John Wesley

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Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission - Museum of Methodism John Wesley was a Church of England cleric and Christian theologian. Wesley is largely credited, along with his brother Charles Wesley, as founding the Methodist movement in the Church of England. John Wesley was born on the 17th of June 1703 (The 28th of June in the modern calendar) and was the fifteenth child of a former nonconformist minister, he graduated from Oxford in 1725. He was ordained as a priest in 1728 and was initially assigned to the parish of Lincoln. Wesley was appointed a curate at St. Mary-le-Strand in 1729. He began his ministry as an Anglican priest, but his sermons and writings soon attracted attention and controversy. Wesley's sermons were characterized by a strong emphasis on personal and spiritual renewal, and he sought to provide a genuine religious experience for his congregation. He believed in predestination, but he also emphasized the importance of individual piety and personal spiritual growth. Wesley's teachings and practices soon gained a considerable following, and he established a new religious movement, Methodism. Wesley's influence was profound and far-reaching, and he had a significant impact on the development of modern Christianity. He continued his ministry in London until his death on 2 March 1791.