

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 23 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.*

Sun 23rd	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Colin Turner Hymns: STF 295, 30, 305, 20, 347 Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 Porch: Michelle Scott Flowers: Given by Jane Fulford in loving memory of her mum, arranged by Sue Scouts' Renewal of Promise
	3 pm	
Mon 24th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 25th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Sam Monaghan
Wed 26th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Oceans or Peace
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 27th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	60+ Afternoon Tea and Cakes

Thu 27 <i>ctd</i>	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
Fri 28th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 29th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Garden working party (see below)
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 30th 3rd Sunday of Easter	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Peter Moorhouse Porch: Heather Swain

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.

Wesley is seeking to be a good steward. If you would like to give to the church, please use the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church and pass to a steward or place in the collection plate. If you would like to set up a regular standing order with your bank, please contact Tina Gowers at TinaGowers@sky.com or 01702 528674. If you would rather have weekly envelopes, please speak to Keith Charnock on 01702 479658.

Kitty Hardy

Kitty's funeral will be at **12.15 pm** (not 12.45 pm) at Wesley on Wednesday 3 May.

Manhole work in Elm Road, Wednesday 26 April

There is a sunken manhole at the junction of Rectory Grove and Elm Road that needs to be repaired between 9 am and 4 pm on Wednesday. There will be a road closure but it is not expected to affect entry to the Wesley car park, although you may need to take a different route if approaching via Marine Parade or Broadway West.

Summertime Afternoon Tea and Cakes, 2-4 pm, Thursday 27 April

It's the first 60+ tea and cake afternoon of the season this Thursday. £1 for tea, coffee or juice plus a choice of delicious cakes. Stay all afternoon or pop in for a while – bring your friends.

Working party to plant up the Wesley Garden, 10 am to noon, Saturday 29 April

If you are able to help or donate a plant or some compost – please see Gaye Greenway or Percy Pritchard. There will also be a PLANT SALE /

SWAP for the Building Fund on this morning so get potting up your favourite plants to bring along. Got any CERAMIC POTS or GARDEN ORNAMENTS you are tired of? – bring them along – Statuary? Dare I say gnomes?! All are welcome! Come along and have a coffee and join in the fun. There is a list in the Concourse of suitable plants for the garden. – Thank you, Gaye Greenway.

Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May

Advance notice. Envelopes will be in the pews on Sunday 14 May. For further details see Adrian Gravatt or, when it comes out, the May Clarion. There will be a coffee morning with cakes on Saturday 20 May – please provide cakes if you can and please come!

Emails

Due to a problem with our domain name, all emails sent to Wesley between first thing Tuesday 18 April and 11 am Thursday 20 April were rejected. It's now working fine again, so if you did send an email to Wesley during that time please send it again. – With thanks, Paul McDowell.

Invitations to Ministers

The Circuit Invitation Committee is pleased to announce that it has made an invitation to Rev. Steve Watts to be in pastoral charge of Rayleigh and Hockley from 1 September and he has accepted. He is currently serving in the Amersham Circuit. Further details about the Welcome Service will follow in due course. Please continue to pray for the Committee as they also seek to find an appointment for Chalkwell and Thundersley and one for Rochford and another church (to be agreed) as part of the Circuit Vision to have one Minister to 2 churches. – Ian Lowe, Circuit Steward.

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 by 28 April if you wish to claim them. – Thank you, Jane Fulford.

Prayer Diary

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. *All this week's prayers are taken from Susan Sayers, 300 Intercessions on Biblical Themes* (continued over)