

Prayer Diary *(continued)*

Mon 15 We praise you today, Living God, for making a world big enough for all creation. We give thanks for the sun, moon, stars, land, sea and sky. Make us aware today of the beauty of our world and remind us to make the effort to protect it. Amen

Tue 16 Lord, I love it that I can be in You and You in me all at the same time – just like a sea anemone. In my own strength I feel nothing but a spineless lump of jelly but filled with You I can stand tall.

Jennifer Rees Larcombe

Wed 17 Oh God, lead me on from where I am to where you would have me be. Give me the patience to accept the bits I'd rather do without and courage to move when you beckon.

Susan Sayers

Thu 18 Lord, when I am submerged and held down help me to remember the sheer power of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, so much stronger, so much greater, than any force that diminishes and destroys; Jesus my beginning and my end.

Hilary Faith Jones

Fri 19 Admit your faults to one another so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.

John 5 v 16

Sat 20 This is the miracle I seek, O living Christ, Your strength and purpose in my hands, Your kindness in my voice, Within my heart your certainty of God, Your love for all mankind.

George MacLeod –

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Sun 21 Aldersgate Sunday – what a legacy John Wesley left us. Holy Spirit, give us the strength to speak out when we see injustice, the courage to speak up for those denied a voice and hope that our words make a difference; help us to witness to your love for your world. Amen

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 14 May 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 14th	9 am	Service of Holy Communion
5th Sunday	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
of Easter	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Jane Fulford
		Hymns: STF 61, 477, 322, 252 (v3), 317
		Readings: 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
		Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
		Flowers: Given with love by Andrew and Alison in memory of Claire
Mon 15th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	2 pm	Memory Worship
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
Tue 16th	10 am	Coffee Morning
Wed 17th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Wesley
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance
Thu 18th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth

Fri 19th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 20th	10 am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Cakes
	11.30 am	Time for Prayer
Sun 21st	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
6th Sunday of Easter	11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Val Windsor Porch: Helen Boyd

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.

Increasing Our Offerings

Many people at Wesley give very generously of their time and money, but we have a significant issue which we are currently facing. This year we are facing a shortfall of £11,000 in running the church. Please could everyone prayerfully consider their regular giving? Could you manage to increase what you are already committed to giving, or even think about starting to give regularly via Standing Order or our Envelope Scheme? If you can use one of these schemes we will be able to collect Gift Aid (an additional 25%) which we are not able to do with cash in the collection bags. For Envelopes contact keithcharnock2@gmail.com or for Standing Orders contact TinaGowers@sky.com. Thank you so much for all you are able to give. Wesley Church Council, May 2017.

We welcome Alex Usher who is our musician this morning for the first time.

Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May

Envelopes are available in the church. For further details see page 23 of the May Clarion or speak to Adrian Gravatt. There will be a coffee morning with cakes on Saturday 20 May – please provide cakes & raffle prizes if you can and please come!

Wesley is Blessed with Good Friends

On Tuesday, HMRC reviewed Wesley's appeal for VAT exemption in respect of disability access and the refurbishment of the worship space. Treasurer Tina has been committed in pursuing this and Rev Teresa

attended the meeting, impressing them with her testimony and legal acumen. The review upheld Wesley's appeal and we thank both Tina and Rev Teresa for their contribution. Final details of the settlement will be through in July and we continue to hold the matter in our prayers. – Rev Julia.

Gospel Vespers, The Fishermen's Chapel, New Road, 7.30 pm, Sunday 14 May

A new gospel choir has been rehearsing for the past few months and will be leading a Gospel Vespers on the second Sunday evening of each month. Do come along and you may see one or two familiar faces!

United Service, Sunday 28 May – change of venue

The united service with Highlands and Belfairs which was going to be at Wesley on 28 May will now be **at Highlands (10.30 am)** as usual for their morning services). This is to avoid Highlands not having a service for two weeks running.

Quiet Day, United Methodist Church Shoebury, 10 am – 3 pm, Friday 9 June

Led by Anne Briant. Although it is under the auspices of MWiB, the day is open for everyone – men and women, Methodist or not! Anne is putting a great deal of thought and effort into arranging this day so it would be good if as many people as possible are able to come along. Usual arrangements for a Quiet Day – bring a packed lunch, drinks available.

Allegro Concert at Wesley, 7.30 pm, Saturday 22 July

Last year Geoff and I went to a concert at Highlands given by this group and it was superb. Allegro is a group who exist to raise funds for Charity. They only take expenses. I put in a bid for a concert at Wesley with the charities to be Action for Children and Wesley Building fund. Tickets will be £10. On sale soon. Please support by coming if you are available and help sell tickets whether you are able to come or not. If we sell a lot of tickets there should be a good amount for the 2 charities. – Eileen Simmons, 01702 472521.

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Sun 14 Dear Lord, you are a God of hospitality and healing, forgive us when as individuals and as a church we have not been welcoming. Give us the grace to know how to meet others in your name, and to serve others in your strength. Amen

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