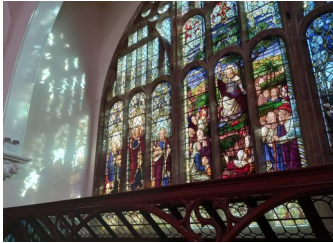


Monthly Bulletin

August 2024

Wesley Church Centre  Chester

The **Methodist Church** 



Worship Services - July

4th August	10.30 am	Café Style Worship - Revd Helen Caine
11th August	10.30 am	Morning Worship - John Bell
18th August	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion - Revd Claire Heald Open Table
25th August	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Morning Worship - Local Arrangement Quiet Space

Quiet Space

A time of reflection, simplicity and stillness. We don't have a Quiet Space session in August but start back in September.

Open Table - * Date Change for August *

An ecumenical worshipping Christian community that meets at Wesley monthly on the 2nd Sunday. It offers a warm welcome to people who are LGBTQIA+ and all who seek an inclusive church.

This month's service has been moved to **18th August** to coincide with Chester Pride weekend. 6.30 at Wesley.

Wesley Church Centre 'Open Door'

Opening times for the Café, Fairtrade Shop, visiting and Worship Area: **Tues: 10.00am - 2.30pm, Weds to Sat: 10.00am - 2.00pm**

Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts

12.45 to 1.35pm, retiring collection

Summer break during August

3 September	Callum McLachlan (piano) <i>with an optional part 2 recital at 1.45pm</i>
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Welcome Service

In September we will be welcoming Rev Gordon Gresswell (who will be taking up the superintendent role) and Deacon Michaela Doherty to the North Cheshire Methodist Circuit. The welcome service will be on Tuesday **September 3rd**, 7.30pm at Frodsham Methodist Church.

Pride Bible Studies

There are two more Pride bible studies where we look at different bible stories through an LGBTQ+ lens. We'll meet in the library corner of the worship area after Sunday morning worship. Bring some lunch, and we'll eat together before starting our study at 12.30 until 1.30. **All** are very welcome!

The dates are: **4th August and 11th August.**

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Pastoral Concerns and Prayer Requests

Our Pastoral Team includes Revd Neil Stacey, Deacon Suzie Sale, Revd Claire Heald, Revd Helen Caine, Gillian Langrick, Beryl Colley-Davies and Jane Krause (Safeguarding). It meets every other month. If you have a prayer request, please contact Gillian on 679087 or Beryl on 659574, who will pass your request in confidence round the Wesley Telephone Prayer Chain. Liz Barton (Circuit Office) will send emails out if required.

Notices

Wesley Crèche and Toddler Groups

Toddlers and Crèche sessions are closed now for the holidays and re-start on Wednesday **4th September** at 10.30.

Monday Fellowship

Meetings take place on the first Monday in the month, at 2pm in the Coffee Lounge. All are welcome, for friendship and a chat over refreshments. Contact Gillian on 01244 679087. The group have decided to hold a meeting in August due to popular demand! It will be on **August 5th**.

Ukraine Independence Day Event

There will be an event held at Wesley to celebrate Independence Day in Ukraine on Saturday 24th August at 2pm. All are welcome.

24.08.24 at 14.00

**PLEASE JOIN US AT WESLEY CHURCH ON
ST JOHN STREET, CHESTER**

IN PROGRAM: UKRAINIAN SOUVENIRS FAIR, FACE PAINTING,
UKRAINIAN SWEETS FOR DONATIONS (KIDS FUNDRAISING IDEA)
UKRAINIAN FOOD, SONGS AND POETRY.
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OUR FRONT LINE MEDICS



ANOTHER YEAR OF OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!
INDEPENDENCE THAT IS GROWING ON BLOOD AND SACRIFICES. WE ARE STILL STANDING.

YES - WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING EVERYONE WHO HAS FALLEN



August 24th will be the monthly 'Women in Black' silent vigil. If you would like to join them, they meet outside Chester Town Hall from 11am to 12pm. Women in Black is a world-wide network of women committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to injustice, war, militarism and other forms of violence.

Bread Together - new venture

The Bread Together grassroots cooperative will be onsite at Wesley on Friday afternoons selling their freshly made loaves and rolls from their Canal Street microbakery.

Queens Park Housegroup

This fellowship is a bible discussion group held monthly at a members home of an evening. For more information or to join, contact Beryl Colley-Davis on 01244 659574.

Chester Pride - August 17th

Wesley will be joining the Chester Pride parade again this year and we invite anyone who would like to take part to join us! The parade begins at **12pm** and we'll gather at Wesley from **11am**. We aim to leave Wesley to head down to Castle Square at 11.30. Please contact the office at Wesley if you'd like to join us so that we have some idea of numbers.

If you're not able to join the parade, it will go down St John's Street as in previous years, and so please do come along and give us a wave as we pass!

If you do join with other supporters at Wesley on the day please do note that there is a wedding booked just after lunch. It's a same sex wedding, the first at Wesley, and although it's booked the same day as Chester Pride, this is just a happy coincidence! Please be mindful that there may be members of the wedding party arriving while the parade takes place.

Craft Session

One of the events we're planning in the run up to Chester Pride is a craft session run by Ceri Harris, head of equality and human rights for the North Wales healthboard. Ceri is running these sessions as part of a community quilt project to help raise awareness of, and end the stigma of, HIV. You're invited to come along to design and craft a square which Ceri will then add to the quilt.

It's free to attend and Ceri provides all of the materials. We'd love as many of you as possible to join us at this session!

August 10th, 2pm to 4pm