



The **Methodist** Church

Wesley Focus on August



Farm Garden with Crucifix by Gustav Klimt

Wesley Chapel Harrogate

Welcome to Wesley Chapel

We really enjoy welcoming visitors to Wesley Chapel and we hope your time with us will be enjoyable and uplifting. If you are new to Harrogate or just new to Wesley Chapel, we would love to welcome you back and tell you a bit more about what we do here and hopefully get to know you a little more.

If you would like to remain in contact with us please speak to the minister, stewards or the person who welcomed you into the church and let us know your preferred method of contact.

Welcome again!

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The deadline for 'Wesley Focus on September' is 26 August

Please send any notices, news, articles, photographs to Judith Yeats: 01423 506014, judithyeats0@gmail.com. Wesley 'Focus on August' is also on the website. If you would also like to receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail please let Judith know.

COVER PICTURE

Farm Garden with Crucifix by Gustav Klimt.

Gustav Klimt (July 14, 1862 – February 6, 1918) was an Austrian painter best known for his erotic paintings of women, which were influenced by Japanese art and its methods.

Klimt painted several cottage styled pieces that illustrate the countryside. This was a departure from his usual art nouveau, and is more of an impressionist style, highlighting the beauty of nature. The painting illustrates a calm garden that transcends into a forest, and includes a pole with a crucifix of Jesus Christ and a miniature statue of mother Mary. The crucifix, and Mother Mary statute are covered in an array of bright flowers that seem to grow on the pole covered in vegetation. Shades of yellow pop out near the top of the structure, with different coloured flowers near the bottom. A common characteristic of the artist's flowers in all paintings was that they always carried a yellow centre in the middle.

The remainder of the canvas is painted with classic shades of green to illustrate the vegetation of the Austrian landscape and leads to a forest, portraying the birch trees that were prevalent in the countryside where he lived.

It was at the end of his career that Klimt began exploring the concept of religion within his art, perhaps due to the abrupt death of his father and brother. The work was painted just before the First World War, when tensions were mounting in the region. The empire of Austria was weakening and the aggression in the Balkans was strengthening. The small simple crucifix, lonely and isolated in Klimt's beloved countryside haven, possibly appealed to him as a beacon of hope.

The painting was destroyed by a fire caused by German armed forces in Austria during World War Two.

Judith Yeats

<https://www.gustav-klimt.com/Country-Garden-with-Crucifix.jsp>

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

We are always pleased to welcome *Save the Children* to Wesley for its charity coffee mornings. The latest on 22 June was to celebrate the charity's centenary. The wonderful local volunteers went all out to mark this special occasion with cake and balloons, the customary excellent refreshments and of course their usual vibrancy and smiling faces. When the *Save the Children* shop closed in Harrogate some of

its volunteers joined us at Wesley to help at Tuesday Coffee and Forward Together, and we are very grateful for their continuing support and enthusiasm.. In September Jeanette Mowatt (*pictured below in Yorkshire Tea apron*) is, bravely, doing a wing-walk for the charity and has promised to write about her experience. We wish her well and look forward to reading all about it.



ABOVE AND RIGHT, celebrating 100 years of *Save the Children*



Thank you

I should like to say a huge thank you to my friends at Wesley for all the cards, good wishes, phone calls, visits, following my recent (very unexpected) eye operation. Your thoughts and prayers have been very much appreciated. A special thank you to Graham and Philip who have stepped in so readily and graciously to relieve me of organ duties.

With love. Judith



Please send me your news, photographs, articles. This is your Focus and we want to hear what you have been doing; any special visits or holidays or special events; any new family members; any new ideas for articles; your thoughts and views about what is happening in the world, or in the town, or in our church, and interesting items you read in the news.

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Wesley Chapel Regular Activities

Sunday Worship 10.30am every week.
Holy Communion included in the first Sunday of the month.

Network 2pm for 2.30pm fourth Monday in the month from October to April.

Bible Study at the home of Helen Evison, usually on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2 pm. Check with Helen to confirm and for further details, 01423 870725

Tuesday Coffee 10am-12noon every Tuesday in the foyer.

Prayer Meeting every third Tuesday of the month at about 11am in the Green Room.

Book Club every alternate month. Contact Judith Yeats for details, 01423 506014.

Forward Together. Coffee served from 10.45 am, lunch at 12 noon.

Journey Group usually on the first Thursday in every month. Contact Philip Goodwin for details, 01423 563990.

Wesley Guild monthly on Thursday afternoons from March to December. Contact Lynne Harvey for more details, 01423 568968.

Wesley Welcome Café fortnightly on Fridays from 1pm to 3pm in the Lower Hall. Contact Les Sudron for more details, 01423 797406
See pages 10 and 11 for more details of our activities this month.

Also visit www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk

From Nidd Valley Prayer Diary

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick?...

The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5.

Rotas

Sunday Morning Porch Duty

04 Aug. Janet & Shirley
11 Aug Katherine
18 Aug Shelagh
25 Aug Nancy
01 Sep Sue & Shirley

Sunday Worship Stewards

04 Aug Christine B & Shelagh
11 Aug Maureen & Mike
18 Aug Christine S & Les
25 Aug Jenny & Philip
01 Sep Christine B & Les

Communion Stewards

04 Aug Anita & Jenny
01 Sep Les & Christine S

Organist/Piano Accompanist

04 Aug Graham (Service in the
Lower Hall)
11 Aug Philip
18 Aug Barbara
25 Aug Judith
01 Sep Graham

Sunday Morning Coffee

04 Aug Anita
11 Aug Sue & Margaret
18 Aug Katharine & Keith
25 Aug Eileen

Tuesday Coffee

30 Jul Helen & Eileen/Ian
06 Aug Jean & Wendy
13 Aug Keith & ANO
20 Aug Jean & Wendy
27 Aug Judith & Helen
03 Sep Wendy & Eileen

Forward Together

01 Aug

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Freda
11.50am-1.15pm Janet & E Clayton
12pm-2pm Eileen

08 Aug

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Pat
11.50am-1.15 Philip
12pm-2pm Hannah & Ann

15 Aug

10.30am-1pm Christine D &
Judith D
11.50am-1.15pm Ros & Jenny
12pm-2pm Eileen.

22 Aug

10.30am-1pm Christine & Pat
11.50-1.15pm Nancy
12pm-2pm Hannah

29 Aug

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Freda
11.50am-1.15pm Janet &
E. Clayton
12pm-2pm Eileen

05 Sep

10.30am-1pm Jenny & Pat
11.50am-1.15pm Philip
12pm-2pm Hannah & Ann

Wesley Activities

Worship

We warmly welcome any visitors to our services and invite you to stay behind afterwards for tea or coffee and a chat.

- 28 Jul 10.30am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon
- 04 Aug 10.30am** Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Ann Fox. This service will be held in the Lower Hall, due to an Art Exhibition in the Upper Hall
- 11 Aug 10.30am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Trevor Dixon
- 18 Aug 10.30am** Morning Worship led by Mr Don Rolls
- 25 Aug 10.30am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Ann Fox
- 01 Sep 10.30am** Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

Lunchtime Recitals

Monday 12 August at 1pm. Organ Recital. Graham Barber of Harrogate. Music by Bach, Frank, Mendelssohn-Bartoldy and Karg-Elert. Tickets £8.

Wednesday 28 August at 1pm. Organ Recital. Roberto Marini, Organist at Terano Cathedral, Italy.

Monday 9 September at 1pm. Organ Recital. Eleni Keventisidon. Athens and Rome.

Please note refreshments will not be served before the concert on these occasions.

Network

Network will recommence in October. (It would normally be September but this is not possible because of the World Cycling Championships).

Bible Study Group

Monday 19 August at 2pm At the home of Helen Evison. Please contact Helen for more details. Tel. 01423 870725.

Tuesday Coffee

Every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. Come and join us for a tea or coffee and a chat. There will be a prayer meeting in the Green Room at 11am on Tuesday 20 August, and Barbara will be playing the piano from 10.45 to 11.15 on Tuesday 27 August.

Book Club

Wednesday 14 August 2pm. In the Foyer. Discussing *The President's Hat* by Antoine Laurain, and *Madam Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. If you would like to join us, get reading and you will be very welcome. We will also choose our reading for the next six months.

Forward Together

Thursdays. Coffee served from 10.45am in the Lower Hall Lunch at 12 noon.

Journey Group

Journey Group will recommence in September.

Wesley Guild

Thursday 8 August at 2pm. Speaker Mrs. Catherine Field. *Around the world in 30 minutes!*.

Wesley Welcome Café

Our next sessions are **Friday 2 August** and **Friday 16 August** . We are open from 1pm until 3pm, just pop in any time and stay for as long as you wish. We serve tea, coffee, home baked cakes and biscuits. Come and join us for a chat or maybe join in a game of dominoes, do a jigsaw, read a book of poems, try a simple craft or just have a rest and a chat. Everything is informal and all are welcome especially people living with dementia and their families/carers. For more information ring Les on 797406 or just come along; you will be VERY WELCOME!

More events coming soon

Charity Coffee Mornings at Wesley From 10am.

Saturday 3 Aug. No coffee morning due to Art Exhibition.

Saturday 10 Aug. RSPCA

Saturday 17 Aug. Alfie's Army (local charity).

Saturday 24 Aug. Cats Protection

Saturday 31 Aug. No coffee morning due to premises being used for training purposes re World Cycling Championships.

Saturday 07 Sept. No coffee morning due to premises being used for training purposes re World Cycling Championships.

Saturday 10 August. Bilton Amblers. All walks start at 9.30 am on Bilton Methodist Church car park where we meet to arrange transport. Summer walks usually about 5-7 miles. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Janet Allen, 01423 524634, e-mail, janetallen09@btinternet.com or turn up on the day.

CIRCUIT MATTERS

Saturday 31 August 6.30pm Welcome Service for Rev. Moses John, at Woodlands. Do put this in your diaries and come along and welcome Moses to our circuit

METHODIST CHURCH REACTS TO NO DEAL BREXIT

An open letter to the new Prime Minister from leaders of 7 Christian denominations, including The Methodist Church, expresses concern that failing to agree a deal on Brexit will 'hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed'. The Church leaders say they have been 'compelled' to write to the new Prime Minister because of his position that leaving the European Union without a deal is acceptable. The letter warns that, in the event that a deal is not reached, 'In essence, the Government will be relying on the hope that our former EU partners are willing to co-operate even without an agreement – a huge gamble to take with the basic needs of our poorest citizens and communities.'

To read more, and the full letter visit <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/brexit-letter-july-19/>

HARROGATE WELCOMES THE WORLD

UCI World Road Cycling Championships. From 21 to 29 September 2019 our Circuit will be the focus of the 'World Cup of Cycling' - the UCI World Road Cycling Championships.

As you have read previously, Wesley is being hired by the UCI organising committee to be its Volunteer Hub so will be closed for 2.5 weeks to anyone who doesn't have security clearance to enter the building. The Circuit Staff Team will be offering a Chaplaincy support there so its members will be going through the security clearance procedures.

Harlow Hill and Trinity are affected every day by the racing and will need circuit support (alongside support of the other 9 churches which are affected at least once - the only churches not directly on the route of a race are Park Grove, Kearby and Kirk Hammerton).

There will be no business meetings during the Championships in any church in the circuit. Consequently everyone is encouraged to put aside other activities for these 9 days and support the mission work in the circuit. Forms went out recently asking every person in every church **What can you do to help!** Ways in which you can help are:

- Setting up (opens at 8.30am)
- Catering
- Clearing tables and chatting
- Chatting to visitors inside
- Welcoming visitors outside
- Cashiers
- Praying with visitors

If you will not be in Harrogate during the Championships you can help by baking cakes (Trinity has a large freezer) or delivering leaflets to local hotels and establishments, before the event. If you have not filled in a form and would like to offer help please contact Judith Yeats

01423 506014, or judithyeats0@gmail.com.

For more info about the cycling and its affect on Harrogate visit <https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/what-harrogate-road-closures-will-big-cycling-event-bring-1-9370092>

DID YOU KNOW?

LIFELINE

Most of us are aware that one of our offices in the Lower Hall is rented out to a company called Lifeline. This organisation does an amazing job of finding people homes, and you can read more about its work if you visit its excellent website <https://lifelineharrogate.co.uk>. The work of Lifeline is to purchase and renovate housing to enable the homeless to have a route out of the Harrogate Homeless Project, and to be able to live independently, but with support. The first house was completed in January 2013.

Since then the following successes have been achieved:

- 16,400 nights of accommodation to 53 men since Feb 2013
- 26 men have had a successful move-on from us
- 60% of residents have found paid-employment whilst with us
- 73% have actively engaged with their support plan
- 70% have engaged in some meaningful activity
- 10 men have recovered from addiction
- Average stay with Lifeline is 310 nights
- 2 men's lives were saved by our interventions

We are delighted that Lifeline works from our premises, and congratulate it on its wonderful achievement.

HARROGATE HOMELESS PROJECT

There is to be a Harrogate edition of Monopoly, to be released in October this year? Several Harrogate charities will 'Pass GO' and the first charity that has been announced, due to popular vote by the public, is Harrogate Homeless Project. Congratulations Harrogate Homeless Project. You deserve the recognition.

COMING TO WESLEY

ROCK UP &
Worship

A small but enthusiastic group met together at Starbeck Methodist Church on 1 June for the Circuit's inaugural *Rock Up and Worship*. The "rock up" in the title means "turn up" and this is the essence of *Rock Up and Worship*. The musicians included keyboard, guitars, drums and clarinet and ukulele and

were a variety of ages, with the youngest being 9 years old.

The band was joined by members from around the circuit for an uplifting time of worship. We learned some contemporary worship songs and we sang some old favourites too. We watched a couple of inspiring videos and we prayed together. It was great to be able to worship together with others from different churches in a relaxed and informal setting.

Each *Rock Up and Worship* will stand alone, so you can come along to the next one, even if you missed the first one. If you are a musician, of whatever age or ability, you can join the band for the evening, even if you didn't make the first one. Singers are also welcome to join the musicians for the practice and form part of the band.

The next Rock Up and Worship will be held on **Saturday 26 October at the Wesley** Centre in Harrogate, so please put this date in your diary. More details to follow.

Sharon Wright

FAMOUS CHRISTIANS

First meal on the moon: how Buzz Aldrin took communion (and why NASA hushed it up). Almost everyone knows Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first people to stand on the moon. Almost everyone knows what Armstrong said: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' But how many know what Buzz Aldrin did before they stepped out on to the moon's surface?

Aldrin was a convinced Christian and an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Before the flight he had wondered about how to mark the landing. He wrote in an article for Guideposts magazine in 1970 that his pastor Dean Woodruff had told him 'God reveals himself in the common elements of everyday life' – like bread and wine. Woodruff gave him a silver chalice to take with him on the flight, and there was just enough gravity for him to be able to pour the wine from a plastic container.

He wrote in Guideposts: 'In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements.' He also read from John 15.5: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.'

Before he took communion, he radioed back to NASA: 'I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way.' NASA kept quiet about what he was actually doing, though. It was bruised by the activities of atheist campaigner Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who had fought a series of court battles – all of which she lost – against it because the crew of a previous mission, Apollo 8, had read out the creation story from Genesis during their orbit. She thought it violated the constitutional division between church and state.

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Famous Christians continued

The Bible and the moon have a lot more history besides all that, though. Three hundred microfilmed King James Versions were carried on the Apollo 14 mission at the instigation of the Apollo Prayer League, 100 of which went down to the moon in the lunar module with astronaut Edgar Mitchell

There's also a paper Bible still on the moon; it's on the dashboard of an abandoned lunar rover and was left there by Apollo 15 astronaut David Scott. **Author: Mark Woods, 20 July 2019. Extracted from the Bible Society Newsletter.**



Two amazing athletes and Christians.

Did you watch the Cricket World Cup Final between England and New Zealand. Or did you watch the Wimbledon Men's Single Final. Sadly they were both on at the same time, and they were both nail-biting finals. My granddaughter was watching the cricket and was hiding behind the settee, she couldn't bear to watch.

However, like many of you, I watched the Mens Wimbledon final between Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. I found this message on Facebook by Scott Brennan, a pastor at the Lighthouse Church who said he 'was amazed at (the players) athleticism and determination (and) decided to research both Djokovic and Federer to find out what drives a person to be so focused. He was pleasantly surprised to discover they are both Christians. Djokovic is Orthodox Christian and Federer is a Roman Catholic.

Both men have been incredibly generous financially in helping the poor and setting up charitable foundations to help disadvantaged people. They both have said that their fame and wealth should be used for common good rather than selfishly and that their faith is a key part of who they are, motivating them to be the person they are. I am encouraged by this, because Christianity in the west is often seen as a spent force when in fact it is motivating some of our top athletes and helping them choose to be ambassadors for good causes.'

Focus on Prayer

PRAYER

*Words have no value
other than to praise*

*teach me the way. Teach
me to raise
my voice in song, to sing*

*the joy and fear
of being. Write me an epitaph
of love, and then*

forget. Forget my foolish ways.

*Words have no value
other than to praise.*

Malcolm Loison (1970)