



# West Bergholt Methodist Church

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# THE LINK

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Please note that we are no longer holding Sunday morning services in our Chapel. Transport will be arranged to a service at another Methodist church within the Colchester Circuit. Please contact Judith, 01206 241969, or Andrew, 01206 242511, if you would like a lift.

All other activities are continuing as usual.

Please join us for a **new venture** we are starting. We are beginning a monthly **mid week informal worship** activity in our hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 11.00am. The first such event will be on **Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by our Minister, Rev Ken Chalmers. All are welcome.

If you would like to come to any of the services, or any other church activities, but would need a lift, please phone 01206 242511 or 241969.

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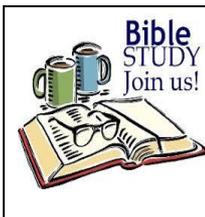
## OTHER MEETINGS

Please feel free to join us at any of these – you will be made most welcome...

### FELLOWSHIP



Will start again in September and our meeting will be at 2.30pm  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
The speaker will be from the local charity, Benin Christian Support.



Our Bible Study Book Club starts again in **October** and meets every third Wednesday, next meeting **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am** in our hall. All are welcome.

The next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on  
Weds. 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 10 - 11.30am  
**BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU**  
Coffee or Tea and Biscuits - 50p  
Gifts for Cake and General Stalls will be appreciated.



**Books and Greetings Cards will be on sale**  
Thank you for your support. Results – July £44-17,

August £37-15.

## Farewell Celebration Weekend September 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>

We are holding a weekend of activities in our Chapel and Hall, "Methodist Memories", as a farewell celebration for the 139 years of Methodist service and worship in our Chapel and community, even longer in the village. The Chapel and hall will be opened from 2-6 on both days. There will be a Quiz in the hall on Saturday evening at 7.00pm. The weekend will finish with a service at 4.00pm Sunday afternoon followed by tea and cake in the hall. Volunteers to be in the Chapel and Hall over the weekend would be welcome. Donations of cakes etc for refreshments would also be appreciated. If you have any memories, photos and/or memorabilia that could be displayed please speak to one of the stewards.

## QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm IN THE HALL

TABLES OF FOUR at £20

Light Refreshments will be served. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles and soft drinks (sorry no alcohol allowed). Book your table by contacting JUDITH (01206 241969)

**Methodist Homes for The Aged** –The sum of £35 was raised from the MHA envelope donations. Thanks to all who supported.

## Free Family Fun Festival Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>

In the Lower Castle Park from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Activities planned already include donkey rides, face painting, a dog show, live music, a barbecue and tea tent. Everything is free except food. Free entry – all are welcome.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed. Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Mid week worship in the hall at 11.00  
Sat. Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Free Family Fun day in the Castle Park.  
Sat. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Quiz evening in Hall at 7.00pm.  
Sat/Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Methodist Memories weekend  
Wed Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid week worship in the hall at 11.00  
Sat. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Circuit Study day  
Sun. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Service in the Orpen Hall at 10.45am.

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Wilks by the third Sunday in September – September 16<sup>th</sup> please.

# Methodist

## Celebration

## September

Open days at Church and Hall

2.00pm to 6.00pm

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Photos, history of Church,  
memorabilia, music, banners,  
displays by local groups,  
refreshments

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### *Did you know?*

> Mr George Garling started playing the organ in our Chapel when he was only 12/13 years old. He continued to be the Church organist for 61 years! He was followed by Miss E. Worth (later Mrs Essie Polley) who also played as Church organist for over 50 years.

> Who is this? At 9 years old the quietest member of the family and a little shy but quite a tease. He enjoys playing football and cycling and is coping very well with playing the piano and playing his sisters up! A clue - it is from "News and Notes" 1984.

> When was the Manse in West Bergholt built and for how many years did our Ministers live there?

> What is this building now? It was built in 1838 and served as a Methodist Chapel and then school room before being sold in 1950.

# Memories

## Weekend

## 29th/30th

Quiz night Saturday September

29th at 7.00pm in the hall

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Celebration Service led by Rev  
Ken Chalmers Sunday September

30th at 4.00pm

All Welcome

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> When was our present Chapel built and whose names are on the two foundation stones at the front? If you can remember the Centenary celebrations and/or the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary that will give you a big clue to the first part!

> How many Ministers have served our Church from 1944 to the present day?

> Who wrote "One hundred *and eighty* years ago West Bergholt must have been a very different place from today – and always a Methodist Chapel has stood there as a symbol of God's ever present love. The village changes, the Chapel changes, styles of worship change, but always the reality which underlies remains the same."?

> All this and more at the "Methodist Memories" weekend in the displays and history of our Church.

All welcome to visit and find the answers but  
sorry no prizes!