

## Prayer Diary

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*

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.

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# Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

Minister: Rev. Julia Monaghan

Notices for the week commencing Sunday 2 April 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.*

<b>Sun 2nd</b>	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
5th in Lent	11 am	Service of Holy Communion United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: STF 334, 376 vv 1&4, 287, 350, 247 Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45 Porch: Heather Jones Flowers: Given by David Norman and the family in loving memory of his parents, Vera and Leslie
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 4th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Wesley Housegroup
	2 pm	Lent Course, week 5: Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)
<b>Wed 5th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Fusion Movie Morning – Moana
	6 pm	St John Ambulance quiz evening (see below)
<b>Thu 6th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning

<b>Fri 7th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
<b>Sat 8th</b>	8.30 am	Playing for Time (see below)
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
<b>Sun 9th</b> 6th in Lent (Palm Sunday)	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Led by Rev. Julia Monaghan
	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship Led by Sam Monaghan
		Porch: David Cox

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](mailto:admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk) or phone to 01702 711851, by 9.45 am each Friday.

**Ken Brown's** funeral will be at Southend Crematorium at 3.20 pm on Monday 3 April.

#### **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

#### **St John Ambulance Quiz Evening, 6-9 pm, Wednesday 5 April**

Cost for adults and children £2 (available on the door). Tables of 8. There will be a 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 adults members. Hope you can support us. – Joy Watson, St John Ambulance.

**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.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Events**

**Anne Briant's Stations of the Cross** artwork will be displayed in the church from **Monday 10 April to Saturday 15 April**. The church will be open for viewing these on weekday and Saturday mornings as usual, plus 6-8 pm Monday-Wednesday and 9 am-4 pm on Good Friday.

**The Salvation Army** invite us to join with them on **Wednesday 12 April at 8 pm** for an evening of Easter music and reflection. Coffee will be served afterwards in their lounge at the rear of the building.

**Maunder 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.

**Good Friday, 14 April** – Stations of the Cross with St Clements – there will be a walk starting at St Clements at 9.30 am. This will go round the shops with Wesley being Station No 8, returning to St Clements about 10.15. Highlands and Belfairs Methodist churches will then join for Hot Cross Buns and drinks at Wesley, with the joint service at 11 am.

**Easter Day, Sunday 16 April** – Sunrise service on Strand Wharf with Rev Julia and the Salvation Army Band at 8 am; Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Teresa Rutterford with Sue Hockett at 11 am; Service of Praise and Prayer at Belfairs at 6.30 pm.

**Loud Room storage** – Any items stored during the refurbishment that are not claimed by the end of April will be disposed of. Please see Paul McDowell if you wish to claim them– Thank you, Jane Fulford.

**40 Acts of Kindness** are from adults this week: Flowers for the preacher; at work things are very difficult as we are being restructured – I have taken to going round each morning and asking people if they would like either a tea or coffee, when I am making one for myself – it is really helping people feel more valued and is much appreciated; Many examples of a phone call to another Wesley friend to check up on the person and just see how they are.

**Snagging** – We are really pleased by the way the 'Snagging' book in the Concourse has been used since the Building Work finished. We feel that this is a much better way of communicating positive and negative feedback, than just telling one person, particularly on a Sunday. In order for us to retain Sunday as a day of Worship rather than Business, we would like to continue with this method of communication. If you have any feedback of any kind about the life of the church, whether it be ongoing niggles with the sound for example or feedback on services or even ideas, please use the re-named 'Feedback' book in the Concourse. This will be looked at every Monday morning and actions taken if necessary, and if you leave your name, we will get back to you to share what is being done. Please also let us know how you feel this is working. – Isobel Wratlaw on behalf of the Leadership Team.

**Many, many thanks** for all your kindnesses, prayers, emails, phone calls since the day I was not well in church. I had treatment last Saturday and it was successful and I am pain free now. – Eileen Simmons.