

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

26 Mon *Sign Makers* Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life. We pray for all sign makers who give us directions and show us signs to tell us we have arrived. So often Lord we do not know where our lives are going and we do not recognise when we have arrived. We pray for guidance and the knowledge that doing your work means we are alive in Christ.

27 Tue *Autumn* As the harvest crop is gathered in so the leaves are changing colour from green to amber, red, orange, yellow and brown. The temperature cools and the nights draw in. The seasons are changing our lives are moving on. As we journey we travel with Christ learning love and fellowship.

28 Wed *Cleaners* O loving God, we pray for all cleaners, church cleaners, street cleaners, domestic cleaners and professional cleaners. May they work dutifully and with care. They help us to see the beauty of our churches, our streets, our homes and offices. May we see the beauty of our God uncluttered and shining. Amen

29 Thu *Fundraising for those with Cancer* We pray that God may touch us with His grace that we may live and work for Him. We pray for the work of our local hospices – Fair Havens and Little Havens. We pray for all the Macmillan Coffee Mornings We give thanks for the generosity of those who give of their time and finances to enable charities to support those in need in the local community.

30 Fri *Everyone* O Lord we have created busy lives, we have forgotten to make time for you. Help us to make space to pray to you, read about you, sing your praises. Help us to always consider the views of others, to understand their busy lives and to always glimpse that part of Christ in all we meet. Amen

1 Sat Father, Creator, we thank you for the infinite variety of all living creatures and beings with whom we share the world. We are stewards of the earth and guardians of your creation. We pray that we do not destroy it or lose any part of it though our ignorance or greed.

2 Sun Loving God, we pray for the unity of all your people. Teach us to enjoy our diversity, healing those who have suffered verbal and physical abuse, and making whole those who have inflicted those injuries. Help us to move towards peaceful coexistence with our fellows. *Angela Ashwin*

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 25 September 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.*

Sun 25th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
26th in Ordinary Time	11 am	Harvest Service in Wesley Hall Preacher: Jonathan Logan Hymns: STF 130, Songs of Fellowship 586, STF 471, 51 Reading: Luke 13:6-9 Porch: Joy Milner Harvest flowers including those given in loving memory of Kathleen Landless by Judy and the family
	12 noon	Coffee in the Concourse
Mon 26th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 27th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Paul McDowell
Wed 28th		No Midweek Communion (see overleaf)
	10 am	Coffee Morning

Wed 28 <i>ctd</i>	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Animals or Art
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 29th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes for 60+
	7 pm	Fusion Youth
Fri 30th	10 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning (see below)
Sat 1st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)
Sun 2nd 27th in Ordinary Time	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	United Service of Holy Communion with Highlands in Wesley Hall 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 or phone to 01702 711851, usually by 9.45 am each Friday but this week by **11 am Thursday** please as **the Office will be closed on Friday 30 September**.

“Cakes Taste Better Together” – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10 am – 12.30 pm, Friday 30 September – Please come along and share in a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake. The coffee morning has a wonderful social opportunity, and we would appreciate you spreading the word. This is part of the world's biggest coffee morning, held in aid of Macmillan Support. All monies raised go directly to the charity. If anyone would like to bake any cakes, they would be well received. Look forward to seeing you all there. – Ruth Lowden, 01702 714109.

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.

Use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space

With the parable of the mustard seed in mind, and the idea of a project releasing its potential that the birds of the air might come to nest in its branches, I would like to call a group together to consider the use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining. Our first meeting would be Thursday 20 October at 8 pm. Blessings, Rev Julia.

Trip to the Ballet, Sadler's Wells, 2.30 pm, Friday 30 December

Dear Friends, I have been asked by various people if I would arrange a ballet trip to see Matthew Bourne's new ballet, The Red Shoes. I have managed to reserve tickets and the theatre will hold them until 11 October. There is a sign up sheet in the concourse. The tickets are £35 for the 2nd Circle and £58 for the 1st Circle, plus about £10 for the coach. – Rev Julia.

Margaret Chipandambira from Trinity Methodist Church is candidating for the ministry and will therefore be undertaking a placement with me from October to December 2016. When you see her, please offer her a warm Leigh welcome. Many blessings, Rev Julia.

Circuit Superintendent e-mail account – Just to let you know that we have closed the e-mail account southendandleighsuper@gmail.com due to it not being used. All correspondence for our Superintendent can be either sent via the postal system, phone or the email address peter.moorhouse@methodist.org.uk, or for any correspondence which is not of a pastoral / confidential nature please feel free to send it to the circuit email address southendandleighcircuit@gmail.com. – Ruth Lowden.

Elm Road Manse – Recently, Ministers and churches have been under increasing pressure with most Ministers having pastoral charge of at least 3 churches and sometimes 4 when there are sabbaticals etc. The Circuit Meeting have agreed a plan to move to a position by 2018 where each Minister will only have pastoral charge of 2 Churches enabling further mission, outreach and pastoral care in the churches. Rather than asking churches to fund this expansion of the number of Ministers by increasing the Circuit Assessment (the amount each Church pays the Circuit) the Circuit Meeting agreed to sell the Manse in Elm Road to finance this. Therefore, the Manse at 76 Elm Road is now on the market. Further details of the plans for the Circuit will be in a future Clarion.

Midweek Communion – From October, the midweek communion at Wesley is moving from the first Wednesday in the month to the third Wednesday in the month – so the next one will be on 19 October. The Fishermen's Chapel is no longer hosting midweek communion, so the only other one is at Belfairs on the second Wednesday of each month.

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25 Sun *Harvest* We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain. *HP 352*

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