

### Prayer Diary *(continued)*

10 Tue *STF 233 Fred Pratt Green* When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptised by John, he did not come for pardon, but as his Father's Son. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

11 Wed January - cold and dark - where are you God? War in the Middle East worries me, the images of ruined buildings, the faces of bewildered and traumatised children. Pause, even cry and rest in the silence – realising God is crying too.

12 Thu January - cold and dark - where are you God? The ache, the pain never goes, it drains my strength, it drains our faith. Pause, listen and rest in the silence – realising God is with us offering a sense of wellbeing even through the pain.

13 Fri *Prayer for refugees* January - cold and dark - where are you God? Holy Spirit lift the pain of being alone in a foreign country. Grant hope to all who seek asylum. May they know your compassionate and loving care. Give understanding to those from whom they seek refuge. May we seek to understand their plight, the horror they have experienced and the bewilderment of our ways. Give us strength to dream of your Kingdom on Earth for all peoples.

14 Sat *Children – walking to school* January - cold and dark yet children skip along the road, run to the curb but know to wait for mums pushing younger brothers and sisters. Dressed in winter coats, hats and mittens their hearts warmed, their minds eager and keen and smiles as they meet friends. Lord make all the children remember the Christmas story and be warmed by the love of Christ, kind to friends and family and keen to know more of Jesus. Keep them safe on their journeys.

15 Sun Dear Lord, thank you for the disciple Andrew who brought his brother to Jesus. May we bring others to Christ that they may know your love, your hope, your peace and your joy.

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## Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

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**Notices for the week commencing Sunday 8 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.*

<b>Sun 8th</b>	9 am	Morning Prayers
Sunday after	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Epiphany /	11 am	Covenant Service
1st in		Preacher: Rev. Hannah Bucke
Ordinary		Hymns: STF 25, 556, 564, 549, 595, 548
Time		Readings: Deuteronomy 29:10-15; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 12:1-2; John 15:1-10
		Porch: Eileen Simmons
<b>Mon 9th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	7.30 pm	Planning meeting for reopening service
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 10th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
<b>Wed 11th</b>	9 am	Midweek Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	7.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Grief or Gladness
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
<b>Thu 12th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11 am	Memory Worship training

<b>Thu 12</b> <i>ctd</i>	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
<b>Fri 13th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
<b>Sat 14th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Healing
<b>Sun 15th</b>	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
2nd in	11 am	Morning Worship
Ordinary		Preacher: Maureen Gutteridge
Time		Porch: David Cox

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](mailto:admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk) or phone to 01702 711851, by 9.45 am each Friday.

### Time for Healing

The Time for Healing Prayer Group recommences its meetings on 14 January and will now revert to being held in the sanctuary. Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm and are typically attended by six to ten people with the majority often being from outside our usual church membership. The format usually includes prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, together with a short meditation on the theme of healing and occasional testimony. This is followed by the opportunity for private prayer with one or more of the group leaders. It is open to anyone, so please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. The next meetings are planned for the following dates: 11 February, 18 March.

### Tour of Parliament

The Circuit are arranging a tour of the Houses of Commons and Lords, followed by Prime Minister's Question Time, on Wednesday 22 February. Places are limited to 20 from the circuit so if you are interested please contact Eva Hayes, 01268 683551, as soon as possible.

### Painting of the vestibule

This week Steve Hockett will be painting the vestibule outside the Youth Hall.

### 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.

### Christmas charity collections

To donate to any of our 3 Christmas charity collections: Action for Children have their own envelopes. For Side by Side and Age Concern please write the name of the charity on the outside of the envelopes in church and concourse and put in with your weekly collection. Donations may be made until 8 January. – Eileen Simmons.

### 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.

### Job Vacancies

**Oasis Coffee House** (temporary paid position) – This is run by Leigh Road Baptist Church. We are looking for a Saturday front of house manager to cover sick leave on a rolling 2 week contract starting 21 January. The hours are 8:45 to 16:15. On the job training will be provided. If interested please contact Julie Eady on 07940 073088 or [oasis@lrbc.org.uk](mailto:oasis@lrbc.org.uk). – Thank you, Rev. Steve Tinning.

There are also full time vacancies at **Earls Hall Baptist Church Pre-School** and for a worker with families and children at **Billericay Methodist Church** and the adverts for these are displayed in the concourse.

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8 Sun John the Baptist wasn't sure who Jesus was. Lord, we are not always sure who you are. But thank you that through your word, through your Spirit, and through your people we grow in knowledge and love for you. *Roots p11*

9 Mon *MWB p 80* For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered on the Cross; for you he triumphed over death, rising to newness of life; for you he prays at God's right hand: all this for you. In your Baptism the word of Scripture is fulfilled: 'We love, because God first loved us.'

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