

## THIS MONTH AT WIGMORE E.F.C.



**Treasure Seekers  
Church Group**  
For ages 3-11  
SUNDAY 11am



**Friday Club**  
For Young People  
aged 6-11  
FRIDAY 6.00-7.30pm



**10.16**  
For Young People  
Aged 12 and over  
FRIDAY 7.30-9.00pm



**Coffee Morning**  
Everyone welcome  
THURSDAY 10.30-12.00

*'Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering'*

Hebrews 13:3

**release**  
international  
voice of persecuted christians

Please take a look at the Release notice board at the back of the Church to find out information on the persecuted Church worldwide.

If you would like to receive the Release International bi-monthly magazine, please see David or Sylvia.

### **Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

The prayer meeting has rightly been called the 'powerhouse of the Church'

*Please come along if you possibly can*

### **Tea & Coffee** on Sunday evenings

**If you are a visitor to our Church we warmly welcome you and sincerely trust that you will feel at home here at Wigmore.**

**Please join us for coffee, tea and biscuits after our Sunday evening service.**



Wigmore Evangelical Free Church is a collection point for Medway Food Bank. There are containers in which to place your gifts in the entrance lobby. Why not buy a couple of extra items for the Food Bank when doing your weekly shop?

### **Thanksgiving**

The average weekly offering for September 2015 was £735 for which we give thanks to God for His provision.

**Reminder** - 'Breathe Easy' (an offshoot of the British Lung Foundation) use the Church hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month.

**Wigmore**  
Evangelical Free Church



**WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

# In Touch

**October 2015**

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

This weekend we will be privileged to witness Caleb and Jonathan passing through the waters of baptism in obedience to God's command. We will be keen to emphasise that this act of obedience will not save them – they are saved already by God's grace – but I wonder if we have ever considered how closely obedience is linked to salvation?

Obedience is an unpopular concept today. The word "obey" has largely been dropped from the vows a bride makes to her husband on her wedding day because it is seen as 'outdated' in these more 'liberated' times. To a child, the concept of obedience may be linked to a list of dos and don'ts designed to spoil their fun.

We should not be surprised by the unpopularity of the concept of obedience because we are told in Ephesians 2:2 that our "nature is disobedience". Adam's sin was deliberate disobedience to God's command and in Romans 5:19 Paul reminds us that through Adam's disobedience all of us were born sinners. We are born with a nature that can do no other but disobey God. Those of us who are parents know this to be truth – who has ever had to teach a child to disobey?!

Yet, at new birth there is a dramatic change: a new nature of obedience is implanted

within our heart. The Apostle Paul speaks of the "obedience of faith" which tells us that faith is regarded as an act of obedience to the gospel of Christ.

This holy seed of obedience is planted in the heart of the true believer but we must then develop it by co-operation with God. That is to say we must *learn* obedience. This learning and cultivating of obedience will demonstrate our salvation. A person who consistently refuses to obey God's teaching, serve Him or meet with His people is hardly likely to be a truly saved person. A continued obedience in the life of the believer expresses his genuine relationship with God and understanding of Him.

Furthermore, obedience shows our love for The Lord Jesus Christ, as He taught us, "If you love me, you will obey My commands." Loving Christ means obeying Him.

Finally, obedience is the way of peace and happiness. Just as disobedience leads to unrest, so obedience leads to blessing and peace.

May God make us all disciples in the happy school of obedience and may we obey Him always.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Tim

Sunday 4th October  
at 5.00 pm

## Jonathan & Caleb's Baptism

We are privileged to welcome family and friends of **Caleb Rodrigues and Jonathan Wood** on this exciting day when they publicly testify to their faith in Jesus Christ.

All guests are very welcome at this lovely event



## Tuesday 6th October Medway Rally

7.45pm at Waterford House  
101 Rede Court Road  
Strood, ME2 3TE

Speaker  
**Jeremy Walker from Crawley**

There will be no Bible Study / Prayer Meeting at Wigmore on that day.

## Thursday 8th October ...

Our regular Coffee Morning will be held specifically in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

You are invited to come along with your friends from **10.30 to 12.00**.

Please support this important cause



## The London Women's Convention Saturday 17th October Emmanuel Centre in Westminster.

It was really good last year and I'm thinking of going if anyone would like to join me. It's a little expensive at £24 and there's train fare to factor in as well but it was well worth it last time: You can get more info on the website: <http://www.christianconventions.org.uk/>  
Susan

*Does God want us to live in a cycle of constant chaos, rushing from one thing to the next, often feeling frustrated, exhausted or overwhelmed? Or actually does He have something far better in mind? This year's Convention will consider these issues as Susie Leafe teaches us from Luke 10.*

## Important Notice for Church Members

Wednesday 21st October  
7.30pm

## Annual General Meeting

If you are a leader of one of the Church activities, please let Russell have your annual report by Sunday 18th October at the latest.

Thank you

Thursday 22nd October  
7.45pm

## Ladies' Anniversary Meeting Waterford House, Strood

The invitation extends to men as well!

The speaker is Pastor Andrew Murray who will talk about his work at the Immanuel Community Church, Soho.

## SERVICE INFORMATION FOR THIS PERIOD

### Sunday 4th October

11.00 am Rev James Wood  
5.00 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Subject to be announced  
BAPTISM SERVICE

### Sunday 11th October

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Revelation 9:13-21  
Matthew 3:13-17 - John the Baptist

### Sunday 18th October

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Revelation 10:1-7  
John 3:22-30 - John the Baptist

### Sunday 25th October

11.00 am Rev Robert Winston  
6.30 pm Rev Robert Winston

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## PASTOR'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Tim will have served here for 25 years this November  
Please join with us on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November  
as we give thanks to God for our Pastor's ministry.

*Full details of the weekend's programme will be available shortly.*

### On Sunday 25th October

Pastor will be preaching at College Park Church, Lewisham. Robert Winston will be preaching here at Wigmore on that day.

### GIFT AID

If you give regularly to the Church and are a tax payer, why not consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. Your giving will be increased at no cost to yourself. Also you may like to consider giving by standing order.

Please see David Chalkley for details.

## WIGMORE'S GOT TALENT

Well done to everyone who shared their talent with us at our WGT event.

It was a great evening. Thanks to Mark & Alle for organising the event and to all who helped to make it such a success.

