

## Prayer Diary *(continued)*

28-31 August *Coming Home* As we travel the journey of life we pray we are pursuing God's purpose, that Christ is beside us and in our hearts and the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to be compassionate, kind and loving to all the people we meet. As we journey home and return to the home of love, kindness and familiarity may we remember that we can always return to a loving forgiving God through faith in Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### September

1 Thu *New beginnings* O Lord we ask you to guide us when we are uncertain of the way ahead. We think of new ministers in other circuits, children and teachers moving schools, university students beginning their courses or returning to their studies. We think of their parents and the gap they leave behind. Change is ever with us but you O Lord are constant in your love and care. You O Lord are ever with us and give us hope for the future, with faith in Christ. Amen

2 Fri *Holidays* Dear Lord we give thanks for the holidays. We pray that all those who have away are refreshed and renewed in mind, body and spirit. We pray that we can all look to the future with open minds and not be afraid. Help us to do your will through Jesus Christ. Amen

3 Sat *Artists* Loving creative Lord, we pray that all artists recognise the beauty of your world and the skill you give them. We give thanks for the stain glass windows on the hoarding, the fun painting them and the conversations that it stimulated about the church and the Good News of Christ. Thank you Mary.

4 Sun *Decision Making* Loving Holy Lord, thank you for giving us the freewill to think for ourselves. We thank you for our minds, our ability to discern what to do and our hearts which help us to act in love. Help us to think carefully and choose wisely. Amen

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# Wesley Methodist Church

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## Notices for the two weeks commencing Sunday 21 August 2016

We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.

During our building work, coffee and tea are served in the concourse at 10.30 am *before* Sunday morning services when they're taking place in the Canteen Room, and *after* the service at about 12 noon when they're taking place upstairs in Wesley Hall. Please do come 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.*

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| <b>Sun 21st</b> | 10.30 am | Coffee in the Concourse                      |
| 21st in         | 11 am    | Morning Worship in the Canteen Room          |
| Ordinary        |          | Preacher: Susan Mthimkulu                    |
| Time            |          | Hymns: STF 83, 277, 495, 345, 51             |
|                 |          | Readings: Romans 5:1-11; James 2:14-26;      |
|                 |          | Joshua 2:1-21                                |
|                 |          | Porch: Geoff Fulford                         |
|                 |          | Flowers: Given by Sue and Philip Blockley in |
|                 |          | memory of Rita Whale on her 90th birthday    |
|                 |          | and of her cousin Honor Chamberlain, also 90 |
|                 |          | this month                                   |
| <b>Mon 22nd</b> | 10 am    | Coffee Morning                               |
| <b>Tue 23rd</b> | 10 am    | Coffee Morning                               |
| <b>Wed 24th</b> | 9.15 am  | Mid-Week Communion at Fishermen's Chapel     |
|                 | 10 am    | Coffee Morning                               |
|                 | 6 pm     | St John Ambulance                            |
| <b>Thu 25th</b> | 10 am    | Coffee Morning                               |
|                 | 10 am    | Movie Morning – Zootopia (see over)          |

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| <b>Thu 25</b> <i>ctd</i> | 2 pm            | Afternoon Tea and Cakes for 60+                          |
| <b>Fri 26th</b>          | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
| <b>Sat 27th</b>          | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
|                          | 11.30 am        | Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)                        |
| <b>Sun 28th</b>          | <b>10.30 am</b> | Section Service at Highlands (please note starting time) |
| 22nd in Ordinary Time    |                 | Preacher: Kathy McCullough                               |
| <b>Mon 29th</b>          |                 | Bank Holiday – no Coffee Morning                         |
| <b>Tue 30th</b>          | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
| <b>Wed 31st</b>          |                 | No Mid-Week Communion today                              |
|                          | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
|                          | 6 pm            | St John Ambulance  |
| <b>Thu 1st</b>           | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
| <b>Fri 2nd</b>           | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
| <b>Sat 3rd</b>           | 10 am           | Coffee Morning   |
|                          | 11.30 am        | Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)                        |
| <b>Sun 4th</b>           | 11 am           | Service of Holy Communion in Wesley Hall                 |
| 23rd in Ordinary Time    |                 | United Service with Highlands                            |
|                          |                 | Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan                            |
|                          | 12 noon         | Coffee in the Concourse                                  |

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 on Friday 2 September for the next notice sheet which will come out on 4 September.

#### **David Gare**

Gaye's dad David died on Sunday 7 August. All our sympathies are with Gaye and the family. The funeral is expected to be at Highlands at the beginning of September but more details will be given when known.

**Jonathan Logan is on holiday** until 23 August and again from 29 August - 2 September.

**Julie Peek will be on holiday** for the week of 22-26 August.

**Paul McDowell is on holiday** (although here today for the service only) until 23 August and again from 26-30 August.

Subject to the Circuit Meeting, **Rev. Julia will remain stationed here until August 2018.**

#### **Movie Morning, 10 am, Thursday 25 August**

Zootopia. Free event. Any age children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Hotdogs and popcorn on sale.

#### **Charity Meal, Affinity 1777 Restaurant, 7 pm, Monday 5 September**

In aid of the Foyer Extension Project at Thundersley Methodist Church. The evening will consist of a drink when you arrive followed by a 3 course meal with tea/coffee to follow. (Any other drinks will be at your own expense.) The restaurant is at 1777 London Road, Leigh, just around the corner from Highlands Methodist. Cost of meal £20. You would be most welcome. It is essential that you book your place with Anne Lane on 01268 755291 or email [annelane8@btinternet.com](mailto:annelane8@btinternet.com).

#### **HARP street collection, 9.30 am – 4.30 pm, Saturday 8 October**

If anyone would like to help with collecting in the triangle by St Clement's, please contact Niqui Denkmayer on 01702 475739. We are hoping that Mark Foster (Olympic swimmer) and Kara Tointon (actress and *Strictly* winner) will be available to help!

Please note that **the Elm Road car park** charges for parking 9 am – 6 pm every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday. **This includes Sundays** (and apparently has done so for quite some time), so make sure you have paid if you park there for the morning service.

#### **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*

21-27 August *Countryside* As we relax into the beauty of your world taking time to walk among the trees and countryside, taking time to really see the plants and flowers, taking time to spot the animals in their natural habitat, taking time to just be and acknowledge God's grandeur.

Creator God may we see the beauty of your world, the uniqueness of each being, the love poured into every created being and the compassion for all humankind. Amen

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