

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

16 Mon *Prayer for those on the sea* January - cold and dark but the sailors of small boats and huge tankers are on the seas gathering in the catch or delivering international goods around the world. Far away from their families, keep them safe from storms and the perils of winds and waves. May they know the joy of a good catch or a delivery well-made and may they know that Christ is always with them.

17 Tue January - cold and dark - where are you God? The thought and reality of cancer scares me. Pause, take breath, listen and know that God is there. There in you, giving you strength, there in others who help – nurses, doctors, friends, family. There through the pain, crying with you, smiling at kindness and understanding, in an ending and in a recovery.

18 Wed Thank you for this January morning, the sharp air stirring or muscles and minds, the clouds of white fog and mist drifting, clearing a path to set us on our way. May it be your way loving Lord.

19 Thu Loving Holy God, may we stay faithful secure in the knowledge that Christ lives and life is eternal.

20 Fri *Methodist Prayer Handbook 2016/17* The Kingdom of God has no favouritism. Dear Lord, thank you for loving us even though we are all different. Thank you for forgiving us when we have done something wrong. Thank you for helping us get it right. *Jasmine Sanyer, Year 4 Westleigh Methodist School, Leigh, Lancashire*

21 Sat Loving Holy Lord, you gave us free will. May we never use this to hurt, maim or imprison innocent human beings. May we seek to share resources and not control them for only the few. May we allow freedom to reign in all the world.

22 Sun Jesus calls us where we are. Lord, today as we travel may our hearts be warmed and our outlook hopeful as we see you in others and in the beauty of your creation.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 15 January 2017

We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Coffee and tea are served in the concourse after Sunday morning services – 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 15th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
2nd in	11 am	Morning Worship
Ordinary		Preacher: Sue Hockett
Time		Hymns: STF 338, 233, 608, 556, 58
		Readings: John 1:29-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
		Porch: David Cox
		Flowers: Given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her sister, Vera, and brother-in-law, Bob
Mon 16th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	2 pm	Memory Worship
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 17th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Wed 18th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
	7.30 pm	Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Wesley; Preacher: Mother Dr Cherry Sandover, St Clement's

Thu 19th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
Fri 20th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Movie Morning – The Hundred-Foot Journey
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 21st	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 22nd 3rd in Ordinary Time	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Jane Fulford
		Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
	6.30 pm	Service of Praise and Prayer at Belfairs

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.

Jack Decker, Local Preacher since 1954, passed away on 31 December. His thanksgiving service will be at Benfleet Methodist at 2.30 pm on Friday 3 February.

After Church Meeting, 12.20 pm, Sunday 22 January

An opportunity to give and hear feedback on the refurbished church and to hear the plans for the Rededication Service. Look forward to seeing you there. Rev Julia.

Church Reopening and Rededication Service, 3 pm Saturday 28 January

Refreshments: Preparations are steaming ahead for our grand opening. June and I are responsible for organising refreshments and would welcome volunteers to help with making sandwiches and cakes and on the day with serving. We really need your help so please see either June or myself even if you can only spare a little time. We want to give a really friendly welcome to all our guests so would be really grateful for your support. Thank you. – Alison Newnham, 07863 954388 or 01702 621343.

Car parking: Please note that on the Saturday, Wesley car park will be reserved for blue badge holders and guests only. Our friends at North Street School and the Salvation Army have kindly offered their car parks,

but this will still be on a strict need-to-use basis as far more people will be attending than we can accommodate even with this additional parking. Parking in any of these three car parks on the day will be restricted to those who have received an official ticket in advance, so if you do need a parking space please contact Eileen Simmons, 01702 472521, as soon as possible and by 23 January at the latest. This includes blue badge holders.

Car Park tickets for 2017 are now available – see Peter Lister.

Tour of Parliament

The Circuit are arranging a tour of the Houses of Commons and Lords, followed by Prime Minister's Question Time, on Wednesday 22 February. Places are limited to 20 from the circuit so if you are interested please contact Eva Hayes, 01268 683551, as soon as possible.

Sound rota

We could do with more people on the rota for being on the sound desk at weekly services, so if you are interested please see Geoff Nash or one of the stewards. Training will be given.

Job Vacancies

Oasis Coffee House (temporary paid position) – This is run by Leigh Road Baptist Church. We are looking for a Saturday front of house manager to cover sick leave on a rolling 2 week contract starting 21 January. The hours are 8:45 to 16:15. On the job training will be provided. If interested please contact Julie Eady on 07940 073088 or oasis@lrbc.org.uk. – Thank you, Rev. Steve Tinning.

There are also full time vacancies at **Earls Hall Baptist Church Pre-School** and for a worker with families and children at **Billericay Methodist Church** and the adverts for these are displayed in the concourse.

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15 Sun Dear Lord, thank you for the disciple Andrew who brought his brother to Jesus. May we bring others to Christ that they may know your love, your hope, your peace and your joy.

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