



Museum of Methodism and John Wesley's House



# Methodist Musings

Learning Programme

Key Stages 3, 4 & 5

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# About the Programme

This programme will bring Wesley's Chapel alive for your students.

As a current place of worship and the very roots of Methodist heritage the site will help students understand why the faith was founded in the 1700s, why it is still practised today and how it differs from other forms of Christianity.

This programme includes a brief tour of the Museum of Methodism as well as Wesley's Chapel and an art workshop to give pupils an experience of Methodism as a whole through looking and making.

## Aim

To enhance your teaching of the National Framework for RE/local syllabi units on; practises and ways of life in religions, worship, beliefs, ritual, symbols, religious expression, sacred places and sacred occasions for believers.

To encourage thought and debate about the role of art in a sacred space and to use it as inspiration for their own work.

If you wish to visit John Wesley's grave, the oldest public toilets in London or the gift shop please allow an extra 10 minutes for each to your day (this may have to be teacher led)

*"Thanks you so much for the session today. The film was very informative and the two guides were fantastic!! Can I say that your individual conversations with the students proved very informative. You did manage to tell them what they needed to know."*

- Copthall School, London, 2017

# Activities

## Who was John Wesley?

Pupils will be lead on a tour around John Wesley’s House where he spent the last few years of his life and where he died. The main highlights of the tour are; his prayer room which is considered the “powerhouse of Methodism”, his kitchen with original table and dresser, his bedroom where he died, his study with Wesley’s original writing bureau, study chair, clock and electrical machine. Pupils will be encouraged to look at what is around them and think about what the objects tell us about how he lived.

## Methodist Worship

The class will be taken into the chapel and asked to look around them, they will be able to ask questions about what they can see and hear. Pupils will learn about Christian symbols, objects and art. If teachers wish we can include a quiet moment for reflection.

## Methodism in Objects

Pupils will get a closer look at objects of historic importance in our collections with our curator, such as the quill that Wesley used to wrote his last letter with, objects containing his hair and paintings.



# Please note...

## General Points

Please be aware that the Chapel is a place of worship and should be respected.

Please also be aware that the site will be open to other visitors and the general public.

As the graveyard is outside pupils are advised to dress appropriately in outdoor weather when visiting Wesley's grave.

## Access

Wesley's Chapel and Museum of Methodism are suitable for wheelchairs and disabled access, however Wesley's House is not as the rooms are only accessible via numerous stairs. Please see the virtual tour of the house here: <http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/vhouse.htm>

Currently we have no resources for children who are visually or audibly impaired.

## Fee

We currently do not charge for our Learning Programmes but donations are welcome.

## Lunch Space

If you wish to book a room for lunch after the programme please let us know at least two weeks in advance of your visit date.

Toilets are available to the right of the Chapel and outside the Museum.

## Behaviour

The discipline of the group is the responsibility of the teachers and helpers from the visiting school. Staff and volunteers retain the right to terminate a visit if they do not feel supported. Please see the Teachers Pack for guidance on visiting a heritage site.

No alcohol or drugs may be brought or consumed on the site. Smoking is not permitted indoors.

Please emphasise to pupils before they visit that they must not touch or lean on the objects and furniture in Wesley's House for conservation reasons.

## Timetable

Group 1	Time	Duration (minutes)	Location
Welcome and Toilet	10.00	10	Museum
Introduction Video	10.10	20	Museum
Methodism in Objects	10.50	20	Museum
Methodist Worship	10.40	30	Chapel
Who was John Wesley?	11.10	20	Wesley's House
Shop & Exit	11.30		

Group 2	Time	Duration (minutes)	Location
Welcome and Toilet	10.00	10	Museum
Introduction Video	10.10	20	Museum
Who was John Wesley?	10.30	20	Wesley's House
Methodist Worship	10.50	30	Chapel
Methodism in Objects	11.10	20	Museum
Shop & Exit	11.30		

## The Site

- ① Street
- ② Main Gate
- ③ Courtyard
- ④ Chapel Doorway
- ⑤ Vestibule
- ⑥ Chapel
- ⑦ Museum
- ⑧ Tomb
- ⑨ Foundry Chapel
- ⑩ Toilets
- ⑪ Wesley's House

