

Prayer Diary

God of all time, and all places, we set aside time and place to go on pilgrimage, looking for you. Help us to see each day as a pilgrimage, treating every experience, both exciting and mundane, as part of our daily walk with you, our companion and guide, who is with us each step of the way. Amen. *Anne Brown, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District Chair*

17-23 July *Travelling with a family in a car* A long car journey with the car packed with suitcases and carrier bags, essentials of tissues, wipes, towels, activity books, I pads, electronic games, drinks and snacks OR a few items thrown in the back.

Loving Lord, however we travel with our families and friends may we remember it is about the children and friends not what we are taking with us. May our conversations with each other show love, understanding and joy in the knowledge that God loves all of us uniquely and for ever. Amen

24-30 July *The beach* A full and busy beach with cries and squeals from young children. Buggies full of towels, sunshades and umbrellas, extra clothing, snacks and buckets and spades. Ice creams being licked with open mouths, wide eyes and sticky noses. Sandcastles being made only to disappear by the encroaching tide.

Loving Lord may we feel your presence at the beach amid the joy and fun, may we know we can be forgiven the tide bringing a wave of forgiveness, a clean path a new beginning for all of us. Open our eyes to the forgiving beauty of a beach.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 17 July 2016

We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Coffee and tea are served in the concourse after every Sunday morning service – 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 17th	10.30 am	Coffee in Concourse
16th in	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Ordinary	11 am	Morning Worship in Canteen Room
Time		Preacher: Colin Turner
		Hymns: STF 340, 447, 20, 356, 566
		Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a;
		Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
		Porch: Janet Whiddett
Mon 18th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 19th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Wed 20th		No Mid-Week Communion
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 21st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes for 60+
Fri 22nd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+

Sat 23rd	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Coffee in Concourse
17th in	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Ordinary	11 am	Morning Worship in Canteen Room
Time		Preacher: Sue Hockett
		Porch: Michelle Scott

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 each week.

Rev. Julia is on holiday. She will return to preach at Highlands on Sunday 24 July but is then at Boys' & Girls' Brigade camp from 25-27 July. Please contact Rev. Peter Moorhouse (Superintendent) on 01702 557070 if you need to speak to a minister.

Quiet Room

For the duration of the building work, the Quiet Room will be set aside as a place of prayer between 10 am and noon on weekdays and Saturdays – the hours that the church is usually open for prayer.

There will be **no coffee morning on Tuesday 2 August** for one day only due to overlapping activities.

Worship plans during the building redevelopment

Even though the Church is undergoing some important changes from July to December all our usual activities and, more importantly worship, are continuing. A detailed service rota is on the notice board in the concourse, and is included in the July-August Clarion, which gives details of where our Worship will be held during July through to December. We hope to keep to these arrangements but if any changes are to be made we will endeavour to give early notice each month. We ask that you support all our stewards during this time who will do their best to make sure all runs smoothly. – Thank you, Sue Hockett.

Sunday Coffees

For the duration of the building work, **coffees will be served on Sunday in the concourse before morning worship at 10.30 am when the service is being held in the Canteen Room**, and after the morning service when the service is being held upstairs in Wesley Hall.

Action for Children

Action for Children envelopes, which were given out last Sunday, can still be handed in today.

Gift Day for Church Funds 2016

Dear Friends, Saturday 6th August has been chosen as Gift Day for church funds where people are invited to make a financial gift to the church over and above their regular giving. This year the funds will go to the general church account. You are very welcome to Open House at the manse, 1 Oakview Close, on the Saturday morning between 10 am – 12 noon. Bring your gift and come and share in hospitality. We would like to know how your summer is going. Parking is always slightly tricky in our small close, but the roads round Elmsleigh Drive usually have spaces. We look forward to seeing you. – Rev. Julia.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2016/7

This Methodist connexional year the handbook is called **Freedoms to Share**. It will be published in August and I shall be ordering copies mid July. It can be ordered in large print or usual size at £3.95 each. Please let me know if you would like me to order you a copy. I can thoroughly recommend this publication, which I have found a blessing for many years. I can show you an earlier edition. – Eileen Simmons, 472521.