

Prayer Diary

26 Sun Today, on Mothering Sunday, we thank you Lord for the unconditional love of mothers everywhere. You have given mothers who have kept us safe, secure and loved from the moment we are born and throughout our life. For their selfless sacrifice, we ask Your continued grace and blessing to all mothers.

27 Mon The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45* We thank you heavenly Father that You loved us so much, You sent Your One and only Son to die for all mankind. Amen.

28 Tue Dear Lord, lead me to make choices that bring You glory and allow me to experience the life You intended for me to live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

29 Wed Look back and Thank the Lord, look forward and Trust God. He closes doors no one can open and open doors no one can close. Amen.

30 Thu Thank you Lord for this beautiful day, for opening my eyes and ears to see and hear the goodness You have left here for me. Amen.

31 Fri I am Blessed every day of my life. I am Blessed when I wake up in the morning till I lay my head to rest. Every day of my life I am Blessed. Thank you, Heavenly Father. Amen.

1 Sat Loving Lord, as we come to the fifth Sunday of Lent we learn of the grief of Mary and Martha for their brother Lazarus. We ask you to be beside all those who mourn today, deep in sorrow at no longer being able to see, hear and touch a beloved. Give them strength in the rawness of grief and an insight into your grace and love. Amen.

2 Sun *Passiontide* Jesus said: 'Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine must renounce self, and take up the cross and follow me.' Courageous Lord, help us to understand that following you means peace in our hearts and minds but does not release us from physical pain and emotional hurts for that is when we can cry out to you and leave the pain and hurt at the foot of the cross – Gracious Lord Thank you.

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 26 March 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.*

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| Sun 26th | 11 am | The Zone on Sunday |
| 4th in Lent (Mothering Sunday) | 11 am | All-Age Worship Preacher: Rev. Brian Gameson Hymns: STF 69, 404, 636, 620, 608 Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; John 4:5-30 Porch: Jocelyn Greenway Flowers: Given in loving memory of Arthur Jarvis by Annette and the family |
| Mon 27th | 10 am 10 am 8 pm | Coffee Morning Wesley Art Group Wesley Theatre Group |
| Tue 28th | 10 am 2 pm 8 pm | Coffee Morning Lent Course, week 4: Receiving Christ through prayer and fellowship Informal Worship led by Isobel Wratishaw |
| Wed 29th | 10 am 10 am 6 pm | Coffee Morning Parent and Toddler St John Ambulance |
| Thu 30th | 10 am 6 pm | Coffee Morning Fusion Kids & Youth – including Easter special for all at 7.15 pm (see overleaf) |

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| Fri 31st | 10 am | Coffee Morning |
| | 2 pm | Table Tennis 60+ |
| Sat 1st | 8.15 am | Circuit Prayer Breakfast at the Elms |
| | 10 am | Fundraising Coffee Morning (see below) |
| | 11.30 am | Time for Prayer |
| Sun 2nd | 11 am | The Zone on Sunday |
| 5th in Lent | 11 am | Service of Holy Communion |
| | | United Service with Highlands |
| | | Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan |
| | | Porch: Heather Jones |

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. Paul will not be in the office on Thursday 30 March.

Ken Brown who leads the Wesley Art Group passed away on Thursday 23 March. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Rev. Michael Hayman's funeral service is at Hockley Methodist Church at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 28 March.

Prayer for the beginning of the services in Lent

Almighty God, you showed us through the life of Jesus what true compassion and generosity look and feel like. Renew in us a grateful heart, that we might reflect His joy and compassion to others and live as generous people. Show us ways to restore our relationships, our community and our world. We ask this in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Fusion Easter Special, 7.15 pm, Thursday 30 March – Fusion warmly invites you to its Easter special. We will celebrate with lots of various activities and the children will host an amazing talent show. Many of the parents will be coming to watch and it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. Come and see what Fusion has been up to and join us as we celebrate their many talents. – Jonathan Logan.

Fundraising – We are having a Spring Coffee morning on 1 April. Please support this event and donations of the following would be appreciated, and necessary: cakes, unwanted gifts, toiletries and books. Help or ideas can be given to June Childs or Gaye Greenway.

St John Ambulance Quiz Evening, 6-9 pm, Wednesday 5 April

Cost for adults and children £2 (available on the door). Tables of 8. There will be a raffle. Please bring your own food and drinks (not alcohol). We are

fundraising for a training AED to help with the training of cadets and adults members. Hope you can support us. – Joy Watson, St John Ambulance.

Playing for Time – Please come along and support Wesley Theatre Group, who are embarking upon a 12 hour sponsored 'readathon' on **Saturday 8 April from 8.30 am - 8.30 pm** in aid of Wesley's work with older people. It will include sketches, poetry and prose, and replaces our usual Spring production. Refreshments will be available.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Fish and Chip Supper followed by Holy Communion, Highlands, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Thursday 13 April – If you would like to come please sign up for the meal on the sheet in the concourse. A donation plate will be passed round at the meal.

Good Friday, 14 April – Stations of the Cross with St Clements – there will be a walk for the Stations of the Cross starting at St Clements at 9.30 am. This will go round the shops with Wesley being Station No 8. The walk will return to St Clements about 10.15. Highlands and Belfairs Methodist churches will then join for Hot Cross Buns and drinks at Wesley, with the joint service at 11 am.

Easter Day, Sunday 16 April – Sunrise service on Strand Wharf with Rev Julia and the Salvation Army Band at 8 am; the 11 am service will now be a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Teresa Rutterford with Sue Hockett; Service of Praise and Prayer at Belfairs at 6.30 pm.

Southend Foodbank is low on: Tinned potatoes/ packet mashed potato; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned or packet custard; Long life juices or fruit squash; Meat meals (pies, ham, curry, chilli etc); Tea bags; Long life or tinned sponge puddings (even pud in a mug packets). If you are able to donate any of these, they would be very gratefully received. Items can be left in the donation bins in the concourse. Thank You.

Loud Room storage – There are many things that were stored during the refurbishment that need to be returned to their owners, used or disposed of. These include: a projector, screens for the projector, Wii games, a printer, an assortment of wires and possible sound enhancers. I am not sure if any of these work. If you think any of them belong to you, please claim quickly by the end of March, or if they may not be of use to you, by 17 April. Please see Paul McDowell in the office who will show you the Loud Room. If the items are still there at the end of April, they will be disposed of. – Thank you, Jane Fulford.

40 Acts of Kindness this week come from North Street School. A year 5 class gave out free cakes in Leigh to shoppers. Another group went to the Salvation Army Lunch club for the elderly, having prepared questions and engaged in conversation with mutual pleasure. There are so many examples on their web site.