

The **CLARION**

Wesley **Methodist** Church 



**April
2017**

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS AT WESLEY
Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SJ

SUNDAY SERVICES	9. 00am	Holy Communion - second Sunday in the month
	11. 00am	Morning Worship - Communion as advised
	11. 00am	The Zone on Sunday
MONDAY	10. 00am	Wesley Art Group
	8. 00pm	Wesley Theatre Group
WEDNESDAY	9. 00am	Midweek Informal Communion on the 3rd Wednesday in the month
	10.00 - 11.30am	Parent and Toddler (School terms)
	6.00 - 9. 00pm	St. John Ambulance
THURSDAY	6.00 - 7.30pm	Fusion Kids (School Terms Yrs 1-6)
	6.00 - 7.30pm	Fusion Youth (School Terms Yr 6 plus)
FRIDAY	2. 00pm	Table Tennis 60+ (School Terms)

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Wesley Pre-School Jody French 07581 150978

Daily Coffee Mornings.

The church concourse is open every morning between 10am and 12 noon for our coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome and you can buy a tea or coffee and a slice of cake and meet your friends, or even make some new ones.

On some days there is someone on duty as a listening ear to offer help and support, so if you need some advice they will be able to point you in the right direction, or just simply listen to what you have to say.

The Traidcraft Stall is open 10am till 12 through the week and on Sunday, giving you the opportunity to buy fairly traded goods.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETING

Talking Poetry alternate Wednesdays at 2. 30pm.

OTHER MEETINGS

Housegroup Meetings as advised

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 **MEMORY WORSHIP**

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Worship for those with
and without Dementia
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2PM - 4PM
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

MINISTER'S LETTER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Christian devotion, begun by the Franciscans in the 17th century, to help pilgrims engage and meditate on the Passion of Christ. There are 14 stations or pictures in total, which begin with Christ being condemned to death and journey through to him taking up his cross; falling; meeting his Mother; being assisted by Simon of Cyrene; meeting the lamenting women of Jerusalem; being stripped of his clothing; being nailed to the tree; his death; his deposition and finally being laid in the tomb.

Whatever the form they take, whether they are small, plain wooden crosses with numbers on them, or flourishing baroque statues, their intention has always been to enable people to meditate on God's grace. An invitation to people to contemplate their own value in the eyes of God, who would undergo this painful, humiliating, drawn out process, out of love for them.

At different times, faithful people have been asked to engage with the stations in different ways - with gratitude, compassion, penitence or sorrow - but always at the centre, pilgrims have been invited to look at the story of the God who loves us.

If this all sounds too gruesome for you, it's worth remembering that *The Stations* grew out of the same spiritual movement as the *Crib Scene*, which offers another take on the God who loves us and who is divinely generous towards us. The Franciscans wanted to bring a deeply human Jesus into the minds of the people they ministered to and to highlight the reality of political oppression, physical pain, mental anguish, and Jesus sharing in it all.

The form in which we now have the Stations, took a while to settle on. At one point 64 were recorded! But the traditional pattern we now have, comprise solely of Jesus' last day and his walk to the cross and can be undertaken like Him, within a single movement ending with his death. There has been much conversation in the past as to whether a fifteenth station depicting the resurrection should be added, but I think that they have got this right in resisting to do so. His friends all thought he was dead, and endured 3 whole days of waiting, anxiety, sadness and loss. We need to enter into that with them, if we too want to experience a fullness of joy with them. Moving straight to the resurrection feels like we skip over the hard part, as if we want to escape the realities of the world, rather than undergo a profound engagement with it.

This Easter you have two opportunities to engage with this form of Christian devotion. Anne Briant, a gifted abstract artist, is displaying 14 pictures, depicting her own spiritual walk with Christ that has taken her to the foot of the cross. It is thought provoking, heart felt and a deeply spiritual encounter with the Stations, and as you walk the way of Christ with her, she encourages you to reflect on faith, loss, redemption, and hope recovered.

The Stations will be on show at Wesley for Holy Week, beginning on Monday 10th April to Easter Saturday 15th April, open every morning from 10am - 12 noon, every evening from 6 - 8pm and all day Good Friday. And secondly, on Good Friday from 9 – 10.30am, we have the opportunity to join with St Clements to walk the Stations, as they have depicted them and placed them in shops and public spaces in the Broadway. This promises to be an interesting ecumenical venture, with Wesley Church being included in the walk as Station 8 on the procession round.

May God bless you richly this Easter as you invest in walking with Christ. Amen

Rev Julia

He will walk a little in front of us towards Calvary.

*He will feel the pain of wood and nails;
but more than this He will feel the weight of all the evil
all the malice, all the pettiness,
all the sin of the world
Heaped upon his shoulders.*

*He will not throw off that weight, though he could!
He will not give back evil for evil,
return malice, for malice.
Take revenge on the petty minded
Or spew out hate
On all who have despised or rejected him.*

*He will not give back the sin of the world
He will take it away...
Into death, into hell
So that he can lead us into heaven
Then he will go on again in faith, towards the resurrection.*

*He will walk a little behind us through the graveyard.
He will wait until we realise that he has died and admit our complicity
in his life's ending.*

*Then he will come up behind us, and say our name, so that we can stay
his forever.*

Amen

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

SUMMER TIME

AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKES

CANTEEN ROOM (ROOM 3)

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2-4PM

April 27th

May 25th

June 29th

July 20th

August 31st

September 28th

October 26th

Our 60+ tea and cake afternoons are starting up again on Thursday 27th April. We will offer a welcome break from shopping in the Broadway or simply a time to chat and meet friends old and new. The cost will be £1.00 for tea, coffee or juice plus a choice of delicious cakes. Stay all afternoon or pop in for a while – bring your friends.

Janet Whiddett

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Rev Michael Hayman

Rev Michael Hayman, supernumerary minister in the Southend and Leigh Circuit, passed away on 11 March. His funeral was on 28 March at Hockley. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sheila and the family.

WESLEY NOTICES FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

Maundy Thursday (13th April)

Fish & Chip Supper at Highlands Methodist Church - 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

This will be followed by Holy Communion.

Please sign up on the lists in your church by Sunday 9th April.

Thank you.

Anne Lane.

LEIGH CHURCHES TOGETHER NOTICES

Activate, a programme of refreshment for women

We warmly invite you to our 2017 events.

Lunches are held in The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea at 12.30pm

Weds 19th April 10.30 am (no charge)

COFFEE & CAKE – come and join us for refreshments at 60 Chalkwell Park Drive. An informal time with an opportunity to say 'hello' (Please book by phone as usual)

For all chargeable events, please pre-book (by the Monday morning prior to the event) with Alison (621343) or Mary (710893)

WESLEY MONTHLY MOVIES

Friday 21st April "The Way (12), 2010" 10.30am

The Way is a powerful and inspirational story about the challenges faced in this complex unpredictable world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to France to collect the remains of his adult son (Emilio Estevez), killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago, "the way of Saint James". Rather than return home, Tom driven by his grief and wanting to understand his son better, decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage to honour his son's desire to finish the journey.

Inexperienced as a trekker, with only his son's back-pack and guidebook, Tom soon discovers that he will not be alone on his journey.

FREE event – Refreshments will be on sale including Rossi ice cream.

IT'S COOL TO BE KIND!



Why not catch up with how Leigh North Street Primary School have embraced 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS challenge at school and at home by visiting

www.leighnorthstreetprimaryschool.co.uk/40-acts-of-kindness/



Leigh - on -Sea Youth Unit

St John Ambulance

In 2005 Leigh-on-Sea Combined Cadet Division as we were called then for various reasons decided to try and find a new meeting hall instead of Leigh Community Centre.

After visiting several potential halls we visited Wesley Methodist Church where we were shown around and made welcome by Geoff Hart; who dealt with the building then. We decided that it would meet our needs and so after the Easter School holidays we started meeting in the Youth Halls. Before this we had moved our equipment and supplies to the cupboard in the hall. It was a change for us all as we had always met at Leigh Community since 1951 when the division was started. I was not there then but had enjoyed many Wednesday evenings there since I joined as a cadet.

After a while we were invited to attend the Parade Services with the other uniformed youth organisations. It's rather sad that now there is only us. Due to other duties from when we started attending the Parade Services we were only able to attend Mothering Sunday and Remembrance Sunday.

About 12 years ago we were asked to undertake Porch duties on Remembrance Sunday and we have continued to do this every year since and last year we were asked to do the same on Mothering Sunday which we were pleased to do.

We felt proud and honoured when we were asked to undertake Porch duties at the World War 1 Service in 2014. Needless to say we agreed to be there.

At a Parade Service we heard in the weekly notices that the church was looking for volunteers to help with Coffee mornings, so I offered our help and for several years adult members and cadets undertook coffee mornings on the Saturday rota about once every 4 to 6 weeks.

This began my friendship with Patricia Gravett who was always very supportive of the cadets and our activities.

As Adrian will tell you whenever I had a problem or, over many years, and did not know who to ask I would telephone Patricia. She would either know the answer or could let me know who would. I can remember several occasions when either she or Adrian came down on a Wednesday evening to resolve the problem. Wednesday evening when I arrived at the hall was when my phone calls were often made.

After the cadets stopped undertaking coffee mornings I continued doing them as me. When either compulsory redundancy or retirement (have never been sure what to call it) from college came along I increased my availability and willingness to undertake coffee mornings.

Cadets and Badgers have either made or decorated Christmas trees, attended as First Aiders at various events, First Aid demonstrations at the Autumn Fair.

We hold our Annual Enrolment Evening and Presentation of Awards in the church, which is a lovely and fitting setting. Various members of the church have supported us by operating the PA system.

Paul has always supported us by organising the booking of the church, heating, finding the members who are able to operate the PA system and before I had church keys letting me have a set for the day

Finally on behalf of all of us at Leigh-on-Sea Youth Unit, yes our name has been changed and I personally thank you to each and every one of you for all your support and help.

Joy Watson

Unit Manager

Leigh – on – Sea Youth Unit



**A quiz evening is being held at Wesley Methodist Church
Wednesday April 5**

6pm – 9pm

Cost: adults and children £2 (available on the door)

Tables of 8

RAFFLE

Please bring your own food and drinks (not alcohol)

We are fundraising for a training AED to help with the training of cadets and adult members.

We hope you can support us,
Joy Watson, Unit Manager, Leigh-on-Sea Youth Unit

FLOWER ROTA FOR APRIL

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| 2nd | Flowers given by David Norman and the family in loving memory of his parents, Vera and Leslie. |
| 9th | Flowers given by Peter, Linda and the family in loving memory of their daughter, Emma, and Linda's brother, David Gilbert. |
| 16th | Flowers given by Miriam and Charlotte Gifford and the family in loving memory of her dad, George Jones. |
| 23rd | Flowers given by Jane Fulford in loving memory of her mum, arranged by Sue. |
| 30 th | No Donor. |

Prayer Diary April 2017

The topics this month are a mixture of Easter thoughts and sayings with excerpts from the Methodist Worship Book, Susan Sayers' book of Three Hundred Intercessions on Biblical Themes, Stages on the Way by the Wild Goose Worship Group and Kate McIlhagga's God's Friday from The Green Heart of the Snowdrop

1 Sat Loving Lord, as we come to the fifth Sunday of Lent we learn of the grief of Mary and Martha for their brother Lazarus. We ask you to be beside all those who mourn today, deep in sorrow at no longer being able to see, hear and touch a beloved. Give them strength in the rawness of grief and an insight into your grace and love. Amen.

2 Sun *Passiontide* Jesus said: 'Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine must renounce self, and take up the cross and follow me.' Courageous Lord, help us to understand that following you means peace in our hearts and minds but does not release us from physical pain and emotional hurts for that is when we can cry out to you and leave the pain and hurt at the foot of the cross – Gracious Lord Thank you.

3 Mon Lord, we praise you. All we have comes from you. You are the resurrection and the life. We worship and adore you. Amen. *Adapted from Roots p23*

4 Tue As we walk along a road, through a wood or beside the sea may we acknowledge the creation of your world from the smallest ant to the largest lorry, from the tiniest bud to an enormous tree, from the gentlest ripple to crashing waves. In the wonder of your world help us to be good stewards and use all the resources wisely and fairly. Amen.

5 Wed As we walk along a road, through a wood or beside the sea may we notice other people and smile. May we pray for them, known and unknown, may we engage them in conversation and dare we talk of faith in you. Loving Lord, help us never to turn down an opportunity, given by you, to tell others of your love for us.

6 Thu As we drive or are driven help us to observe your world with kindness, to be still and not rage at the red lights or the amount of traffic and especially at someone who may have just cut in. Think what is their life like, is it an emergency, are you, O Lord in their life to help them through their day. In our cars there is rarely opportunity to engage in conversation and find out who they are so we pray for them and offer them to you – for you know all of us. Amen.

7 Fri Travelling Christ, as we journey daily to our workplace may we find you beside us, encouraging and strengthening us to do your will. To listen with your compassion, to speak with your words in tones of affirmation and to act justly and kindly. Amen.

8 Sat *STF 265 Henry Hart Milman* Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes 'Hosanna!' cry; Your humble beast pursues its road With palms and scattered garments strowed. Loving Jesus come into our hearts that we will know your peace, your wellbeing and your saving grace. Amen.

9 Sun *Palm Sunday MWB p 237* Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

10 Mon *Stages on the way Wild Goose Worship Group P59* Lord Jesus Christ, you called your disciples to go forward with you on the way to the cross. Since you first walked that road countless millions have followed you. In all that we do as your disciples, save us from false familiarity with your journey. May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small enough to fit our own, and walk in love and wonder behind you. Amen.

11 Tue *Stages on the way* Jesus will walk a little in front of us into Gethsemane. He will not be scared, though we are apprehensive. He will sweat blood and ask God if there is another way. And when God says no, he will take the traitor's kiss, the soldiers' spit, the bile and venom from the princes of religion. Then he will go on again, IN FAITH, towards the cross. Loving Lord help us to understand. Amen.

12 Wed Almighty God forgive us when we become modern day Judas'. When we want power over others and money for our own ends. The power and wealth will consume us and we will lose our compassion and understanding for all the people we meet. Father God help us and forgive us. Amen.

13 Thu *Maundy Thursday* Loving Holy Lord, you broke the bread knowing of the torture to come, you took the wine knowing your blood would be shed. You love us all even when we deny you as Peter did. Yet your unconditional love forgives us and gives us hope anew which enables us to forgive ourselves.

14 Fri *Good Friday God's Friday – The Green Heart of the Snowdrop Kate McIlhagga p117* Anointed for burial with gentle kisses, nothing nothing nothing prepared him for this: the thud of hammers, nails biting into his wrists, his feet; the lurch of his body swung forward and down into the pit of despair; the godforsakenness breaking his heart. How long, O God, how long must I endure this birthing death until the waters break and the at-one-ment is delivered?

15 Sat Jesus dead in the tomb, all hope gone

A waiting time of despair

A waiting time of fear

A waiting time of sadness and sorrow

A waiting time of darkness

A waiting time of all hope gone

Dear Lord, we pray for all those who feel so lost in our modern all seeing but unconnected, unloving world may they come to know your wondrous love.

16 Sun *Easter MWB pp160, 173* Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

17 Mon Risen Lord Jesus, we may not have seen you but we believe in you. Risen Lord Jesus, we may not have heard you but we know you. Loving Lord Jesus, we feel your compassion. Loving Lord Jesus, we acknowledge your challenge to tell others of you. Make us faithful disciples sharing friendship and fellowship with everyone.

18 Tue *Faithful Service* We pray that the spiritual life of each church community may be nurtured and grow, so that Christians may have confidence to reach out increasingly to the particular needs of their neighbourhood. Lord we trust you: let us faithfully serve you. *Susan Sayers p530*

19 Wed *Following where God leads* We pray for the dying and those who love and tend them; for the bereaved and desolate; may all in trouble and sorrow draw strength from your life and your victory over death. Lord, give us faith to follow: where you lead. *Susan Sayers p536*

20 Thu *Lord of Light* Lord of light, open our eyes to see things your way. Whenever we have eye contact with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, be there in that communication and remind us of our calling to love one another. *Susan Sayers p134*

21 Fri *Trust in God* Abba Father, we trust in you. We bring to him all who are striving for peace and harmony in local government, national and international negotiations; that nothing may deter or divert them, so that the Father's will may be done on earth. *Susan Sayers p 512*

22 Sat *The Bread of Life* As we prepare and eat our food each day, we pray for those who grow and manufacture it, distribute and sell it, shop for it and cook it, and for those with whom we share food. Build us up with your spiritual feeding which sustains us for ever. Feed us Lord: with the Bread of Life. *Susan Sayers p116*

23 Sun *All things work together* God of mercy, we call to mind those with whom we share the work and leisure of our life; we pray for those we treasure and those we battle with and ask you to breathe into our relationships the forgiving love which cleanses and heals. In God all things work together for good. *Susan Sayers p514*

24 Mon *Media* We pray for those working in news coverage and in the media; for all whose words influence our human society; that integrity and honour may be valued and responsibility never abused. Lord support us: and help us to live our faith. *Susan Sayers p 532*

25 Tue *Living Spirit* Divine Spirit, we ask for your assurance and comfort wherever people are hurting or crying inside the brave face; pour out your welcoming love and give them the peace they crave. Living Spirit of God; you give us life in abundance. *Susan Sayers p284*

26 Wed *Walking humbly with God* We pray for our busy, rushed world; for those weighed down with responsibilities, and for the daily routine of millions of individuals on this earth; that God's Good News may bring to each separate person life in all its abundance. Lord, give us faith to walk humbly with you. *Susan Sayers p546*

27 Thu *Father increase our faith* Father, speak your love through our voices and our actions, in our homes, our places of work, and wherever we go. Lord, we believe: help our unbelief. *Susan Sayers p520*

28 Fri *The Growth of the Kingdom* Lord of heaven: let the kingdom grow. May the kingdom grow in states, empires and monarchies, in the crowded streets of cities and in the scattered rural communities; in all decision-making and all spending. *Susan Sayers p460*

29 Sat *Renew our Faith* We pray for those who are in pain or anguish and those who are frightened, that they may find strength in faith. For with God: everything is possible. *Susan Sayers p522*

30 Sun *Fulfil our prayers* Father, you always give us far more than we can ever deserve; please fulfil our prayers in the way that is best for us. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. *Susan Sayers p 529*



TIME FOR HEALING

The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on April 22nd between 11.30am - 12.30pm. 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 next meetings are planned for the following dates (generally on the third Saturday of each month but please note the changed date for this May):

- 22 April 2017
- 13 May 2017
- 17 June 2017

The meditation we used at the March meeting was as follows:

Helping Others and Finding Peace

Isaiah 58: 6-8

"No, the kind of fast I want is that you stop oppressing those who work for you and treat them fairly and give them what they earn. I want you to share your food with the hungry and bring right into your own homes those who are helpless, poor and destitute. Clothe those who are cold and don't hide from relatives who need your help.

If you do these things, God will shed his own glorious light upon you. He will heal you; your godliness will lead you forward, and goodness will be a shield before you, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then, when you call, the Lord will answer. "Yes, I am here," he will quickly reply."

(Scripture taken from The Living Bible)

It's great to fast and offer it as a gift to God, if you can, but not if it could drastically affect your health and goes against the doctor's advice. So what should our attention be drawn to in this passage?

God is not saying 'help out, or I won't help you out!' No, it's not about emotional blackmail, nor is it about 'conditional' love – 'Do as I want, or else!' It's about having a social conscience and using the non-judgemental insights we can gain from God to help others. Sometimes we may realise that as we try to help or advise others we may re-learn our own life lessons, as they are reinforced to help us and the person we are talking to. A healing by feeling lighter can come through this, as light reaches through any trapped habits to free us. Often new helpful, life giving, insights come out of talking to a person who is encountering what you may have just overcome, or are in the process of overcoming. God is in the unexpected, lurking in many surprising places in everyday life!

Basically it's asking us to go beyond ourselves, and get involved in life, it's asking us to treat others with respect - whatever they believe, or don't believe, or are not going to believe! People will always believe whatever they want, so it's being there for anybody. But beware, you can only help others if you are able to do so, so look after yourself first – take advice on personal safety, don't overdo things. Also another person's life is their own stuff - you don't have to own it! Sometimes helping others is a thankless task, literally, but then surely we don't help to be thanked. It's not about that! Others won't think and react as we do, so don't expect them to!

This passage goes on to advise against talking about others. After all, we only know what others say or tell us and not what they refuse to talk about! We shouldn't judge, because everyone has a reason to be who they are, and we're not the overall Creator. None of us are qualified to gossip about anybody as we've all got our own messes to sort out! We need to find our own peace with the help of God.

Isaiah 26: 3

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"

(Scripture taken from NLT)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could drift around deep in peace? Yes it would! But that's not real because we're living in a world of turmoil which encroaches upon our lives.

I always remember a friend of mine who was struggling to bring up a disabled daughter, her take on this passage was that 'Peace must come in some sort of strength from God which helps us get through things.'

Luke 19: 1-10

"As Jesus was passing through Jericho, a man named Zacchaeus, one of the most influential Jews in the Roman tax-collecting business (and, of course, a very rich man), tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowds. So he ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree beside the road, to watch from there.

When Jesus came by he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name! "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick! Come down! For I am going to be a guest in your home today!"

Zacchaeus hurriedly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the crowds were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," the grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "Sir, from now on I will give half my wealth to the poor, and if I find I have overcharged anyone on his taxes, I will penalize myself by giving him back four times as much!"

Jesus told him, "This shows that salvation has come to this home today. This man was one of the lost sons of Abraham, and I, the Messiah, have come to search for and to save such souls as his."
(Scripture taken from The Living Bible)

There's a sense here of how desperate Zacchaeus was to see Jesus his urgent need led him to climb a tree to get Jesus' attention. But what was really troubling Zacchaeus, was he seeking some sort of peace? He was exploiting the vulnerable, and wasn't truthful in his dealings. At some level he was aware of this, and was carrying this shame. As yet he hadn't wanted to get out of this habit, but now he was prepared to turn it around and deal in honesty and generosity. Why? What had brought about this turn around? Jesus was being his conscience and his friend, he didn't agree with what Zacchaeus had done and by being a light He had reached the darkness Zacchaeus was trapped in, and helped him to walk out of it.

Jesus is echoing the passage in Isaiah 58: 6-8 by this teaching here, by showing respect to all, and wanting us to live honestly, fairly, and justly. Our response often means that we need God's attention to help us. It's being prepared to look at ourselves, face ourselves daily, and look at what we need to overcome and change. In other words, it's important to know who we are, to enjoy the diversity of others, and find peace in being open to what God wants us to be!

3GENERATE

NEWS ABOUT 3Generate 2017

3Generate 2017 will take place from 24th to 26th November at Pontins, Southport - a new LARGER venue!

Tickets for this year's event will go on sale on 24th April 2017.

3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for hearing the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church, focusing on fun, faith and friends.

What is 3Generate?

A weekend planned and shaped **by** children, young people - and their workers - for children and young people.

A chance to meet up with friends and make new ones - from other Methodist Churches all over the country.

A weekend of conversation, debate, indoor and outdoor activities, games, music, sport, crafts and challenges.

An opportunity to talk about the issues that affect you and really matter to you, the world and the Church - to listen to each other and to God.

Time and space to worship together in a range of creative and imaginative ways. Your chance to have a say - and vote for the young people who represent you.

Who is 3Generate for?

If you're aged between 8 and 23, 3Generate is for you!

There are lots of activities and entertainment for you to choose from, largely organised in three separate age streams: 8-11s (school years 4-6), 11-18s (school years 7-13) and 18-23s.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED ASK YOUR ZONE LEADERS FOR MORE INFO.

PRITTLE BROOK SPRING WALK for HARP

Taking place on Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 2pm, it's a 3½ mile Sunday afternoon stroll along the Prittle Brook Greenway from Priory Park to Belfairs Park – raising vital funds for HARP. Every step you take will show you're supporting local homeless people.

What's more, with each entry you will receive a FREE HARP Spring Walk T-shirt and also enjoy a well-earned cup of tea and slice of cake afterwards at the Woodlands Centre at Belfairs Park.

This is a great afternoon out and knowing you are helping Southend's homeless community rebuild their lives and live independently makes it even better!

Entrance fee (including tea and cake and FREE T-shirt)

Adults - £8

Children - £4

Family ticket - £20

Please sign up today by visiting our website www.harpsouthend.org/spring-walk

It would be lovely if you could join us, so why not sign up?

Thank you

Lisa Walton

HARP Community & Individual Fundraising Officer

Tel 01702 415834



Fusion Kids

Entry £1

Activities include:
Tuck shop, Xbox,
Games, Craft, Pool,
Table football,
Nail art, Snack
Competitions
And Much More!!

Hadleigh Methodist Tuesdays 4.30pm-6pm
for children school years 1-6

Leigh Wesley Methodist Thursdays
6pm-7.30pm for children school years 1-6

Benfleet Methodist Fridays 6pm-7.30pm
for children school years 3-6

For more information contact Jonathan Logan 07852905742

HELPING HANDS

The following contacts from our wider church family may be able to help if you are struggling with housework, gardening or odd jobs?

Gardening Services and Odd Jobs
Painting, decorating & Odd Jobs
Dog walking

Steve Hockett
Mark Wiltshire
Freya

07952 058251
01702 475089
07496 129385

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Fusion



Disney
MOANA

**Free movie morning
any age children
welcome
but must be
accompanied
by an adult
Tuckshop available**

**5th April
@10am**

**Wesley Methodist Church
Contact Jonathan Logan
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**Beds, Essex and Herts District
Methodist Women in Britain**

District Day

TUESDAY 9th May

at

THE SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH

DUNSTABLE

LU6 3SN

10.30 - 3.00

" A BABY IN BETHLEHEM"

Led by

Revd. Nichola Jones

***Come and hear a first-hand account of life in Bethlehem
from Nicola who has recently been working there.***

Easy parking behind the church Tea and Coffee served

Bring and Buy stall Bring a packed Lunch

An opportunity to purchase handmade goods from the region

For further information email Linda King, lindayeomanking@gmail.com
President of MWiB for Beds, Essex and Herts District



Southend on Sea CIO

TEL: 01702 345373

**Age Concern Community Club
Wesley Methodist Church Elm Rd Leigh
Tuesdays 2 – 4pm**

Dates for the Diary

Tues 4 th April	Speaker, Judith Williams; Local Writer: Smugglers and Witches. Contributions welcome at Wesley
Tues 11 th April	Easter Tea, at Wesley 2 . 4pm £5 advance payment.
Tues 18 th April	Cricketers Lunch 12.30pm 2 courses £10.95 or 3 courses £13.95. £5 deposit + £1 Admin fee
Tues 25 th April	Quiz and games at Wesley
Tues 2 nd May	Quiz and games at Wesley
Tues 9 th May	Speaker . India: Golden Triangle and Shimla Railway at Wesley
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month we have lunch out Club closed	

AGE CONCERN COMMUNITY CLUB VOLUNTEERS

If you are free for two hours on a Tuesday afternoon and would like to help with refreshments, games and hospitality at our lively community club, please come along and join our wonderful team.

Kind regards,
Miki, Age Concern Southend
tel 01702 345373

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL

11.00am
Mon 3rd 10.00am
Tues 4th 12.30pm
2.00pm
Wed 5th 10.00am
Thurs 6th 7.15pm
Fri 7th 2.00pm
Sat 8th 10.00am
11.30am

UNITED SERVICE WITH HIGHLANDS

Preacher: Rev Julia Monaghan
Porch: Heather Jones
Wesley Art Group
Age Concern Community Club
LENT course week 5 - Wesley church
Sanctuary
Fusion Kids Movie Morning
Fish and Chip Supper, Highlands Methodist Church
followed by Holy Communion (pre-book essential)
Table Tennis 60+
Coffee Morning
Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 9th APRIL

9.00am
11.00am
Mon 10th 10.00am
Tues 11th 2.00pm
Wed 12th 9.00am
2.30pm
Fri 14th

PALM SUNDAY

Communion
Preacher: L A
Porch: David Cox
Wesley Art Group
Age Concern Community Club
Midweek Communion – Wesley
Talking Poetry N Nineteenth Century Poet

GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am
10.30am
11.00am
Sat 15th 10.00am

Stations of the Cross with St Clements – the walk for
the Stations of the Cross will start at St Clements at
9.30 am.
Belfairs, Highlands & Wesley meeting at Wesley for
Hot Cross Buns followed by
Joint Service at Wesley.
Coffee Morning

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

8.00am

11.00am

Mon 17th

2.00pm

Weds 19th

9.00am

10.00am

Thurs 20th

6.00pm

Fri 21st

10.30am

2.00pm

Sat 22nd

10.00am

11.30am

EASTER SUNDAY

SONRISE SERVICE on Strand Wharf, Old Leigh

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION led by Rev Teresa

Rutterford with Sue Hockett

Porch: Katherine Devine

Memory Worship; Worship for those with
and without Dementia

Midweek Communion – Wesley

Parent & Toddler

Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth

Wesley Movie Morning

“The Way”

Table Tennis 60+

Coffee Morning

Time for Healing

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

11.00am

Preacher: Mr Colin Turner

Porch: Michelle Scott

Mon 24th

10.00am

Wesley Art Group

Tues 25th

2.00pm

Age Concern Community Club

8.00pm

Informal Worship

Weds 26th

10.00am

Parent & Toddler

2.30pm

Talking Poetry O/P Oceans or Peace

Thurs 27th

6.00pm

Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth

Fri 28th

2.00pm

Table Tennis 60+

Sat 29th

10.00am

Coffee Morning

11.30am

Time for Prayer

SUNDAY 30th APRIL

11.00am

Preacher: Rev Peter Moorhouse

Porch: Heather Swain

FORWARD EVENTS

Sat 8 th April	8.30am-8.30pm	Playing for Time, Wesley Theatre Group 12 hour sponsored "Readathon"
Thurs 27 th April	2.00-4.00pm	First 2017 Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes
Sat 22 nd July		ALLEGRO in concert @ Wesley

MAY CLARION

Items for the April Clarion should be emailed to julie.peek@hotmail.co.uk or placed in the folder outside the vestry by **MONDAY 17th APRIL 2017**



Wesley Methodist Church is a member of **Southend and Leigh Circuit**

www.southendandleigh.org

and part of the

Beds, Essex and Herts District of the Methodist Church

A dementia-friendly community is a city, town or village where people with dementia are understood, respected and supported and confident they can contribute to community life.

