

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

23 Mon January - cold and dark - where are you God? Confined, lonely, too icy to go out, feeling trapped. Pause, listen, rest in the silence and know that God is with you.

24 Tue January - cold and dark - where are you God? Exhausted, shattered, drained from work and life commitments and expectations. Pause, listen, rest in the silence and know that God is with you.

25 Wed The tide is out, few people are about, the air is cold but crisp, the red glow of the sun gives little heat but reminds us of the warmth to come and your existence. We pray that we can be still and ponder life eternal.

26 Thu *Christina Rossetti (1830-94)* Lord Jesus Christ, wisdom and Word of God, dwell in our hearts, by your most Holy Spirit, that out of the abundance of our hearts our mouths may speak your praise. Amen.

27 Fri *Walter James (1879-1908)* Create within us, O God, a love for your holy word. Teach us its true and inner meaning. Within its sacred pages may we find new strength and joy.

28 Sat *Wesley* Loving Holy God as we rededicate our new sanctuary we give thanks for all those who have made worship possible for generations, those who have journeyed in faith hoping only to make Christ known to every new generation in faith and may new disciples look and wonder, be welcomed and feel the presence of God.

29 Sun *Prayer for Worship* Creator God, we give thanks for all types of worship, the new way of being 'Church' and explaining the gospel word as well as those traditional services when routines help us focus on Christ. We give thanks for those who offer a welcome, those who offer refreshments and a listening ear, those who clean and dust, those who arrange the flowers and those who offer transport. We give thanks for those who create and offer all aspects of worship. May we all come to know Christ.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 22 January 2017

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 22nd	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
3rd in	11 am	Morning Worship
Ordinary		Preacher: Jane Fulford
Time		Hymns: STF 483, 462, 495, 481, 470
		Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23
		Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
		Flowers: Given by Paul McDowell in loving memory of his parents, Jean and Mac
	12.20 pm	After Church Meeting (see overleaf)
Mon 23rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 24th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Jane Fulford
Wed 25th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Health or Home
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 26th	10 am	Coffee Morning

Fri 27th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 28th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
	3 pm	Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Dedication. Preacher: Rev. Leslie Griffiths, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port Hymns: STF 94, 495, 409, 684, 503 Readings: Psalm 150; Mark 12:28-34
Sun 29th 4th in Ordinary Time	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Porch: Joy Milner

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.

After Church Meeting, 12.20 pm, Sunday 22 January

An opportunity to give and hear feedback on the refurbished church and to hear the plans for the Rededication Service. Look forward to seeing you there. Rev Julia.

Church Reopening and Rededication Service, 3 pm Saturday 28 January

Arrival at the service: May I please invite everyone to come into church via the front entrance. Stewards will then be able to direct all of us. We do expect a full church and we need to fill all places rather than leave gaps in the middle of a row. Blue badge holders may have different arrangements. The plan is to open the doors at 2.15 pm. As Alison and her team will be so busy in the kitchen, concourse and other rooms, it would be such a help if no one who is not part of the "Wesley Super team" as I am calling them is around before the doors open. As it is we are a big team for which many thanks. – Eileen Simmons.

Refreshments: June and I are responsible for organising refreshments and would welcome volunteers to help with making sandwiches and cakes and serving. Please see either June or myself even if you can only spare a little time. We want to give a really friendly welcome to all our guests so would be really grateful for your support. Thank you. – Alison

Newnham, 07863 954388 or 01702 621343.

Car parking: Wesley car park will be reserved for blue badge holders only. If you do need a parking space either there or in North Street School or the Salvation Army car parks please contact Eileen Simmons, 01702 472521, by 23 January at the latest.

Collection: At the service there will be a collection for our building fund. For those of us who use Gift Aid, our treasurer Tina would like us to use and complete gift aid envelopes so that she can keep a clear record. They will be available at the service and before. Even if you are not able to come to the service but wish to give, do get an envelope and give it in. – Thanks as always for your generosity, Eileen Simmons.

Healing services – Benfleet Methodist are hoping to introduce a monthly healing service within the next few months, and have arranged a meeting with Rev Peter Edwards from Central Hall to prepare for this ministry **at Benfleet on Wednesday 15 February from 5 to 7.30 pm.** It will incorporate discussions and question and answer sessions as well as sharing a meal at about 6 pm. Anyone in the circuit who is interested is welcome to attend. For catering purposes please let Stella Holden, 01268 752624, stellamholden@yahoo.co.uk, know if you are planning to attend.

Tour of Parliament, Wednesday 22 February – The Circuit are arranging a tour of the Houses of Commons and Lords, followed by Prime Minister's Question Time. There are only 20 places from the circuit so please contact Eva Hayes, 01268 683551, as soon as possible.

Car Park tickets for 2017 are now available – see Peter Lister.

Fund raising for BRDF – How would you like a one for all voucher up to the value of £50? The deadline has been extended so please see June Childs if you would like to purchase further dates. Just buy a date on the calendar for £1, and obviously the more dates we sell the bigger the fund raiser. One date will be picked at random so please do your best to purchase all 365 dates so we can raise much needed funds.

Sound rota – We could do with more people on the rota for being on the sound desk at weekly services, so if you are interested please see Geoff Nash or one of the stewards. Training will be given.

Prayer Diary

22 Sun Jesus calls us where we are. Lord, today as we travel may our hearts be warmed and our outlook hopeful as we see you in others and in the beauty of your creation.

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