

Circuit letter 31.5.23

Rev Dr Paul Glass

As I stood looking at his hat, jacket and shoes it struck me again what a very small man John Wesley was. Even by the standards of his time he was certainly not tall.

I was stood (with Adam Payne) in John Wesley's house at City Road Methodist Church last week on May 24th - Aldersgate Day. And here - right in front of us - were the clothes worn by the great man himself. The man who, in his mid-thirties, had his life completely turned on its head by a meeting with the divine. A heart-warming experience that was to change everything.

Today there are millions of Methodists worldwide carrying on the Christian tradition that he started. There are schools, colleges, universities, hospitals. There are countless acts of kindness, love and justice taking place every day. All coming from a little man who decided to travel a quarter of a million miles on horseback telling people up and down the country of the love of God.

And it struck me once again - as I looked at his hat, jacket and shoes - that size has very little to do with anything really. We talk about Churches being big or small, we talk about numbers at worship being large or small. As far as I can see, whether something is large or small - whether we feel large or small in terms of our ability to do something - has very little to do with anything. It is all about God and how open we are to the moving of God in our hearts. It is all about our mindset and whether we are prepared to let our hearts be warmed by the Spirit.

John Wesley was a small man. And in May 1738 he was at his lowest ebb. But God had plans for John - and because he was open to the prompting of God...listening for what God had in store...something extraordinary happened.

May the same be true for us.

Paul

Resources/Good News

Carers Week 5-11 June

It's time to celebrate the UK's unpaid carers and recognise the huge amount they do. It's a national event to recognise and celebrate the UK's six million plus unpaid family and friend carers. For more information on what's happening in Surrey, have a look at [Carers Week 2023](#)

Godalming Community Gospel Choir

Godalming Community Gospel Choir invites you to join them at a Gospel Workshop from 9.30am to 1pm on Saturday 17 June at the United Church, Bridge Street, Godalming GU7 3DT. The workshop will be led by Clarence Hunte, Choir Director of Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir.

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If you are new to Gospel singing, this will be an excellent opportunity to get a flavour of GCGC's rehearsals. Existing choir members of both GCGC and other choirs, will find this a golden opportunity for choir development.

Places at the workshop (£25) can be booked by emailing info@gcgc.org.uk



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SATURDAY, 17TH JUNE

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WITH GUEST MUSIC DIRECTOR
CLARENCE HUNTE
CHOIR DIRECTOR OF SOUL SANCTUARY GOSPEL CHOIR



THE UNITED CHURCH BRIDGE STREET GODALMING GU7 3DT

If you are new to Gospel singing, this would be an excellent opportunity to get a flavour of what we are about at Godalming Community Gospel Choir. Existing choir members, (both at GCGC and elsewhere), will find this a golden opportunity for choir development. Clarence will challenge us and help us take our singing to a new level.

£25 Book via info@gcgc.org.uk or Eventbrite