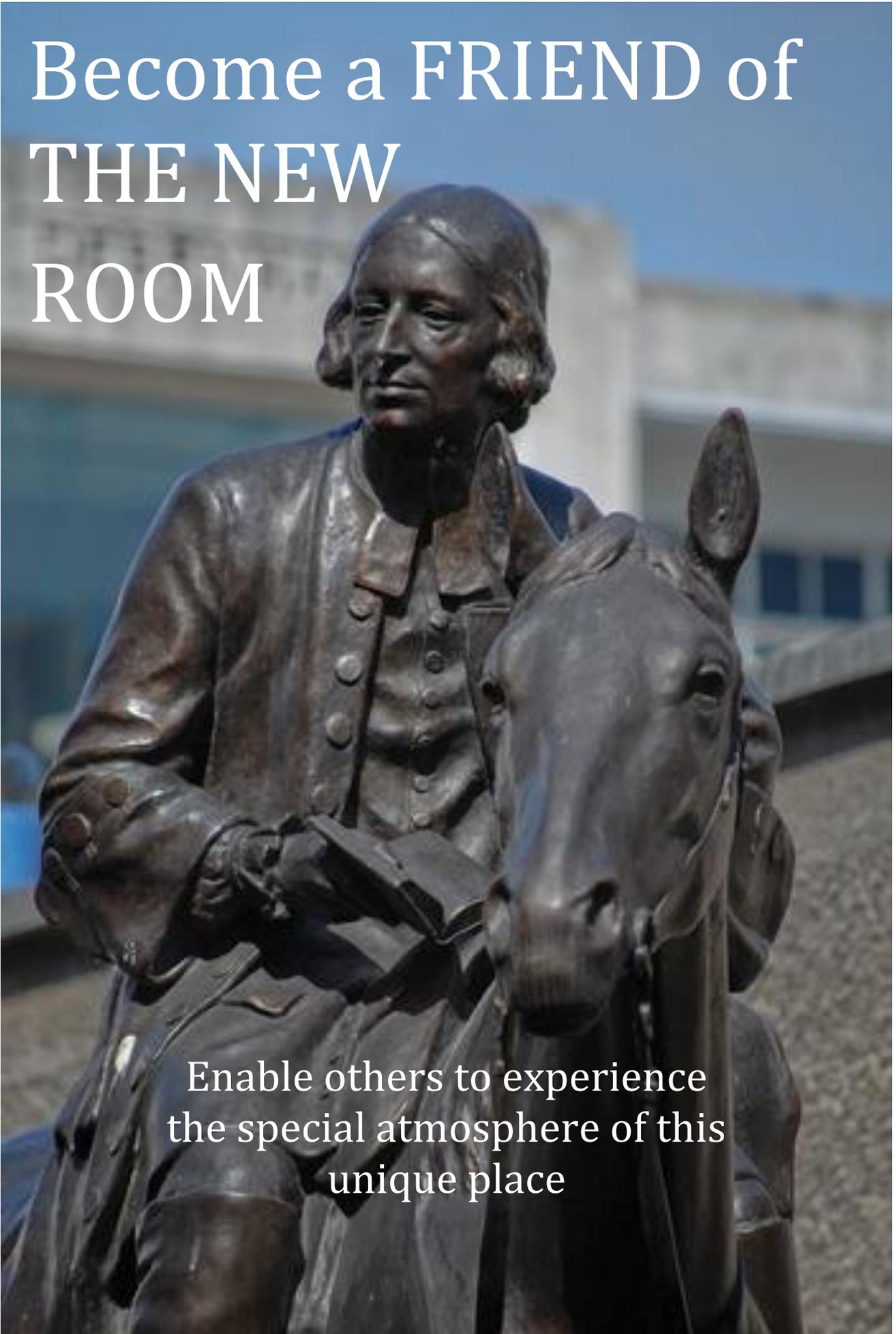


Become a FRIEND of THE NEW ROOM

Enable others to experience
the special atmosphere of this
unique place



JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY CREATED A MOVEMENT THAT STILL HELPS SHAPE THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE



The New Room, built in 1739 and extended in 1748, was their first headquarters and is the oldest Methodist building in the world. It was from Bristol that John and Charles began to travel the length and breadth of the country preaching the gospel. It was in the New Room that

- the structure of the early Methodist societies was created
- the first lay preachers met and were encouraged in their faith
- John Wesley created a medical dispensary for the poor and promoted the abolition of slavery
- Charles Wesley heard some of his hymns sung for the first time

In the New Room you can see not only John Wesley's chapel but also his rooms and even the place where he kept his horse. The Museum area upstairs contains some of his personal belongings, alongside pictures, books, and artefacts that tell the story of his life and how the Methodist Church came to be founded. There is also a library for those wishing to undertake research. A shop offers for sale items about the Wesleys not easily found elsewhere. Visitors can also arrange to see Charles Wesley's House, which is just a ten-minute walk away. It has

been restored to how it would have looked when Charles lived there, including the parlour, music room and kitchen. A number of the 9,000 hymns he wrote were produced there.

At the New Room you can attend special services and concerts and a weekly communion service on Fridays. This historic site still offers a warm welcome and a place for worship and

BECOME A FRIEND AND HELP US TO PRESERVE THIS PLACE OF

WORSHIP AND PILGRIMAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CHRISTIANS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD

The aims of the Friends are:

- to preserve and promote the New Room and Charles Wesley's House as places of historical and contemporary significance;
- to offer people opportunities for reflection, challenge and spiritual encounter;
- to develop the New Room as a heritage attraction, education resource, cultural venue and community facility in the heart of Bristol;
- to tell the story of John and Charles Wesley so as to increase people's understanding of their respective contributions and their relevance to today.

Please consider joining us whether you live close or far away.

Through serving as a Steward

The New Room and Charles Wesley's House can only stay open for visitors and offer guided tours through having around eighty people prepared to act as stewards on a rota basis. They provide the welcome that is so much appreciated by many of those who visit. No specific skills are required other than a friendly disposition and a willingness to meet people and engage in conversation, plus a readiness to learn about some of the history connected with the New Room and the House so that you can answer the most frequently asked visitor questions.

Some stewards also value the opportunity to support those visitors who come in need. This is what one of our stewards has to say about this:

'The New Room is not just a monument, not just a museum, but a living witness of Jesus Christ alive today..... As a steward I have been privileged to meet, among others, a failed asylum seeker, a recovering drug addict, a homeless person, a young man suffering from depression for seven years, a woman burdened with the problem of physically and mentally frail parents, a widow grieving for her dead husband. I have listened and I hope I have been able to offer them some support...'

If you think you might be interested in becoming a steward, a leaflet that provides more information is available or please contact the Co-ordinator of Stewards.

Through serving as a Vice-President

These are people who are in a position to promote the interests of the New Room either nationally or internationally .



BY GIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NOW OR IN THE FUTURE

Some of those who give of their time and talents also contribute financially, but donations are a very effective way of supporting the New Room (including Charles Wesley's House) by those whose circumstances prevent them giving physical assistance. Indeed without the financial support of many individuals from all over the world the New Room could not continue to function in the way that it does.

The New Room has no endowment. It depends almost entirely on the generosity of those who visit and those individuals who are prepared to support the work of our volunteers by becoming a financial Friend. This enables the Trustees to maintain the buildings and fund their running costs and to develop educational programmes, new museum displays, new publications, and run all the other activities of the New Room.

There are a variety of ways in which this financial support can be delivered as a Friend:

Through an annual membership donation

This enables a person to contribute through either a monthly or annual payment fixed at a level that the donor feels able and willing to pay. This can be paid by cheque or by making a Banker's Order. Many such donations are gift-aided so that their value is increased.

Through a one-off large-scale donation

Anyone giving £250 or more will be designated as a Life-Long Member of the Friends. Anyone giving £1,000 or more will be designated as an Honorary Life-Long Member of the Friends. Anyone giving £10,000 or more will be designated as a Patron. Anyone giving £100,000 or more will be designated as an Honorary Patron. The names of these donors will be published in the annual report unless a person asks for anonymity.

Through a legacy

This can be done when drawing up your will or added later by means of a codicil. All bequests made to the New Room are free from tax, so this can lessen the liability for your estate to Inheritance Tax. There are four main types of legacy:

- **A pecuniary legacy** gives a specific amount of money. If you wish you can index-link the amount in order to protect it from the impact of inflation. It is also possible to make the bequest consist of other items of value, such as stocks and shares, property, or jewellery.
- **A residuary legacy:** leaves the residue of your estate (or a portion of it) to the New Room after provision has been made for your family and loved ones.
- **A reversionary legacy** leaves all your assets to Trustees whom you appoint to see that your family or other beneficiaries enjoy the income from your estate during their lifetime, but then the whole (or part of it) passes to the New Room after their deaths
- **A conditional legacy** means your estate will pass to the New Room if no named beneficiary survives you.

BECOME A FRIEND TODAY!

If you want to become a volunteer

Please speak to a steward or contact THE MANAGER.

If you want to become a financial supporter

Please send the form available with this leaflet or contact THE MANAGER. If you want to make a legacy, please take legal advice and then inform us. You are also welcome to discuss with us any conditions that may apply as to how the bequest might be used.

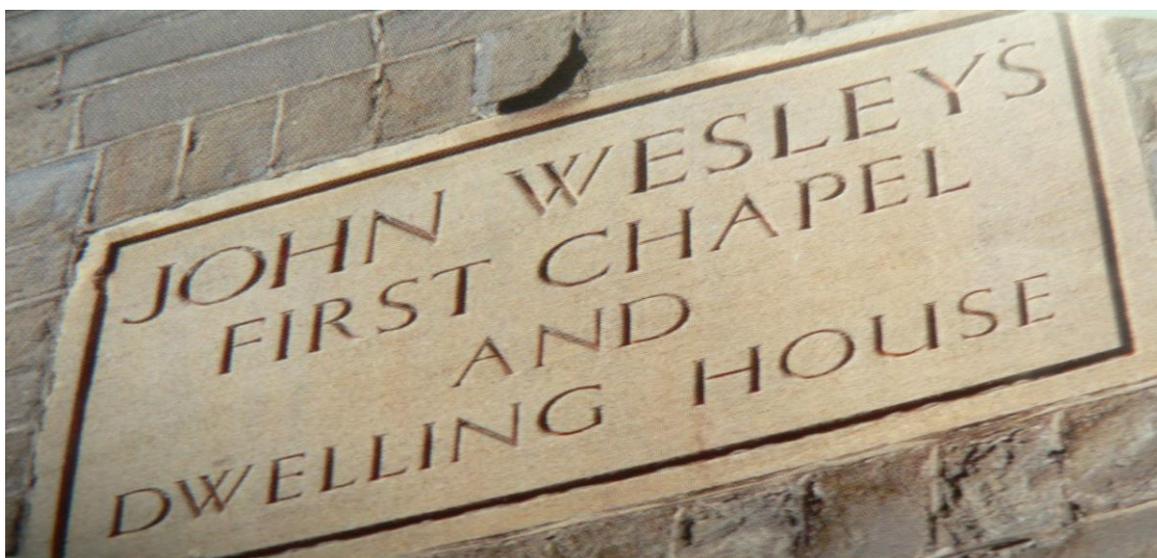
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All Friends who are registered with the New Room either as volunteers or as financial supporters are sent the New Room Newsletter and an annual report.

The Newsletter contains information about what is happening at the New Room and Charles Wesley's House, including advance notice of any special events, exhibitions, lectures, excursions, or social events. It will also feature articles on how money raised through the Friends is being spent, so that people can see the real difference their contribution is making to the New Room and Charles Wesley's House