

## Prayer Diary *(continued)*

10 Mon *Stages on the way Wild Goose Worship Group* 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* 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.

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# Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 9 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 9th</b>	9 am	Service of Holy Communion
6th in Lent		Led by Rev. Julia Monaghan
(Palm	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Sunday)	11 am	Morning Worship
		Led by Sam Monaghan
		Hymns: Songs of Fellowship 627, STF 264, 272, 351
		Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
		Porch: David Cox
		Flowers: Given by Peter, Linda and the family in loving memory of their daughter Emma and Linda's brother David Gilbert
<b>Mon 10th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	10 am	Stations of the Cross artwork opens (see over)
	3.15 pm	Funeral of Anthony Jones
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 11th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
<b>Wed 12th</b>	9 am	Midweek Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Nineteenth Century Poet

<b>Thu 13th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
Maundy Thursday	7.15 pm	Fish & Chip Supper and Holy Communion at Highlands (see below)
<b>Fri 14th</b>	9.30 am	Stations of the Cross walk (see below)
Good Friday	10.30 am	Hot Cross Buns in the concourse
	11 am	Service led by Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: New Hymns & Worship Songs 204, STF 674, 419, 285 (vv 1-2), 287 Bible readings from all 4 Gospels
<b>Sat 15th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
<b>Sun 16th</b>	8 am	Sunrise Service on Strand Wharf
Easter Day	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Service of Holy Communion Preacher: Rev. Teresa Rutterford with Sue Hockett Porch: Katherine Devine
	6.30 pm	Service of Praise and Prayer at Belfairs

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.

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](mailto:TinaGowers@sky.com) or 01702 528674. If you would rather have weekly envelopes, please speak to Keith Charnock on 01702 479658.

**Kitty Hardy** – We are sorry to announce the death of Kitty. Her funeral will be at Wesley on Wednesday 3 May at 12.45 pm followed by a 1.40 pm service at the crematorium. Our love and prayers are with Marissa and all the family.

#### **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

#### **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.

**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.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.

**Snaggings** – We are really pleased by the way the 'Snaggings' book 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. 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, please use the re-named 'Feedback' book in the Concourse. This will be looked at every Monday 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, Leadership Team.

#### **Prayer Diary**

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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