

have time to prepare material? That's fine! We need people to help in sessions with activities that other leaders have prepared. Please do give this some thought – it is a very rewarding role and a great opportunity to engage with our children and young people. Please speak to me if you have any questions. – Thank you, Anna Wratishaw.

Prayer Diary

Sun 7 Dear Jesus, Gatekeeper and Good Shepherd – we give thanks that by believing in you and following your example we will receive eternal life. Amen

Mon 8 Lord, we give thanks for the fellowship and love we receive from other Christians in our community. We pray for Christians around the world, who are still persecuted for their beliefs. Amen

Tue 9 Lord Jesus, as we wake and rise, may we know your presence as the gatekeeper of our day. May our fears be quelled, energy maintained and time blessed. Amen

Wed 10 We praise you, Lord Jesus, for being the voice of peace when we are angry, the voice of love when we feel rejected and being the voice we can always trust. Amen

Thu 11 Dear Lord, we give thanks that as our good shepherd you keep us safe and watch over us day and night. Help us to be kind and encouraging to others today. Amen

Fri 12 Today we think of those weighed down with worries and responsibilities. We ask that they be given strength and hope. Amen

Sat 13 Today we think of those who are lonely or grieving. We ask that you walk alongside them and that they are able to rest in your love and peace. Amen

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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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 7 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 7th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
4th Sunday of Easter	11 am	Service of Holy Communion United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Hymns: STF 88, 303, 662, 586, 481 Readings: Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10 Porch: Joan Hawkins Flowers: Given for Kitty Hardy's funeral on 3 May with fond memories
Mon 8th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
	8 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
Tue 9th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	7.30 pm	PostA Housegroup
Wed 10th	9 am	Midweek Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – Question or Romance
	6 pm	St John Ambulance

Thu 11th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	6 pm	Fusion Kids & Youth
Fri 12th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
Sat 13th	10 am	Coffee Morning
	11.30 am	Time for Healing (see below)
Sun 14th	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
5th Sunday of Easter	11 am	Morning Worship Service led by Jane Fulford and Sue Hockett Porch: Margaret Cotgrove

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 to The Church

Many churches' giving meets their Circuit Assessment, but Wesley struggles because out of 93 members, only 36 people (some of whom are not members), are giving regularly via the envelope scheme or standing order (SO). The Treasurer calculated that the Circuit Assessment equates to approximately £40 per member, per month.

There is currently a shortfall of £11K. Please could everyone, whether a signed up member or a committed church attender, prayerfully consider their giving and join the 36, by contacting treasurer Tina to let her know which scheme you will be joining. Envelope Scheme: keithcharnock@ukgateway.net Standing Orders: TinaGowers@sky.com
Thank you, Wesley Church Council May 2017.

Time for Healing – The next Time for Healing Prayer Group will be held on Saturday 13 May between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. Meetings are typically attended by six to ten people with the majority often being from outside our usual church membership. The format usually includes prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, together with a short meditation on the theme of healing and occasional testimony. This is followed by the opportunity for private prayer with one or more of the group leaders. It is open to anyone, so please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. The next meetings are planned for the following dates generally on the third

Saturday of each month but please note the changed date for this May:– 13 May, 17 June. July and August TBA.

Christian Aid Week, 14-20 May – Envelopes will be set out on Sunday 14 May. 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!

My Feral Heart – If you missed it the last two times my son in law's film is to be shown as part of Southend Film Festival on Saturday 27 May at 8.30pm in the Park Inn Palace Hotel Ballroom. To book tickets www.southendfilmfestival.com/buy-tickets. – Thank you, June Childs.

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.

The Zone are recruiting! – Here at Wesley we are very lucky to have a great group of children and young people attending the Zone; I know their contribution to worship is greatly valued. We hold the Zone every week (other than for any All Age Worship services) and in these sessions we run a range of activities through which we look at various aspects of faith, Christianity, or particular passages in the Bible. To be able to hold these sessions, we need 2, preferably 3, leaders per week – and are currently running the rota with just 6 leaders. On behalf of the Zone, could I ask you to consider becoming part of the Zone staff? This does not need to be a weekly commitment – perhaps you could help once a month, or even once a term? Perhaps you would like to help but don't