

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

Thu 25 Be still and know that I am God *Psalms 46 v 10* Lord, please teach me how to 'waste time' on your presence. *Jennifer Rees Larcombe*

Fri 26 We pray for those who depend on us, and those on whom we depend, for our physical and spiritual needs. Amen *Susan Sayers*

Sat 27 Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. *Psalms 34 v 5*

Sun 28 We give thanks today for all we have worshiped and prayed at Wesley over the years. We give thanks for their gifts that are living legacies for the ministry of your word in this place. Bless all who worship here today. Amen

Mon 29 Lord, By prayerful offering and heartfelt loving may earth and heaven, flesh and spirit, human and divine, combine to create a communion of life and love that lasts for ever. Amen *Andrew Clithrow –Prayer A Christian Companion*

Tue 30 Lord Jesus Christ, fill us, we pray, with your light, that we may reflect your wondrous glory. So fill us with your love, that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give and nothing too hard to bear. *Prayer A Christian Companion*

Wed 31 Go in the love and strength of God. Cherish your relationships. Build bridges at school, home and work. Speak words of encouragement and inspire and know that you are loved. Amen *Roots May-June 2017*

Thu 1 Create within us, O God, a love for your holy word. Teach us its true and inner meaning. Within its sacred pages may we find new strength and joy; by its precepts guidance for the soul, and through familiar words grace to help, in time of need; for your truth and your name's sake. *Walter James (1879-1908)*

Fri 2 Dear God of the whole world, help us to see people through your eyes and to treat them in the same way that Jesus would. *Upper Room*

Sat 3 We pray Lord that you will give us wisdom; and faith to believe that because we ask then you will give. *James 1:5-6*

Sun 4 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Methodist Worship Book*

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Notices for the two weeks commencing Sunday 21 May 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 21st	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
6th Sunday of Easter	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Val Windsor Hymns: STF 317, 76, 346, 519, 51 Readings: Psalm 15; Mark 2:13-17; Matthew 4:12-17 Porch: Helen Boyd Flowers: Given by Anne Dray in loving memory of her husband Peter and his brother Joe
Mon 22nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 23rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Sue Hockett
Wed 24th	9.30 am	North Street School visit Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 25th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Ascension	2 pm	Summertime Afternoon Tea & Cakes for 60+
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth

Fri 26th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Movie Morning – A Street Cat named Bob
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 27th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 28th 7th Sunday of Easter	10.30 am	Sunday in Ascensiontide – United Service at Highlands with Wesley and Belfairs (see below) Preacher: Rev. Gordon Bates
Mon 29th		Bank Holiday – no Coffee Morning
Tue 30th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Wed 31st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Fusion Movie Morning
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – A Sonnet (moved from 24th)
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 1st	10 am	Coffee Morning
Fri 2nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 3rd	8.15 am	Circuit Prayer Breakfast at the Elms
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 4th Pentecost	11 am	Service of Holy Communion United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Clifford Newman Porch: Linda Lister
	4 pm	Easter Offering Circuit Service at Thundersley

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 on Friday 2 June.

Increasing Our Offerings – Many people at Wesley give very generously of their time and money, but we have a significant issue which we are currently facing. This year we are facing a shortfall of £11,000 in running the church. Please could everyone prayerfully consider their regular giving? Could you manage to increase what you are already committed to giving, or even think about starting to give regularly via Standing Order or our Envelope Scheme? If you can use one of these schemes we will be able to collect Gift Aid (an additional 25%) which we are not able to do with cash in the collection bags.

For Envelopes contact keithcharnock2@gmail.com or for Standing Orders contact TinaGowers@sky.com. Thank you so much for all you *are* able to give. Wesley Church Council, May 2017.

United Service, Sunday 28 May – change of venue – This was going to be at Wesley but will now be at **Highlands (10.30 am)**. This is to avoid Highlands not having a service for two weeks running.

Bible Month – During June, across the Connexion there will be a Bible month, taking the opportunity to look at the book of James. The idea is for each Sunday during June, the 4 weeks' services will allow James to be preached in four main sections: 4 June, James 1, Doers of the Word; 11 June, James 2, Faith and Works; 18 June, James 3-4:12, Speech and Wisdom; 25 June, James 4:13-5:20, Living for the Lord. All information can be found on www.methodist.org.uk. There will also be weekly group sessions, one at Benfleet 7 pm on Wednesdays 7, 21 and 28 June beginning with Worship Academy with Rev Leslie Griffiths, the other at Thorpe Bay on Thursdays 8, 22 and 29 June. There is one joint session in the second week, at Wesley on Wednesday 14 June. Each session begins with a meal. Rev. Pete, the ministerial team and the Circuit Leadership Team are looking forward to this, and hope that you will come on board with this opportunity for the Circuit to immerse themselves in a biblical book, and hope that we can all engage with Scripture.

Quiet Day, United Methodist Church Shoebury, 10 am – 3 pm, Friday 9 June – Led by Anne Briant. Although it is under the auspices of MWiB, the day is open for everyone – men and women, Methodist or not! Anne is putting a great deal of thought and effort into arranging this day so it would be good if as many people as possible are able to come along. Usual arrangements for a Quiet Day – bring a packed lunch, drinks available.

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Sun 21 Aldersgate Sunday – what a legacy John Wesley left us. Holy Spirit, give us the strength to speak out when we see injustice, the courage to speak up for those denied a voice and hope that our words make a difference; help us to witness to your love for your world. Amen *Roots Magazine May/June 2017*

Mon 22 Lord, you put such a very high priority on forgiveness, so please show us if there is anyone we need to forgive. *Jennifer Rees Larcombe*

Tue 23 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, “therefore, I will hope in him!” *Lamentations 3 v 22-24*

Wed 24 Father, when we feel bewildered and confused by some of the things that happen help us to keep focused on Jesus so that we act and react just as He would. *(continued over)*