

Prayer Diary

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.

20 Mon If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. *Matthew 17.20*

21 Tues There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. *Proverbs 14:12* Lord, help us to understand the importance of following Your way, if our way is not to end in disaster. Amen.

22 Wed They cried out to the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distress. *Psalms 107:6* Lord, even though we cannot see you, we know that in silence and the roaring thunder, You are in our presence. You are the still voice of calm. Amen.

23 Thu Thank you, Lord, for Your Passion shown to us in The Servant Christ. We praise You, Holy Spirit, for stirring, calling and inspiring us to engage with You in renewing Your Church to be fit for Your purpose to serve the present age and for future generations to come of your Majesty. Amen.

24 Fri Even to Your old age, I am He, and even to grey hairs I will carry you... I am God and there is no other. *Isaiah 46:4 & 9*

25 Sat Lord, I come into your Holy Place. Stand in awe of Your cleansing grace. Who am I, that You would care for me? I glorify the One who died for me. *Shaun Griffiths, Songs of Fellowship*

26 Sun Today, on Mothering Sunday, we thank you Lord for the unconditional love of mothers everywhere. You have given mothers who have kept us safe, secure and loved from the moment we are born and throughout our life. For their selfless sacrifice, we ask Your continued grace and blessing to all mothers.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 19 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 19th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
3rd in Lent	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan
		Including the baptism of Niall Devine
		Hymns: STF 102, 272, 564, 338, 548
		Readings: Romans 5:6-11; John 4:5-42
		Porch: Joy Milner
		Flowers: Given by Rupert and Janice Bertie in loving memory of Rupert's father Edwin and brother Charles and Janice's brother Adrian, arranged by Annette Charnock
	12.15 pm	Church Annual Meeting
Mon 20th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	2 pm	Memory Worship
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 21st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Lent Course, week 3: Receiving Christ in Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Sound meeting
	8 pm	Worship Leaders' meeting
Wed 22nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent and Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Mother or Marriage

Wed 22 <i>ctd</i>	6 pm	St John Ambulance
	7.30 pm	Fundraising meeting (see below)
Thu 23rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
	8 pm	Leadership Team meeting
Fri 24th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Movie Morning – Chariots of Fire
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 25th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
	evening	British Summer Time begins – clocks on 1 hr
Sun 26th 4th in Lent (Mothering Sunday)	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	All-Age Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Brian Gameson Porch: Jocelyn Greenway

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 Michael Hayman

Rev Michael Hayman, supernumerary minister in the Southend and Leigh Circuit, passed away on 11 March. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sheila and the family. Details of Rev Michael's funeral will be given when known.

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

My Feral Heart – My son-in-law's film is being shown at Southend Odeon this Tuesday, 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.

Playing for Time – Please come along and support Wesley Theatre Group, who are embarking upon a 12 hour sponsored 'readathon' on **Saturday 8 April from 8.30 am - 8.30 pm** in aid of Wesley's work with older people. It will include sketches, poetry and prose, and replaces our usual Spring production. Refreshments will be available.

Maundy Thursday Fish and Chip Supper followed by Holy Communion, Highlands, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Thursday 13 April

If you would like to come please sign up for the meal on the sheet in the concourse. A donation plate will be passed round at the meal.

Fundraising – The winner of the £20 voucher for dates on a calendar was Margaret Cotgrove. We raised £70. Thank you to all who took part.

Fundraising has to continue apace and we are having a Spring Coffee morning on 1 April. Please support this event and donations of the following would be appreciated, and necessary, cakes, unwanted gifts, toiletries and books. There is also a fundraising meeting at Wesley on **Wednesday 22 March at 7.30 pm**. All are welcome. If you cannot attend, offers of help or ideas can be given to June Childs or Gaye Greenway.

Southend Foodbank is low on the following items: Tinned potatoes/ packet mashed potato; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned or packet custard; Long life juices or fruit squash; Meat meals (pies, ham, curry, chilli etc); Tea bags; Long life or tinned sponge puddings (even pud in a mug packets). If you are able to donate any of these items, they would be very gratefully received. Items can be left in the donation bins in the concourse. If you would like to donate an Easter Egg, these are being accepted by the warehouse until 24th March, to be given out to foodbank guests in the run up to Easter. Thank You.

Loud Room storage – Dear Everyone, in the Loud Room where many things were stored during the refurbishment there are items that need to be returned to their owners, used or disposed of. The items include: a projector, screens for the projector, Wii games, a printer, an assortment of wires and possible sound enhancers. I am not sure if any of these work. If you think any of them belong to you, please claim quickly by the end of March, or if they may not be of use to you, by 17 April. Please see Paul McDowell in the office who will show you the Loud Room. If the items are still there at the end of April, they will be disposed of. – Thank you, Jane Fulford.

40 Acts of Kindness – Quotes from Wesley Pre-School followed by the Zone. Both sets are well into it: 'Daddy unlocks the door with keys and I open it for him – Stanley. Give someone a kiss – Olivia. Help with the shopping – Orla.' Their poster is outside their door. Do look. 'Pray for others. Include someone new in your games or conversations. Spend time with people you don't see often.' Please join them by writing on a stick and add to their display. – Eileen Simmons.