

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

7 Tue My Father and my God, Help me to understand that I live in a fallen world, and that though evil and disease are not part of Your good purposes, I have to live with them. Teach me how to accept the things I cannot change. In Jesus' name. Amen. *Sehryn Hughes, Every day with Jesus*

8 Wed To all who received, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become Children of God – Children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13). Lord, we thank You for giving us the right to be called Your Children. Amen.

9 Thu If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; The old has gone, the new has come. *2 Corinthians 5:17 in Footprints for Men, 2004*

10 Fri Come, Lord, Jesus, into the midst of our violence and fear, to remind us again of the depth of God's love and free us to be party to Your transforming reign. Amen.

Malcolm Atherton, The Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2016/17

11 Sat Loving and compassionate God, we thank you that, in Jesus, we see Your care and concern for all people in action. We pray that we may follow Your example and, through Your Holy Spirit, we may offer that love to others, especially those in need.

Joyce Pipet, Methodist Prayer Handbook

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

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 5 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 5th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
1st in Lent	11 am	Service of Holy Communion United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Including the baptism of Ava Hendricks Hymns: STF 81, 526, 82, 481, 345 Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 Porch: Margaret Buckey
	4 pm	Circuit Service of Accreditation as Local Preacher for Sue Hockett Led by Rev. Peter Moorhouse Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: Songs of Fellowship 780, STF 489, 28, 272, 693, 409 Readings: Exodus 3:1-7, 10-12; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 12:20-26
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

Tue 7th <i>ctd</i>	2 pm	Lent Course, week 1: Receiving Christ as children of God
Wed 8th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent and Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – A Limerick (or two)
Thu 9th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
Fri 10th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 11th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Quiet Day (see below)
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 12th	9 am	Service of Holy Communion
2nd in Lent		Led by Rev. Julia Monaghan
	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Eileen Simmons
		Porch: Shirley Mavin

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.

40 Acts of Kindness

Leigh North Street Primary School are making an excellent start on this joint venture. Do log on to their website www.leighnorthstreetprimaryschool.co.uk/40-acts-of-kindness and see what they are doing. – Eileen Simmons.

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

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

Rev Alan Ogier's Thanksgiving Service

Following the Service of Thanksgiving for the Rev Alan Ogier on 6 February at Reigate Methodist Church we have obtained a recording of this service. We propose to play this recording at Highlands Methodist Church on **Wednesday 8 March at about 10.30 am** following our

Highlands HUB Coffee Morning. Refreshments will also be available following the playing of the CD. – Frank Edmonds.

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, where there are sheets for further information.

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.

Methodist Summer Fellowship

'I have a dream: adventures in faith and discipleship.' Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August at Swanwick, Derbyshire. This year MSF is 100 years old and we are celebrating. Do google Methodist Summer Fellowship 2017 for more information. A keynote speaker is Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and the daily Bible study will be led by Tom Greggs, who holds the Chair in Historical and Doctrinal theology at Aberdeen. Bible studies are followed by discussion groups, which have been an enormous blessing to me. Please talk to me if you are interested. Time table on website. MSF is a real family week, whether you come alone or with family/ friends. I am investigating the possibilities of bursaries within the circuit. – Eileen Simmons.

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5 Sun Lord Jesus, while I rejoice that You are the central character of scripture, I am more thankful still that You are the central character in my life. Without You, life would not be worth living. Amen.

Shwlyn Hughes, Every day with Jesus

6 Mon As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. (John 9:4). Father God, we thank You with all our hearts for this beautiful Church you have given us. We give thanks for our Minister, Leadership Team, Stewards, Church Members and all those involved in doing Your good works in creating a new space within which all are welcome to share and do Your will. Forever, and ever Amen.

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