

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

15 Wed *Happy Together Gary Bonner, Alan Gordon* Imagine me and you, I do I think about you day and night, it's only right To think about the girl you love and hold her tight. So happy together. Holy God may each couple be so in love that they remember that love is patient and kind and keeps no score of wrongs. It is not controlling but liberating and joyous.

16 Thu *John 3:16-17* 'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.' Dear loving God, you gave us the gift of your son. A precious gift of love and sacrifice. He came to show us the love of God instilling hope and faith for all who believe.

17 Fri *The Power of Love Holly Johnson, Peter Gill, Mark O'Toole and Brian Nash* The power of love. A force from above Cleaning my soul. Flame on burn desire Love with tongues of fire Purge the soul Make love your goal. Empowering Spirit, may we always treat everyone with love and care especially those who we find difficult to love. Those who have betrayed us... Those who have hurt us and our families Those who are different For we are all human beings and Christ died for the love in all of us.

18 Sat *HP 267 Charles Wesley* Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

19 Sun *When you were sweet sixteen James Thornton* I love you as I never loved before Since first I met you on the village green Come to me or my dream of love is o'er I love you as I loved you, when you were sweet When you were sweet sixteen. Dear Lord we pray for teenagers experiencing their first love with all its wonder excitement and nervous apprehension. May they treat one another with kindness and respect.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 12 February 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 12th	9 am	Morning Prayers
6th in	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Ordinary	11 am	Morning Worship
Time		Preacher: Eileen Simmons
		Hymns: STF 443, 59, 611, 548
		Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
		1 Corinthians 3:1-9
		Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
		Flowers: Given in loving memory of Winnie
		Chandler by her daughters, Margaret and Ann,
		and granddaughter, Jo
	4 pm	Lovefeast led by Jane Fulford (see overleaf)
Mon 13th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 14th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Wed 15th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Fusion Movie Morning – Trolls
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 16th	10 am	Coffee Morning

Fri 17th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Sat 18th	10 am	Jumble sale in aid of Christian Hope International
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 19th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
7th in	11 am	Morning Worship
Ordinary		Preacher: Bob Briant
Time		Porch: Trudi Pipe

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.

Gwenda Andrews

The service to celebrate the life of Gwenda Andrews, Paul's mum, is to be held at Wesley at 1 pm on 23 February 2017 followed by refreshments at the church. We request family flowers only but donations in lieu would be very welcome to Alzheimer's Research UK (www.alzheimersresearchuk.org). We welcome all our friends from Wesley and the Southend & Leigh Circuit. – The Andrews family.

Lovefeast and art installation, 12-14 February – A service led by Jane and Paul where we share fellowship at 4 pm on Sunday 12 February. After the service please spend time looking at the installations on aspects of Love. They will remain in the church until the evening of 14 February.

Women's World Day of Prayer, St Clement's, 9.30-11.30 am, Friday 3 March – This year prepared by the Philippines.

Daffodil Day, Monday 6 March, Westminster Central Hall

Daffodil Day will soon be here!! Lesley Taylor has organised a coach which will leave Highlands Methodist at 10.30 am and Thundersley Methodist at 10.45. The cost will be £12 each. Please let Lesley know asap if you would like a seat on the coach. Her contact details are phone 01268 754633, mobile 07891 787660, email landd.taylor@gmail.com. Please ensure Lesley has your payment by the end of February to avoid the need to collect cash on the coach. This year's theme is 'Life-Changing Prayer'. Anando Mukerjee will be performing as will Sadie McEwen who is currently appearing in the Lion King. Pam Rhodes and Rev Steve Wild will be there too together with Anne Browse, Methodist Women in

Britain President, and Rev Tony Miles. And – a first – the Choristers from Westminster Abbey are due to be singing.

Quiet Day @ Wesley, 10.30 am – 3.30 pm, Saturday 11 March

Walking with God – A Spiritual Reflection. Sign up on the sheets in the Concourse.

Thank you – A very big thank you to all those who donated cakes to our opening celebration two weeks ago. We had some lovely feedback from those who attended. Please collect any tins, plates or cake stands from the kitchen. – Alison Newnham.

Annual leave – Julie Peek is on annual leave through to Saturday 18 February. In case of an emergency you can still contact me on 01702 479804. Thank you.

Southend Foodbank – We are pleased to announce that a new Distribution Centre has opened up at Earls Hall Baptist Church at 120 Hogleythick Lane in Westcliff. This centre will be open 12.30 - 2.30 pm on Fridays for Foodbank guests with vouchers to redeem.

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12 Sun *John 13:34* 'And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.' O loving Father, help us to love all those we meet, our friends, family and colleagues. Help us to love those whom we find difficult to love as only then are we truly following the commandment of your Son, Jesus Christ.

13 Mon *You'll never walk alone Oscar Hammerstein II* Walk on, walk on With hope in your hearts And you'll never walk alone You'll never walk alone. Constant God, may we know that through all the struggles of life your love is there for us. We are never alone and will find peace and hope.

14 Tue *1 Corinthians 13:4-6* 'Love is patient and kind. Love envies no one, is never boastful, never conceited, never rude; love is never selfish, never quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs, takes no pleasure in the sins of others, but delights in the truth.' Loving Christ may we know the gifts of the Holy Spirit when love can become a burning in our hearts, a vision of loveliness in our minds and shown through all our actions.

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