for those wanting to stay and reflect



If you are interested and would like to find out more please have a look at the website www.upminstermethodistchurch.org or contact Revd. Jason Vinyard by phone 01708 223568 or by email revjcvinyard@gmail.com

FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Dear Friends,

We want to be a church that is forward looking, adaptable and ready for change so that we can communicate the gospel effectively in a changing society. However, just now and then it doesn't hurt to peep back over our shoulders, as long as our attention doesn't stay in the past!

As I think back over recent years I note many encouraging changes. Across the circuit, in most if not all of the churches, there is more flexibility in our styles of worship, more engagement with the communities in which our Methodist Churches are set, more welcoming premises and improved involvement with young and old people. I sense a happier and more positive spirit among us. Thank God, and thank the people who have inspired and encouraged, challenged and stretched us, for we have experienced many rich blessings since our forefathers found the vision for our churches and its communities and looking forward to continuing to God's ministry in years to come.

All those things are important, but they are just the context of our call to follow Jesus. The heart of our calling to discipleship lies in our relationships with God, each other and the wider world.

cont'd....

...cont'd

The best ideas, the most faithful service and the smartest buildings will be to no avail unless we are people of faith, hope and love who express all that in prayer and service. The guidance and enabling of the Holy Spirit are the only means by which we can effectively be the church here and now.

Whether or not your name is listed in the Pastoral Roll or in the Circuit Directory as an office holder in our church or in the circuit; whatever your age or gifts, you are an important part of our future. It is your commitment, your faith and prayer, your giving that enable us to look back in a few more years and marvel at what God has done. So thank you for all you have been and done in the past but now, with open hearts and minds lets renew our commitment to God and be ready to move forward into the Future with confidence.

‘We’ll praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that’s to come.’ (Joseph Hart H&P 277)

Enjoy your Summer Holiday and be ready for a new Methodist Connexional Year 2019/2020.

God Bless you all.
Revd David Jebb

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Jenny and David Smy on celebrating their 59th Wedding Anniversary

We also wish Jenny a quick recovery after her recent operation, our thoughts and prayers are with you and David at this time

PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO evening service on 18th August.

Hair Today Gone Tomorrow

As many of you have noticed my hair is getting very long!

This is intentional as I am going to be cutting my hair for the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs for young children and young adults that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Someone we know had cancer and had to receive chemotherapy for a second time. I couldn't comprehend how it must feel to lose your hair.

I heard about this charity and decided I should cut my hair for this amazing charity to help children who lose their hair to be able to have confidence by having a wig. This is all I could do to slightly help. My hair is very long and although I love it to be long, I feel it is important to do this and help those in need.

My target is £550 which is the average cost to purchase 1 real hair wig. It costs £5 for the postage of a wig and £150 to pay for a wig fitting and styling.

I would appreciate all the support I can get and so would the children the charity helps.



...cont'd

I will be holding a coffee morning in the Wesley Hall on Saturday 27th July in aid of the charity and am hoping to have my hair cut the same day!

My Just Giving Page link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-kinder-1>

Or there will be a box at the back of the church, I will really appreciate any support.

Thank you!

Emily Kinder



OPEN MIKE NIGHT

I am aiming to put on an 'Open Mike Night' at the church, to this end we will need some help to operate the microphones and welcome the audience.

If you would enjoy helping in this project please contact Terry Mustoo on terence@terencemustoo.co.uk



**OPEN
MIC
NIGHT**

The Wesley Players present

Murder with Love – A Thriller
By Francis Durbridge



Many people dislike Larry Campbell but especially David Ryder. Ryder plots and schemes for his revenge, but does it all go to plan?

Deceit, suspicion and blackmail are all woven into the web of crime which leads to a tantalizing twist at the climax. A thriller to the end.....!

Prices: £7 for Adults, £5.50 for Concessions and £3.50 for Children (under 16). As usual, Senior Citizens are admitted free to the Thursday & Friday evening shows. Tickets will be available on the door or may be booked in advance via the Box Office (text only) 07708 214742 or email tickets@wesley-players.co.uk.

Performances: are at 8.00pm on Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September 2019.

Location: Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane (next to 10 Hall Lane Dental Practice), Upminster, Essex. RM14 1AE.

Controversy Surrounding John Wesley's Conversion

This year, as on every 24th May, the Methodist Church commemorated Wesley Day. This is perhaps, THE High day of the Methodist calendar and yet, it is easy to forget, the many adverse comments, and considerable controversy, that was originally aroused by John Wesley's conversion experience of the 24th May 1738.

When John returned to England from America, on 30th January 1738, it was after a difficult time spent in the colony of Georgia. It was from there that he had fled in a state of great discouragement due to differences with the colonists which had led to him being prosecuted once, and persecuted twice, by the authorities in Savannah.

Back home in England, both John and his brother Charles, found that their style of preaching, while it regularly attracted big congregations, also often caused offence. So much so that many of the churches at first open to them, closed their doors as the incumbents thought it proper to refuse the Wesley's the use of their pulpits. For example, on the 19th May 1738, five days before his conversion experience, John recorded in his Journal, *"I preached at St. John's, Wapping at three, and at St. Benet's, Pauls Wharf, in the evening. At these churches likewise, I am to preach no more"*.

Far from a saint, John felt like a sinner, and following his difficult time in Savannah together with the rejection he had encountered in London, his spirit was bruised.

cont'd....

....cont'd

On the 24th May 1738, in Aldersgate Street, when John finally felt converted, this the pivotal, and ultimately, the most joyous, event in his life, was one we know about because he described it in detail in his Journal. It was a complex experience and as such it was also an event which caused surprise, confusion – even outrage – amongst many who knew him.

John's elder brother Samuel, a "high Anglican", objected both to John's newly proclaimed message, that "*all can be saved*", through repentance alone, and to John's insistence, that he, himself, had not been a Christian, until he had grasped this most fundamental message of the Gospel.

It was not a message traditionalists wanted to hear, or were prepared to receive. Nor was Samuel impressed by the powerful effects produced under John's preaching; the sudden convictions, the instantaneous conversions, and the professions of those converted, that they knew their sins were forgiven and that they were saved.

cont'd...

...cont'd

Friends of the Wesley brothers, chiefly amongst them, a Mrs. Hutton, labelled John and Charles “*singular and irregular*” in their ministerial conduct. She wrote to Samuel on 6th June 1738, “*But your brother John seems to be turned a wild enthusiast or fanatic; and to our great affliction is drawing my two children into these wild notions, by their great opinion of Mr John’s sanctity and judgement. It would be a great charity to many other honest well-meaning simple souls, as well as to my children, if you could either confine, or convert Mr John when he is next with you; for after his behaviour on Sunday 28th May, you will think him not a quite right man*”.

This intervention prompted the sharp exchange of letters between Samuel and John which left behind the legacy of Samuel’s scepticism regarding the value of his brother’s work.

Even their mother Susanna Wesley, seems to have been unsure what to think. As a believer in the tenets of the established Church, the idea of salvation through faith and repentance alone coupled with religious “enthusiasm”, seems to have made Susannah profoundly uneasy. In a letter written to Samuel in March 1739, she said, *As far as I can see, they plead that these visions, etc., are given to assure some particular persons of their adoption and salvation. But this end is abundantly provided for in the Holy Scriptures; wherein all may find the rules by which we may live here and be judged hereafter...*”.

cont'd...

....cont'd

Nevertheless, she went on to inform Samuel of what she had learnt from a visit by George Whitefield, *"I then asked Mr Whitefield if my sons were not making some innovations in the Church; which I much feared. He assured me that they were so far from it, that they endeavoured all they could to reconcile Dissenters to our communion, and that I could not conceive the good they did in London"*.

Following this visit, and after correspondence with John, her fears were much allayed so that, eventually she sided with her younger sons and came to admire and to support their work.

Of course, the decision to preach in the open air, which John made around this time, was closely linked to his conversion experience and to him being barred from the use of many church pulpits.

The establishment initially noted it with scorn and ridicule, but ultimately, with envy. Even John was unsure, as he wrote in his Journal entry of 31st March 1739, *"I could scarcely reconcile myself at first to this strange way of preaching in the fields; ... having been all my life, (till very lately), so tenacious of every point relating to decency and order, that I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin, if it had not been done in a church"*.

cont'd....

...cont'd

It was of course this open air preaching which enabled John not only to be heard by so many people but, by bringing him closer to ordinary men and women, opened their hearts and minds to his message.

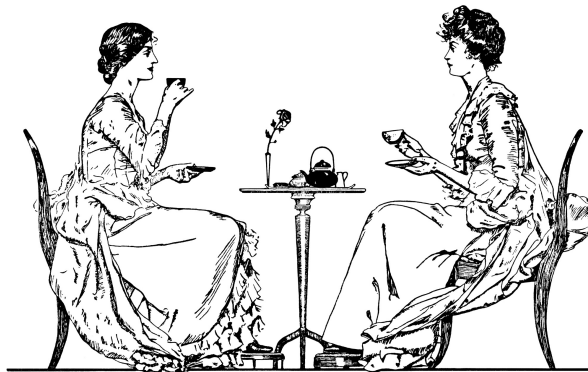
John's "field preaching" may frequently have resulted in hostility and occasional savage assaults, but, ultimately, getting away from the physical and metaphorical confines of church buildings, shaped the future of Methodism and turned a trickle into a stream. Today, we remember the good that came from John's conversion – not the controversy.

[This is an edited version of an article by Christian Dettlaff, (the Curator of the Museum of Methodism & John Wesley's House), which was first published in the May 2019 edition of Window on Wesley's, the monthly magazine of Wesley's Chapel].

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019
FROM 3-5PM
IN THE WESLEY HALL

Please join us for an Afternoon tea



HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

Holiday club Dates are set for primary school age children from 29th July to 2nd August and for children under five on 12th to 16th August.

Both clubs will be running in the morning and we will be looking for helpers for each day, not just with the children but also in kitchen preparations throughout the week and lunch on the Friday afternoon.

If you feel that you can give some time during these weeks please let me know.

Sarah Harris



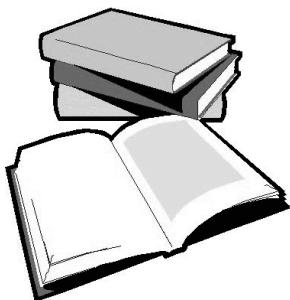
YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!

We desperately need more 'volunteers' to collate and staple The Newsletter.

Typically it takes a team of two people a couple of hours or so on an occasional basis during the week preceding the last Sunday in the month.

The more teams, the less often!

If you think you can help please contact Chris Pain
(01708-228920 or chris_pain@hotmail.com)





The Whitechapel Mission would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the 5 penny fund.

We have recently sent another £100 to this good cause and various items of clothing.

Please continue to support them.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL CIRCUIT BBQ!

Let's get together for no special reason. Just to celebrate, good food, good friends, good fellowship and an inspiring open-air Praise Worship.

You will enjoy BBQ, Fellowship and Summer Praise.

You are welcome to bring a dish to share, but you only need to bring your appetite and a welcoming smile.

When: Sunday 14th July 2019 at 4:30pm

Where: Circuit Mission Outreach Project Centre in Collier Row

Don't miss out on our delicious BBQ!

Offertory will be taken for the Circuit Mission Outreach Fund

RSVP to David Jebb by 1st July 2019 01708 734005 email: djebb2003@gmail.com





Newsletter – *The next newsletter will be the September issue. Please forward material to Allyson Hill by the 15th August.*

The newsletter email address is
upminster.newsletter@gmail.com

If you would like to receive the monthly Newsletter by email please place your request via the email address above.

The views expressed in articles in this magazine are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the editor, minister or officers of the church.

Weekly Notices - Items for the weekly Notices sheet should be sent to **upmethodistchurch@btinternet.com** or pass to Allyson Hill

If you would like the weekly Notice sheet emailed please email Allyson Hill

METHODIST BLOG

If you wish to read the President and Vice President's blog on a regular basis, please go to the Methodist Church website at **www.methodist.org.uk** and there you will be able to follow the links on a regular basis.

You may find other articles of interest too on a weekly/monthly basis.





FLOWER ROTA

Very many thanks, as always, to both providers and arrangers:

	Provider	Arranged by
July 7th	Valerie Kinder	Valerie Kinder
14th	Michelle Dubar	Sheila Toon
21st	Gill & Ray Hare	Caroline Kinder
28th	Grace Ababio	Grace Ababio
August 4th	Jill & Bob Avis	Judith Hall
11th	Carole & Brian Webb	June Dutton
18th	Mary Edmundson	Sheila Toon
25th	Ken Green	Jenny Smy



Upminster Methodist Church Weekly Activities

If you have a date or activity you wish to add, please let the editor know at upminster.newsletter@gmail.com



Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.00am – 11.00am



Gateway Tea, coffee and chat

Monday and Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon



Choir and Band Practice

Fridays and Saturdays as announced
7.30pm

Adult Badminton

Thursdays 8pm – 9.30pm

All abilities welcome



Wesley Players

Mondays 8.00pm



Patchwork Group

Mondays 1pm





Tots and Co

Tuesdays in term time
9.30am – 11.30am

Uniformed Groups

Mondays	5.00pm	Rainbows
	6.15pm	Brownies
	7.15pm	Guides and Rangers
Wednesdays	6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Thursdays	6.00pm	Beaver Scouts
Fridays	7.30pm	Scouts



SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY/AUGUST

JULY

- 7th** 10.00am: Mr Malcolm Richardson
6.30pm: Revd. Joseph Riberio – Holy Communion
- 14th** 10.00am: Worship Team – All Age Worship
- 21st** 10.00am: Revd. A Fummey – Holy Communion
6.30pm: Mrs. Stella Holland – Lection Divina
- 28th** 10.00am: Mr Ricky Bull

AUGUST

- 4th** 10.00am: Revd. Joseph Riberio
6.30pm: Revd. Jason Vinyard – Holy Communion
- 11th** 10.00am: Revd. Jason Vinyard – Holy Communion,
All Age Worship/Baptism
- 18th** 10.00am: Mr Jonathan Coles
- 25th** 10.00am: Mr Gordon Wallace

THE BELL-RINGERS

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW RECRUITS

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

PULL THE
ROPE WHEN
DIRECTED



WHAT
COULD
BE
SIMPLER?

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

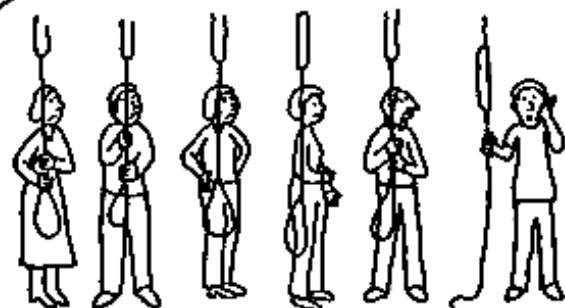
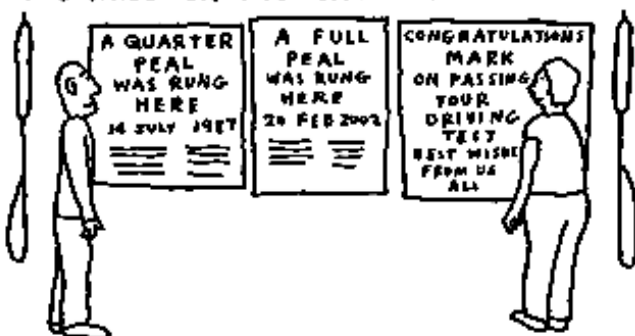
ROPE



BELL

THESE ARE USUALLY PROVIDED

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MARKED
ON BOARDS ON THE WALLS OF THE TOWER



THIS IS THE MAN WHO RUINED A FULL PEAL WHEN
HE ANSWERED HIS MOBILE TELEPHONE. THE
OTHER RINGERS ARE NOT TERRIBLY HAPPY WITH HIM

CartoonChurch.com