

Prayer Diary (continued)

7 Tue *HP 220 Percy Dearmer* God is love: his the care, Tending each, everywhere God is love – all is there! Jesus came to show him, That we all might know him.

8 Wed *Annie's Song John Denver* You fill up my senses Like a night in a forest Like the mountains in springtime Like a walk in the rain Like a storm in the desert Like a sleepy blue ocean You fill up my senses Come fill me again Such love Lord enriches us to see the beauty of your world, the love in others and the potential in our love to another.

9 Thu *Julian of Norwich* Lord, before ever you made us, you loved us. Nor has your love ever slackened, nor ever shall. In love all your works have been begun, and in love they continue. In this love we shall see you and be glad in you for ever. Amen

10 Fri *Somewhere Stephen Sondheim* There's a place for us, Somewhere a place for us. Peace and quiet and open air Wait for us Somewhere. Dear Lord we do not know the future but with love in our hearts we can dream of love and peace to come.

11 Sat *I Believe Ervin Drake, Jimmy Shirl, Al Stillman and Irvin Graham* I believe above the storm the smallest prayer Will still be heard. I believe that someone in the great somewhere hears every word. Every time I hear a newborn baby cry Or touch a leaf Or see the sky Then I know why I believe Creator God help us to be faithful and recognise your wondrous work in all we see.

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.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 5 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 5th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
5th in	11 am	Service of Holy Communion
Ordinary		United Service with Highlands
Time		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan
		Hymns: STF 103, 395, 706, 59, 167
		Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20
		Flowers: Given in loving memory of Ann and Eric Brown by their family Maureen, Roy and David
Mon 6th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 7th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Wesley Housegroup
	8 pm	Leadership Team meeting
Wed 8th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – An Irish Poet
	6 pm	St John Ambulance

Thu 9th	10 am	Coffee Morning	
	6 pm	Fusion Kids and Youth	
Fri 10th	10 am	Coffee Morning	
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+	
Sat 11th	10 am	Coffee Morning	
	11.30 am	Time for Healing	
Sun 12th	9 am	Morning Prayers	
	6th in	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	Ordinary	11 am	Morning Worship
	Time		Preacher: Eileen Simmons
	4 pm	Lovefeast led by Jane Fulford (see below)	

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's funeral is at 1 pm on Monday 6 February at Reigate Methodist Church.

Iris Reynolds

Iris Reynolds, a local preacher in the old Southend circuit, was a resident of Westerley for many years, having moved there when she was but 64 years of age. She died in December after years of being confined to her bed. Her funeral is at Southend Crematorium at 3.40 pm on Friday 10 February.

Time for Healing

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on 11 February between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm, after which the meetings will revert to the general time slot of the third Saturday of each month. Meetings 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 following meetings are planned for 18 March, 22 April, 20 May and 17 June.

Lovefeast and art installation, 12-14 February – A service led by Jane

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.

Annual leave – Julie Peek will be on annual leave from Saturday 4 February 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 Hobblythick Lane in Westcliff. This centre will be open 12.30 - 2.30 pm on Fridays for Foodbank guests with vouchers to redeem.

Prayer Diary

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.

6 Mon *The Lady in Red Chris de Burgh* The lady in red is dancing with me, cheek to cheek There's nobody here, it's just you and me It's where I want to be Loving Lord we thank you that we can love another human being with such intensity and joy.

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