

**Fusion Youth and Kids** – At its current time we do not have any funding or a budget. As every week we have almost over 50 children aged 5-12 we are now in need of some items: Felt pens, Glue spreaders, Paints, Old shirts for using as aprons, Board games (guess who, hedbanz, buckaroo, monopoly junior, operation), Play dough, Clay, Socks (for sock puppets), Wool, Glue gun cartridges, Sleeves for laminator, A second Xbox 360, Some more Xbox 360 games age appropriate (12 and under). We are also looking to raise money for a bouncy castle. If anyone would like to contribute or donate we would be so grateful to you. If you would like to speak to me about this you can contact me on 07852 905742 or jonathan@wesleymethodist.org.uk. – Thank you.

**Wesley Recycling** – We now have a large blue box for recycling clean dry waste paper/cardboard under the blue food bin at the bottom of the stairs to the right of the kitchen. Please help our cleaner by using this.

**Prayer Diary**

Sun 20 We thank you O Lord for the joy of worshipping with other Christians.

Mon 21 We praise You Lord that we have “Freedoms to share.” Today we thank you that we are free to share our faith openly.

Tue 22 Dear God, take away our fear as we face hardships. Give us peace in knowing and trusting you. Amen. *The Upper Room, Bible Reading Fellowship*

Wed 23 Today, O Lord we praise You for our freedom to meet together and share news of Your blessings in our lives.

Thu 24 Help us O Lord to plan for our future as a Christian Church and to seek new ways to serve our local and wider communities.

Fri 25 Dear Lord, do not let us forget the hungry people in this world, but help us to remember that even small contributions can make a big difference. *The Upper Room, Bible Reading Fellowship*

Sat 26 We pray Lord for the work of the Winter Night Shelter, which offers companionship, acceptance, wholesome food and a bed for the night to the homeless of Southend.

Sun 27 *Advent Sunday* As we begin this season of watching and waiting, may we travel in hope, with You always as our companion. *Part of a prayer by Susan Sayers* We pray Lord today for our Wesley toy and gift service.

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# Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

Minister: Rev. Julia Monaghan

**Notices for the week commencing Sunday 20 November 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.*

<b>Sun 20th</b>	10.30 am	Coffee in the Concourse
Sunday	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
before	11 am	Morning Worship
Advent		Preacher: Rev. Tony Windsor
		Hymns and Readings: to be advised
		Porch: Heather Swain
		Flowers: Given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her friend Margaret
<b>Mon 21st</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 22nd</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Isobel Wratishaw
<b>Wed 23rd</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Earth or Excitement
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
<b>Thu 24th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids and Fusion Youth
<b>Fri 25th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Movie Morning – Calendar Girls
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
	evening	Leigh Lights (see overleaf)
<b>Sat 26th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning

<b>Sat 26th</b> ( <i>ctd</i> )	11.30 am	Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)
<b>Sun 27th</b>	10.30 am	Coffee in the Concourse
Advent	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Sunday	11 am	Morning Worship: Toy and Gift Service Preacher: Rev. Chris Sandy Porch: Linda Lister

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 each Friday. **The Office will be closed on Wednesday 23 November and Thursday 24 November.**

**Final Clean of the New Sanctuary** – You will all be pleased to know that we are on plan and the final clean starts on 22 November. Pam Boughton-Smith will organise 2 hour shifts of cleaning starting with the balconies on 22 November between 6 and 8. Myself and Julia will help her on this occasion. All the shifts will be in the evenings between 6 and 8 and if you could give your name and contact number if you are able to help to Pam (01702 475354) she will coordinate with you as to when she will need you. She has all the materials and tools needed. All you have to do is turn up. Those already signed will hear from Pam in due course but we do need more volunteers. Any help you can give would be much appreciated. – Sue Hockett, on behalf of Leadership Team.

**Leigh Lights Night, Friday 25 November** – See page 7 of the Clarion. The hoardings will still be up so we will put lights up and greet people on the pavement in front.

**Advent Reflections, Highlands, 2 pm, Tuesday 29 November** – Come for a time of reflection with Rev Julia as we orientate ourselves to the birth of hope once more in our lives. All from every church will be very welcome.

**Christian Aid coffee morning, 10 am-12 noon, Fishermen's Chapel, Wednesday 30 November** – With Marija Vranesevic from Philanthropy, one of our partners through the ACT Alliance. Marija works with refugees arriving in Serbia and will be chatting over coffee.

**Wesley Theatre Group, 7.30 pm, Friday-Saturday 2-3 December**  
'Busybody' by Jack Popplewell. Tickets £7 from Gaye Greenway, Anna or Isobel Wratishaw, Judy Taylor or Geoff Fulford.

**Night Shelter** – The Leigh Section will be responsible for the Night Shelter at Whittingham Avenue on Saturdays **3 December, 7 January, 4 February and 4 March**. If you are able to help as a cook or befriender or can sleepover or can do breakfast on the Sunday morning please do volunteer. Janet Watson from Highlands (01702 555702, [wjwatson@googlemail.com](mailto:wjwatson@googlemail.com)) is compiling a rota. All of us though can help through donations of toiletries and clothes. At present there seem to be more young men who are homeless so their needs are for hardwearing jeans, track suit bottoms, pants as well as hats and socks. The

Night Shelter box in the concourse is for you to put your donations of clothing. – Thank you.

**Christmas flower arranging workshop and buffet, 7.30 pm, Friday 9 December** – In aid of the BDRF and a donation to the Brain Cancer charity. Join us for a Buffet Supper and make yourself a lovely Christmas Flower Decoration. We will demonstrate an arrangement for you to replicate and provide all material, flowers and foliage. We will be holding a raffle. Cost £15 per person. If you would like to come and bring a friend/friends please contact us. – Sue Hockett 07525 071023, Alison Newnham 07863 954388.

**First service in the refurbished church** – This will be on **11 December** and the service on Sunday 4 December will be held at **Highlands at 10.30 am** (joint section service). The Plan will show this service at Wesley but it will be at Highlands.

**Concourse Decoration ready for January 2017** – There is a little money left in the budget for us to have the concourse decorated. This will be done between 28 December and 3 January and the coffee shop will be closed during this time. The concourse will need to be cleared in readiness. The best time for this would be after the Christmas Eve Christingle Service, and anyone who can spare 10 or 15 minutes to help move tables and chairs into the canteen room would be very much appreciated. – Sue Hockett, on behalf of Leadership Team.

**Trip to the Ballet, The Red Shoes, Sadler's Wells, 2.30 pm, Friday 30 December** – The amount for the coach is £9 per person. All money, including that from those who haven't yet paid for their tickets, needs to be in by **TODAY** (20 November). The first coach pick up will be at Belfairs Methodist Church at 11 am and the second at Highlands at 11.15 am.

**New Testament Greek Classes at St Clements with Fr Clive** – He says, 'The New Testament was originally written in Greek. To be able to understand the scriptures more deeply, learning and reading the New Testament in Greek has great spiritual advantage, and you don't have to rely on the translation of others.' Classes are free with donation always welcome. Taster session:

**Saturday 7 January** at 2 pm. Classes start Sat 21 January at 11 am, fortnightly.  
**Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving and Dedication, 3 pm, Saturday 28 January** – Do please make a note of the date of our reopening service. Our preacher will be Leslie Griffiths and we shall all receive an invitation along with all the details of our Christmas services. Would all of you please tell anyone who has been part of Wesley in the past and bring them along. I do hope you all will come. – Eileen Simmons.

**Southend Foodbank** are collecting treats that can be given out to Foodbank guests over the Christmas period. If you can help, that would be great! Christmas treats arriving in Christmas week are too late to make it into food parcels, so if you'd like to spread some cheer this year, please donate now. Example items can be found by the donation bin in the concourse. Thank you.