

### Prayer Diary (continued)

28 Tue *You raise me up* *Brendan Graham* When I am down and, oh, my soul,  
so weary; When troubles come and my heart burdened be; Then I am still  
and wait here in the silence, Until you come and sit awhile with me. You  
raise me up, so I can stand on mountains; You raise me up to walk on  
stormy seas; I am strong when I am on your shoulders; You raise me up to  
more than I can be. Loving Holy God, you raise us up in Faith, Hope and  
Love. When we hear this song my we know we can turn to you and know  
we are loved.

1 Wed O Father Your Word strikes deep into my soul. I hear Your call to  
rebuild – and I respond. Today I will take the first steps towards doing this.  
Please help me, Dear Father. *Selwyn Hughes, Every day with Jesus, 2007* Dear  
Lord, just as you have encouraged and given us the vision and strength to go  
out and rebuild Your Church here in our community, please remain our  
rock and foundation as we seek to build our lives in a way that pleases You.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

2 Thu I am with You always, even to the end of the world. *Matthew 28:20*  
*KJV* Lord, during those times we feel friendless, isolated and all alone, help  
us to remember that even in our deepest and darkest moment, You are there  
with us and it is You who carry our heavy load. For this Lord, we thank you.  
Amen.

3 Fri Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called Sons of God.  
*Matthew 17:20*

4 Sat Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice  
and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with  
me. *Revelation 3:20* Lord, here I am! I stand here with nothing to offer, but a  
sinful heart. I ask You to take me and mould my soul into someone worthy  
to sit and dine at Your table. Amen.

5 Sun Lord Jesus, while I rejoice that You are the central character of  
scripture, I am more thankful still that You are the central character in my  
life. Without You, life would not be worth living. Amen. *Selwyn Hughes, Every  
day with Jesus*

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## Wesley Methodist Church

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 26 February 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.*

<b>Sun 26th</b> Sunday before Lent	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Clifford Newman
		Hymns: STF 20, 431, 254, 18, 350
		Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;
		Matthew 6:24-34
		Porch: Janet Whiddett
		Flowers: Given in loving memory of Gwenda
		Andrews whose funeral was on 23 February by
		Sharon, Paul and all the family
<b>Mon 27th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 28th</b> Shrove Tuesday	10 am	Coffee Morning
	8 pm	Informal Worship led by Jane Fulford
<b>Wed 1st</b> Ash Wednesday	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent and Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance's annual enrolment
	7 pm	evening in the Church – all welcome
		Worship Academy at Benfleet

<b>Thu 2nd</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
<b>Fri 3rd</b>	9.30 am	Women's World Day of Prayer, St Clement's
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
<b>Sat 4th</b>	8.15 am	Circuit Prayer Breakfast at the Elms
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
<b>Sun 5th</b>	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
1st in Lent	11 am	Service of Holy Communion
		United Service with Highlands
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan
		Porch: Margaret Buckey
	4 pm	Circuit Service of Accreditation as Local
		Preacher for Sue Hockett
		Led by Rev. Peter Moorhouse
		Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan

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.

Paul will not be in the office on Tuesday 28 February and only for a short time around 11 am on Wednesday 1 March.

#### 40 Acts of Kindness

Wednesday 1 March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is also the first day of the 40 acts of kindness. Some people have started early! I have been told the following acts: One man bought his regular foodbank shop, but doubled the amount as an act of kindness and put it all in our Wesley collection. Another person made extra phonecalls to three lonely people. Someone from Wesley has joined the Action for Children 'Count Your Blessings' 2017 appeal. Another person has made an extra visit to a sick friend. Please would you kindly email or tell me some of the things you are doing. Please do not hold back as it is such good news from Wesley and the other churches and groups working with us. – Eileen Simmons, 01702 472521, [Eileen.Simmons92@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Eileen.Simmons92@yahoo.co.uk).

**Women's World Day of Prayer, St Clement's, 9.30-11.30 am, Friday 3 March** – This year prepared by the Philippines.

#### Daffodil Day, Monday 6 March, Westminster Central Hall

Lesley Taylor has organised a coach which will leave Highlands Methodist at 10.30 am and Thundersley Methodist at 10.45. The cost will be £12 each. Please let Lesley know asap (01268 754633, mobile 07891 787660, email [landd.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:landd.taylor@gmail.com)) if you would like a seat on the coach. Please ensure Lesley has your payment by the end of February to avoid the need to collect cash on the coach. This year's theme is 'Life-Changing Prayer'.

#### Lent Course @ Wesley, 2 pm, Thursdays 7 March – 4 April

The topic is 'Receiving Christ'. All are welcome.

#### Quiet Day @ Wesley, 10.30 am – 3.30 pm, Saturday 11 March

Walking with God – A Spiritual Reflection. Sign up on the sheets in the Concourse, where there are sheets for further information.

#### Methodist Summer Fellowship

'I have a dream: adventures in faith and discipleship.' Saturday 29 July to Friday 4 August at Swanwick, Derbyshire. This year MSF is 100 years old and we are celebrating. Do google Methodist Summer Fellowship 2017 for more information. A keynote speaker is Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and the daily Bible study will be led by Tom Greggs, who holds the Chair in Historical and Doctrinal theology at Aberdeen. Bible studies are followed by discussion groups, which have been an enormous blessing to me. Please talk to me if you are interested. Time table on website. MSF is a real family week, whether you come alone or with family/ friends. I am investigating the possibilities of bursaries within the circuit. – Eileen Simmons.

#### Prayer Diary

26 Sun *HP 105 Christina Georgina Rossetti* Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all the world, Love for plea and gift and sign. Parent God, you sent your son to show your love for us. First as a baby, as a misunderstood student, as a man expressing love and kindness against tyranny and a man who died for us.

27 Mon *When I'm sixty four Lennon and McCartney* When I get older losing my hair Many years from now Will you still be sending me a valentine Birthday greetings, bottle of wine? Dear Lord we pray for enduring love, a love that overcomes the struggles of life. We pray for faith in God's love that is eternal.

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