



JOHN WESLEY'S
NEW ROOM

What's On

Spring

February - April 2023

EXHIBITION • WORKSHOPS • MUSIC • TALKS • FAMILY ACTIVITIES



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36 The Horsefair, Bristol, BS1 3JE

Who are we?

The world's oldest Methodist building in the centre of Bristol, John Wesley's New Room– the Room that changed the world.

John Wesley started a mission here that sparked a worldwide movement. His message of social justice for all remains pertinent in the 21st century and still changes lives today. A must-see heritage site, nestled amongst the shops in Broadmead, John Wesley's New Room consists of an 18th century chapel, museum, café and contemporary venue hire space – a place where everyone is welcome to explore, step back, reconnect and recharge.

Museum

Discover how the New Room played a vital role in providing healthcare and education for those in need and how John Wesley took a stand against slavery.

Explore 12 rooms which bring to life the work of early Methodism. Find out more about the challenges faced by Wesley in his fight for social justice and be inspired to continue that work today.

Adult £7, Concs. £6, Children £4
Family Tickets available



Cafe

Enjoy delicious homemade cakes, a wide selection of drinks, light lunches and afternoon teas*.

Open Monday - Saturday, 10am-4pm

*Afternoon teas pre-book only



Shop

Visit our shop for gifts and books inspired by the Wesley family, supporting independent, local authors and artists. We also have a vast range of second-hand books for you to browse.



Community

Bristol 650: Who was John Wesley?



Wednesday 8 March 6.30-8pm

As part of celebrating 650 years of Bristol becoming a city and county, take a tour around John Wesley's New Room to learn more about the man who influenced the city in the Georgian era. From speaking out against the slave trade to improving prison conditions and empowering women, John Wesley is little-known in Bristol. However his story of childhood drama, lost loves and commitment to social justice is worth discovering.

Tickets £6.50

Ancient Ukraine-Britain A Common Heritage

25 March - 1 April 10am-4pm.

A collection of paintings, traditional crafts, embroidery and historic costumes showcasing the richness of Ukrainian heritage for over 8,000 years.

With music performances from Info-Art-Frontier UA

Free exhibition on display in the chapel



Good Friday Service

Friday 7 April, 1-1.30pm

All are welcome to join our Good Friday Communion service with hymns and prayers.

Weekly Activity

Museum Guided Tours, 11.30am-12.30pm.
Returning April 2023, days of the week vary.
Free with admission.

Wednesday Community Choir, 12-1pm
From 18 January during term time
£4 per rehearsal.

Friday Communion Service, 1-1.30pm



Music



Classical

The Bristol Ensemble: Vivaldi Four Seasons by Candlelight

Friday 3 February, 7.30pm - doors 7pm, café bar 6.30pm

Roger Huckle Director / Soloist

The Bristol Ensemble bring their memorable performances of Baroque masterpieces to the atmospheric candlelit chapel including Pachelbel's Canon as well as music by Bach, Vivaldi, Albinoni and Telemann.

Tickets from £18

Community

Community Choir: Spring Concert

Wednesday 29 March, 12-1pm

Come and be refreshed, uplifted and cheered by the melodious songs of our Community Choir. With popular tunes guaranteed to put a spring in your step.

Free, donations welcome.

Ukraine: A Rich Heritage

Saturday 25 & Thursday 30 March, 2-2.45pm

Discover 8,000 years of Ukrainian culture through music and poetry.

Free, donations welcome for Info - Art - Frontier UA

Folk at the New Room

Laurel Swift & Friends

**Thursday 16 March, 7.30pm - doors 7pm,
café bar 6.30pm**

Laurel Swift is joined by Deb Chalmers (fiddle), Steph West (harp), Sarah Moody (cello), Nic Janaway (voice) and Matt Norman (mandolin) for a celebration in music and dance that bookmarks Laurel's recent creative time in Bristol ahead of a 2-year USA stint! Songs from Travelling with Thomas Folk Musical, some very new 3/2 hornpipes, lush harmony and even a spot of clog dance.

Tickets from £13 advance



Old Spot, with Rhona Dalling

**Thursday 20 April, 7.30pm - doors 7pm,
café bar 6.30pm**

Joe Danks and Rowan Piggott bonded over a shared passion for Appalachian music. Expect foot stomping old-time music on fiddle, banjo, gourd banjo and guitar. Old Spot sees two musicians from different traditions come together to explore a shared musical love, creating traditional music that is bursting with joy and imagination.

With support from Rhona Dalling.

Tickets from £13 advance

Venue Hire Space

Do you need a space for workshops, meetings or special events? Our Horsefair room has capacity for up to 50 people (theatre style). Hire includes use of A/V equipment, break-out balcony space and access to refreshments. Breakfast and lunch packages are available.

From the 18th century chapel and courtyard to the contemporary, dramatic atrium. We also have spaces available for evening hire to suit a variety of events.

Contact venuehire@newroombristol.org.uk



Family Fun

Wesley's World of Marvellous Medicines

During the February half term holidays, come and explore Wesley's world of marvellous medicines.

Curious Cure Trail

11 - 18 February, 10am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Hidden in the museum are mysterious potion bottles. Can you find some of the ingredients that Wesley used to create his cures? What do you think you would use them for?

Free with admission to the museum

Marvellous Medicine Workshops

16 & 17 February, 11am-3pm

Discover how herbs are used in natural remedies and make your own mini herb garden to take away.

£4 per child



Easter Holidays

Follow The Flock: Easter Trail

1 - 15 April

Get ready for the Easter Animal Trail! More than 40 schools and groups will decorate sheep, which will be hidden around the shops in Broadmead, Cabot Circus and The Galleries.

Pick up a leaflet - How many sheep can you find? Organised in partnership with Broadmead BID and The Ark Bus/Methodist Church

Friday Films

Friday 14 April

Take a break from sheep spotting to join us for Friday Films. We'll be continuing the sheep theme with two films in a day!

Shaun the Sheep Movie 10.30am-12.30pm

Shaun the Sheep Farmageddon 2-4pm

£4 per child/per session including popcorn





Enjoy an Experience

Bubbles with Bubbly : Artisan Soap Making Workshop with a Sparkling Afternoon Tea

Saturday 18 March, 3pm-6pm

You'll learn how to make your very own hand-crafted soap, using traditional methods and natural ingredients. Discover the history behind soap making from artisan soap maker of Margaret May Soaps who will share her experience and knowledge with you whilst you enjoy delicious food and a bottle of fizz for two!

The experience includes:

- Your very own soap created by you
- Soap making workshop delivered by an expert, artisan soap maker
- Afternoon tea for two featuring a selection of open sandwiches and wraps, mini home-made cakes, and pastries.
- Home-made fruit scones
- A choice of speciality organic teas or organic coffee
- A bottle of chilled fizz (Non-alcoholic available)

Ticket £110 (price for 2 people)

Add a third ticket for £40

A great gift for Mother's Day x

Drawing for Mindfulness with Afternoon Cream Tea

Saturday 25 February & Saturday 11 March, 2-4pm

A reflective afternoon with Bristol artist Simon Tozer, followed by a cream tea. Workshops with illustrator Simon are back by popular demand.

Enjoy a chance to unwind in the peaceful surroundings of an 18th century chapel as you learn simple drawing exercises.

£35 per person



Exhibition

Death to Life: Image, Expression & Symbolism - Highlights from the Methodist Modern Art Collection

18 February – 8 April

Death to Life is a reflective exhibition which brings together works by four twentieth century artists showcasing depictions of the Crucifixion. This Spring exhibition aims to evoke a sense of discovery through meaning, expression and symbolism.

Free with admission to the museum

Seeing the Spiritual

Thursday 23 March, doors open 6.30pm, 7-8pm

Join us for a talk by the art historian Professor Ann Sumner, Chair of the Methodist Modern Art Collection Management Committee.

In this season of Lent Ann will explore the foundation and rich history of the Collection, focusing on the key works featured within the exhibition.

Tickets £5, includes exhibition admission

Easter at Charles Wesley's House

3-6 April, 11.30am-12.30pm

This Easter, tour the home of one of the world's most famous hymn writers. Enjoy Easter hymns, spring floral displays and discover how this holiday was celebrated in the 18th century. Finish with an Easter biscuit in the family music room.

Pre-book tickets from £6



Francis N Souza - The crucifixion - from the Methodist Modern Art Collection © TMCP, used with permission.

Next season...

Kingswood 275

2023 marks the 275th anniversary of Kingswood School in Bath, but the origins of the school began in Kingswood, Bristol.

From 24 April John Wesley's New Room will showcase an exhibition exploring its Bristol story and the people who shaped its early beginnings.

**Free with admission
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