

Prayer Diary

Sun 18 We thank you for the joy of festive gatherings where we seek each other's pleasure: the joy of small children's wondering excitement; the profound and beautiful joy as we worship tonight at Wesley with our Carol Concert.

Mon 19 Father, help us to understand the true mystery of your coming at Christmas time - let us see in this vulnerable, homeless infant, the one He will become: in his manhood showing the inexhaustible love of our Father for us.

Tue 20 Father, we bring to you this Christmas all who are without a home: those who have lost their homes through natural disasters.

Wed 21 We pray for:
- those who were driven from their homes by war and terror.

Thu 22 We pray for:
- those who have lost their homes through poverty
- those who were driven from their homes by unkindness.

Fri 23 We pray for:
- those who seek continually for a home but cannot find one.
Lord send them your help through their fellow human beings' concern and practical aid, - may we play our own part in such care.

Sat 24 Dear Lord, be the one supreme gift tonight to your waiting world. May all our small tokens to each other speak of the overwhelming love of your Christmas gift to us.

Sun 25 "In the bleak mid-winter, a stable place sufficed The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ"... "What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him - give my heart." *Singing the Faith 204*

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Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 18 December 2016



We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Coffee and tea are served in the concourse after Sunday morning services – please do stay if you can.

Please use this notice sheet as a reminder as you pray for the life and work of this church.

A prayer before we worship:
*God, my creator and my unseen Guide,
you have led me to this holy place.
Let a spark of its beauty and your love
settle in my heart and live with me when I leave.*

Sun 18th	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Colin Turner Hymns: STF 39, 180, 210, 202, 330 Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:19-25 Porch: Anna Wratishaw Flowers: Given by David Johnson and all the family in loving memory of his parents Len and Margaret and his brother Michael Carol Service led by Eileen Simmons Hymns: STF 202, 180, 187, 217, 215, 224, 213, 212 (vv 1-5) Readings: Isaiah 11:1-5; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20; Matthew 2:1-8, Matthew 2:9-12; John 1:1-5, 10-14; Luke 2:51b-52 Porch: Alison Newnham
4th Sunday of Advent	6 pm	
Mon 19th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Tue 20th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Funeral of Carol Lock
	7.30 pm	PostA Housegroup

Wed 21st	9 am	Midweek Communion at Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	12 noon	Age Concern & Wesley Christmas Lunch followed by service at 2.15 pm
Thu 22nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Fusion movie – Ice Age: Collision Course
Fri 23rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
Sat 24th Christmas Eve	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Baptism of Sophia Rose Pouyioukkas
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
	4 pm	Christingle led by Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: STF 213, 206, 191, 59 Porch: Margaret Buckey and Joss Greenway
	11.15 pm	Midnight Communion Led by Worship Leaders with bread and wine previously blessed by Rev. Julia Hymns: STF 213, 210, 217, 330, 212 (on steps) Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
Sun 25th Christmas Day	10.30 am	Christmas Morning Family Service
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Porch: Miriam Gifford

Please give any items for the next notice sheet to Paul McDowell in the Administrator's office, or by e-mail to admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk or phone to 01702 711851, by 9.45 am each Friday. There will be a notice sheet on Christmas Day and this will cover the 2 weeks up to 8 January.

Advent Candles – response for all to say – ‘Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now. Amen.’

Christmas charity collections

At 3 special services there will be 3 separate charity collections: Carol Service, 6 pm, 18 December: Action for Children (envelopes available now in the church); Christingle, 4 pm, 24 December: Side by Side; Midnight Communion, 11.15 pm, 24 December: Age Concern. If you are not coming to a service, but wish to give, please take an envelope and label with the name of the charity and put in along with

your regular giving and it will be allocated to the charity of your choice. Donations may be made until 8 January. – Eileen Simmons.

Christmas Icons at the Royals – The Icons-on-Sea team are excited to be back in a shop at the Royals this year with ‘Christmas Icons: a pop up installation’. We have been working with local artist Laura Keeble to create a series of artworks taking a contemporary look at the nativity story. We’d love you to spread the word and come and visit the shop if you can. We are open from 10 to 24 December from 10 am to 4 pm daily in the shop next to Poundland. – Rev Hannah Bucke.

Coffee mornings over Christmas and the New Year

Because of the concourse decoration (see below) there will be no coffee mornings from 26 December to 3 January inclusive.

Concourse Decoration ready for January 2017 – If you can spare 10 or 15 minutes after the Christmas Eve Christingle service to help move tables and chairs from the concourse to the canteen room, it would be very much appreciated. – Sue Hockett, on behalf of Leadership Team.

Ballet trip to the Red Shoes at Sadlers Wells, Friday 30 December
Coach pick up is 11 am at Belfairs and 11.15 am at Highlands. Bring your sandwiches if you would like to.

Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Dedication, 3 pm, Saturday 28 January – The preacher at our reopening service will be Leslie Griffiths and we shall all receive an invitation along with all the details of our Christmas services. Please tell anyone who has been part of Wesley in the past and bring them along. – Eileen Simmons.

Southend Foodbank are collecting treats that can be given out to Foodbank guests over the Christmas period. Christmas week is too late to make it into food parcels, so please donate now if you can. A list of example items can be found in the concourse.

Fund raising for BRDF

How would you like a one for all voucher up to the value of £50 in January? It is simple, just buy a date on the calendar for £1, you can buy as many as you like and obviously the more dates we sell the bigger the fund raiser. One date will be picked at random at the end of January so please do your best to purchase all 365 dates so we can raise much needed funds. See June Childs for further details.