

Prayer Diary

12 Sun Break down the wall, O God, Break down the dividing wall. Be our peace and make us one. One Group, One Family, One people. Muslim, Christian and Jew, together and free in You. Amen.

Elsbeth Strachan, EAPPI. Based on Ephesians 2:14

13 Mon If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

14 Tue Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. *James 4:8*

15 Wed Lord, I pray You would give me Your wisdom and understanding in all things. I know wisdom is better than gold and understanding better than silver. *Proverbs 16:16*

16 Thu Lord, You are King and Lord over all my life. I surrender everything I have to You because I recognise that every good thing I have has been given to me by You as a sign of Your goodness, mercy and love. *James 1:17*

17 Fri The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. *A book of Prayer, Stormie and Omartian 2006, Psalm 28:7*

18 Sat Let Your light so shine before men, that they may see Your good works and glorify Your Father in Heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

19 Sun Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5,6). Lord, in You we place our trust. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour in a world full of hopelessness and despair. Amen.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 12 March 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 2nd in Lent	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Led by Rev. Julia Monaghan
	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Eileen Simmons Hymns: STF 64, 409, 51, 238 Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17 Porch: Shirley Mavin Flowers: Given in loving memory of Alan Moss and his granddaughter Kate Evans by Molly and Liz and Ray and their family
Mon 13th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 14th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Lent Course, week 2: Receiving Christ in the stranger and the needy
Wed 15th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent and Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance

Thu 16th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
Fri 17th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 18th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Healing (see below)
Sun 19th 3rd in Lent	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Including the baptism of Niall Devine Porch: Joy Milner
	12.15 pm	Church Annual Meeting (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.

Prayer for the beginning of the services in Lent

Almighty God

You showed us through the life of Jesus what true compassion and generosity look and feel like. Renew in us a grateful heart, that we might reflect His joy and compassion to others and live as generous people. Show us ways to restore our relationships, our community and our world. We ask this in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Lent Course @ Wesley, 2 pm, Thursdays 7 March – 4 April

The topic is 'Receiving Christ'. All are welcome.

Time for Healing

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on 18 March between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of each month (but please note the date change for May) 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 following meetings are planned for 22 April, 13 May and 17 June.

Annual Church Meeting, 12.15 pm, Sunday 19 March

Please come along to this important meeting concern the future mission of the church. We need to address our priorities and finances and we need to hear from you. Peace, Rev Julia.

Also on Sunday 19 March Niall Divine is being baptised. Please come and celebrate with him.

My Feral Heart

My son-in-law's film is being shown at Southend Odeon on 21 March at 8.30 pm for World Downs Syndrome day. There will be a question and answer session after the film. Book asap to guarantee a space. – Thank you, June Childs.

Fusion Easter Special, 7.15 pm, Thursday 30 March

Fusion warmly invites you to its Easter special. We will be celebrating with lots of various activities and the children will be hosting an amazing talent show. Many of the parents will be coming to watch and it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. Come and see what Fusion has been up to and join us as we celebrate the many talents of the children. – Jonathan Logan.

40 Acts of Kindness

Three adult examples this week:

Two friends arranged to meet for lunch. One was pleased that she was invited and the other because they were able to talk over matters of faith. Both loved it.

Cameo house group have decided to do something together. They are responding to the 40p per person throughout Lent request to give to Southend Young Carers' group.

Phil Blockley's house group are joining in.