

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



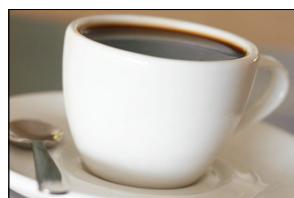
**Treasure Seekers**  
Church Group  
For ages 3-11  
SUNDAY 11am



**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

### Book review:

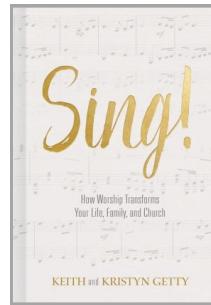
"Sing! How worship transforms your life, family and church" by Keith and Kristin Getty

This is a very readable short book which will help us to understand the role singing has to play in our Christian lives. The authors have written many of the modern hymns that we have come to know and love at Wigmore and now this book gives us biblical and practical advice to promote meaningful worship through our singing. It is helpful for everyone; from the most reluctant singer to the most enthusiastic, from those who cannot sing in tune to those who sing complex harmonies! Congregational singing is a beautiful tool we have been given to declare the excellence of God - it strengthens the church and shares God's glory with the world. 'Sing!' reminds us that we are created to sing, commanded to sing and compelled to sing.

It is a warm and encouraging read and also challenges us to be those who "sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Eph 5:19)

**PS** I have purchased a limited number of copies of "Sing!" at the specially discounted price of £5 per copy. They are available at the back of the church - please help yourself but do also be mindful of who you could share the book with! If you would like to contribute to the cost of purchasing these please leave your contribution in the pot provided.

Thank you - Susan



### Sing "The Gift"

Our first two rehearsals have been very encouraging with a good number attending. The songs are proving very easy to pick up and the rehearsal times have been good fun. There is still room for you if you'd like to give it a try - attending once doesn't commit you to anything so you have nothing to lose by coming and seeing if it's something you'd enjoy!

**Rehearsals** Wednesday evening 7:30-8:30 with the aim of performing a concert the week before Christmas.



## WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

# In Touch

**October 2017**

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## Pastor's Message

**Dear Friends,**

Christian growth is by no means a straight-line graph. We may like it to be, but at no time does spiritual growth take place without obstacles presenting themselves. The Bible consequently sees the Christian life as a spiritual warfare and gives a three-fold analysis of the opposition the Christian encounters; it comes from the world, the flesh and the devil. As in all warfare the two essential elements in victory are knowing your enemy and knowing your resources.

As for enemy number one, the world means the world of men and things oriented, as it is, against God. Scripture in this sense says we are not to be rooted out from our hearts. The love of the world is the enemy of love for the Father. We cannot have both. Love for the world hinders spiritual growth.

Enemy number two is the flesh. By the flesh scripture means our fallen condition and sinful tendencies. While Christians are no longer in the flesh, that is to say no longer dominated and ruled by these sinful propensities, they are not free from their presence and influence. In order to overcome these sinful tendencies, Paul states in Col 3.5 "Put

*to death therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is Idolatry."*

But then fill your life with Christlike characteristics Cor 3.12 "*Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*" In this way you will leave less and less room for sinful ones.

Enemy number three, the devil. He is eager to wreck and destroy the faith of God's people. He's the great deceiver and tempter. So, Paul tells us to take our stand. How do we withstand the devil? By taking and wearing the armour of God that has been supplied for us. Eph 6. 10 – 20. We can have every confidence in this armour because it has already been worn and successfully tested by our Lord himself.

In order to grow and overcome obstacles, let us know our enemy, know our resources and know that we fight from victory.

Your friend in Christ,

*Timothy.*

**COME AND JOIN US HERE  
FOR THIS SPECIAL FREE EVENT**

## **Creation Weekend**

### **Creation v Evolution**

**What do YOU think?**

**FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT 7 PM**

Showing of a creation film  
followed by free tea, coffee and biscuits

**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT 4PM AND 5PM**

Two talks by Creation Ministries International  
with tea, coffee and biscuits in between

There will be a question and answer  
session after the second talk followed by a  
FREE BUFFET MEAL AT 6.15PM



### **Tuesday 3rd October**

We are very pleased to announce that **Leon & Susan Thomas** will be speaking at the midweek meeting.

As you know, we support Susan and Leon's work, as they serve the Lord in Cambodia. This is a needy work, and it would be a great encouragement to them if you come along to this meeting.

### **Harvest**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday 8th October at 11.00 am.

You can leave your gifts of non perishable food in the container in the vestibule or bring them to the Church on Saturday morning 7th October.

We are grateful for all your contributions which will be donated to Medway Food Bank.

### **Laser Quest! Saturday 21st October 3:20pm in Whitstable £8.50**

Rachael has booked two games of Laser Quest at the centre in Whitstable - a fun afternoon of running about shooting one another with lasers (lovingly of course!). If you would like to join us please speak to Rachael for more info

### **Shoebox Appeal.**

We have a number of shoeboxes to fill for the

#### **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal.**

The shoeboxes need to be filled with items from a provided list of suggestions and will be distributed to needy children around the world. Each shoebox also needs to be accompanied with a £5 donation to cover the cost of distribution.

Please help if you can by filling a box, or by providing some items if you can't fill a complete box, or even by donating some money to help cover the distribution costs (we have committed to 50 boxes!)

*Please see Rachael for details or to offer to help. Thank you.*

### **Sunday 15th October**

Our Pastor will be preaching away at Lewisham on the 15th October.

Robert will be preaching both morning and evening on that day.

## **SERVICE INFORMATION FOR THIS PERIOD**

### **Sunday 1st October**

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Revelation 22:18-19  
John 12:31-33

### **Sunday 8th October**

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Harvest Service  
Harvest

### **Sunday 15th October**

11.00 am Robert Winston  
6.30 pm Robert Winston

To be announced  
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### **Sunday 22nd October**

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

Revelation 22:20-21  
To be announced

### **Sunday 29th October**

11.00 am Pastor Timothy Wood  
6.30 pm Pastor Timothy Wood

To be announced  
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### **Prayer Meeting and Bible Study**

Every Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting

### **Wisdom from the Past**

The gospel is preached indiscriminately to the elect and to the reprobate; but the elect alone come to Christ, because they have been 'taught by God'.  
*John Calvin on Preaching.*

It is a simple truth to say that there can be no strong ministry, and no effective Church to-day without preaching. If preaching should ever be considered as 'out of date' it is pretty certain that Christianity will soon be considered in the same light.  
*W.H. Griffith Thomas in Ministerial Life & Work.*

O God, grant that we may all realize that this (preaching) is a matter of the most solemn concern.  
*C. H. Spurgeon on Preachers in 'Quotations' item 1058.*



'Soul' is Christianity Explored for young people aged from 14 to 17. It is held every week in the Church up to Wednesday 1st November.

If you, or someone you know, would like to take this journey through Mark's Gospel, please feel free to join the group this Wednesday at 6.30 pm.