

Prayer Diary (continued)

7 Wed *All those who work with children and teenagers* Dear Lord be with all those who work with children and teenagers in our church and other churches. May the families and children come to learn of your love for them through the kindness and activities prepared by the leaders. Be at the Young at Heart event for all those who work with children, may it make them feel valued and inspire them to be even more creative and loving with the children in their care through the love of Jesus. Amen

8 Thu *Electricians* Light of the World, Jesus Christ, we pray for all those electricians who bring us light when we are in darkness, who can restore warmth when we are cold and who can create greater light from gloom. May their skill allow us to know the true light of the world. Amen

9 Fri *Plumbers and Water Companies* Dear Lord we pray for all plumbers and water companies. We take for granted the supply of water to our homes. We moan at the price of water in our bills and we moan at the cost of repairs. Help us not to take water for granted and remember those who thirst. Help us to appreciate the skills of others to supply and mend our pipes so we may drink from a tap. Help us to remember that we have been baptised with water as a sign of being a member of your family through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen

10 Sat *Christopher Sandy* Dear Lord, we pray for Christopher Sandy and his family beginning his ministry at Benfleet. May he know he is welcomed, supported and loved for all he will be doing. May his welcome service be joyous and warm the hearts of all those in Benfleet. Amen

11 Sun *Racial Justice Sunday* Loving Holy Lord, we all get things wrong but may we never put any one down because of the colour of their skin or ethnic group. May we accept all peoples and all races as human beings needing food, shelter, love, respect and a sense of purpose through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 4 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 4th 23rd in Ordinary Time	11 am	Service of Holy Communion in Wesley Hall United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: STF 113, 395, 564, 595, 545 Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 14:25-33 Porch: Eileen Simmons
	12 noon	Coffee in the Concourse
Mon 5th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 6th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Wesley Housegroup
	8 pm	Worship Leaders' Meeting
Wed 7th	9 am	Mid-Week Communion at Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance

Thu 8th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids
	7 pm	Fusion Youth
Fri 9th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Sat 10th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)
Sun 11th 24th in Ordinary Time	9 am	Service of Holy Communion in Quiet Room
	10.30 am	Coffee in the Concourse
	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship in Canteen Room Preacher: Eileen Simmons Porch: Anne Dray

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.

Building Fund – Fantastic News! The building fund has reached the fantastic sum of £500,000! Yes, that's right half a million pounds! We still have £50,000 to raise but, who would have thought a year ago we would have raised over 90% of our target with only, just under, 10% to go. Fund raising continues for the remainder with an extra special appeal for the chairs (details in the Clarion). Thank you EVERYONE, for your tremendous support and fund raising efforts, please keep up the brilliant work. – Many Thanks, Tina (A very happy treasurer!)

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.

CAMEO Housegroup, 7.30 pm, Wednesday 21 September

At the home of Maureen Hall. New friends are welcome. Rev. Julia's sermon at Belfairs on 14 August has provided me with a subject for this meeting. If you are able please bring along a print of a picture of Jesus

that is meaningful to you, and feel able to share with us your thoughts and feelings about it. Maybe you don't agree with the artist as to how he has portrayed the subject matter. It can be either a painting or statue, sketch etc.

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!

Foodbank – In the last two weeks we have helped around 118 people/families across our distribution centres. This has been a big increase in terms of recent weeks. This has meant that in a few items we are running very, very low. We hope as Harvest comes at the end of September/October to see that issue rectified, but in the meantime, can you help? The five items are: Tinned veg – carrots/peas/sweetcorn (NOT potatoes); Rice – bags/individual packets; Tinned meats – e.g. meat pies; Long life puddings; Custard. These five items are pretty close to a meal – can you donate a meal? Thank you very much for your continued support.

Youth Support Worker, Trinity Family Centre, Trinity Methodist Church

– There is a vacancy for Wednesday evening session work. Please see the poster in the concourse for more details and how to apply.

Prayer Diary

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

5 Mon *Young People* We pray O Lord for our young people. Those who attend Zones on Sunday and Thursday here at Wesley, the Fusion Youth Clubs at Wesley, Benfleet and Hadleigh. As their lives change so fast with new technology so they adapt and change with it, sometimes to the bewilderment of parents and grandparents. Help us all to be a part of your family caring for each other. Amen

6 Tue *Worship Leaders* Dear Lord we pray for worship leaders as they prepare services and elements of services for all of us to share. They plan with care, love and faith wanting to spread the Good News of life in Jesus Christ. Amen

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