

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

31 Tue As January draws to a close, the days are getting longer and there is just a hint of Spring we are reminded that God has made everything to suit its time; moreover he has given humankind a sense of past and future, but no comprehension of God's work from beginning to end.' (Ecclesiastes 3:11) Dear Lord, we pray for a sense of wonder and awe at your creation.

1 Wed 1 *Corinthians 13:2b-3* 'I may have faith to move mountains but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give all I possess to the needy, I may give my body to be burnt, but if I have no love, I gain nothing by it.' Dear Lord we pray that all people may know love. The kindness and compassionate love that shows itself in good and despairing times.

2 Thu *The Last Farewell Ron Webster* 'For you are beautiful, and I have loved you dearly, more dearly than the spoken word can tell.' Loving Lord, we pray for the broken hearted but rejoice upon reflection of having known love.

3 Fri 1 *Corinthians 13:7-8* 'There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, its endurance. Love will never end.' O Lord may all people have lifetimes giving and receiving love. Knowing that at the centre of that love is Christ Jesus showing us the way and the truth of life.

4 Sat *Love Changes Everything Charles Hart, Don Black* 'Yes love, love changes everything, now I tremble at your name. Nothing in the world will ever be the same.' Dear Lord we give thanks for such gifted writers and singers that can transform our minds, hearts and souls with love.

5 Sun 1 *John 4:19* 'We love because he loved us first.' Dear Lord, help us to appreciate the ability to feel the emotions that make us who we are. To understand that we love because you first loved us into being. My we accept and know the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 29 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 29th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
4th in	11 am	Morning Worship
Ordinary		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan
Time		Hymns: My heart is filled with thankfulness (see overleaf), STF 419, 407, 707, 477
		Readings: Psalm 15; Matthew 5:1-12
		Porch: Joy Milner
		Flowers: Given by Alison Newnham in loving memory of her parents, arranged by Sue Hockett
Mon 30th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 31st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	7.30 pm	Sunday Stewards meeting
Wed 1st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 2nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids and Youth

Fri 3rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 4th	8.15 am	Circuit Prayer Breakfast at the Elms
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 5th 5th in Ordinary Time	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Service of Holy Communion
		United Service with Highlands
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan

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.

Rev Alan Ogier

Alan passed away on 21 January after a long illness. Many of us will remember him as minister of Highlands. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Heidi and his daughters Francoise and Monique.

My heart is filled with thankfulness – hymn for this morning

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with his light,
And wrote his law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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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

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.

30 Mon *Companion to the Revised Lectionary Christine Odell p13* All seeing God, you know us inside out, our deepest needs and prayers. We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit, to guide us into loving you more and more, so that the words we speak and the things we do become outward reflections of your love in our hearts.

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