

## Prayer Diary

Sun 4 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
*Methodist Worship Book*

Mon 5 Lord help us today to be doers of your word and not merely hearers.  
*James 1:22*

Tue 6 Today Lord is unknown. As it unfolds let each of us be sensitive and responsive to the opportunities You give us to show Your love.

Wed 7 Bless all who attend Worship Academy tonight to learn more about the book of James. Help us all to be people who love and study the Bible.

Thu 8 We pray for those who seek political office. We pray that those elected make wise decisions for the common good.

Fri 9 On the eve of the Leigh Art Trail we praise You Lord for artists who express beauty and joy in their works. Bless all who come to Wesley as one of the sites of the trail. Bless David Crawford, who is displaying his work in our sanctuary.

Sat 10 We celebrate the mission of Wesley Church today. May we give generously to support our church. We praise and thank you Lord for those who come to see our beautiful building.

Sun 11 We seek your blessing on our preacher today; Hannah Bucke as she is welcomed back home. We praise You for her calling to minister in the Southend Town Centre Community and the wonderful opportunity she has taken to serve You in this way.

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Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

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## Notices for the week commencing Sunday 4 June 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 4th</b>	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Pentecost	11 am	Service of Holy Communion United Service with Highlands Preacher: Rev. Clifford Newman Hymns: STF 87, 370, 393, 501, 397 Readings: Acts 2:1-4; James 1:19-27 Porch: Linda Lister Flowers: Given by Barbara Redman in loving memory of her husband, Albert
	1 pm	Picnic and short service, Marine Parade (see overleaf)
	4 pm	Easter Offering Circuit Service at Thundersley
<b>Mon 5th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
	8 pm	Church Council
<b>Tue 6th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10.30 am	Wesley Housegroup
<b>Wed 7th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Parent & Toddler
	6 pm	St John Ambulance

<b>Wed 7th</b>	<i>ctd</i>	7 am	Worship Academy at Benfleet – Bible Month (see below)
<b>Thu 8th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning No Fusion Kids & Youth (General Election)
<b>Fri 9th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning
		10 am	Quiet Day at Shoebury (see below)
		2 pm	Table Tennis 60+
<b>Sat 10th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning
		10 am	Gift Day and official opening of Wesley Garden (see below)
		10 am	Leigh Art Trail begins – David Crawford exhibition at Wesley
		11.30 am	Time for Prayer
<b>Sun 11th</b>		9 am	Service of Holy Communion
Trinity		11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Sunday		11 am	Morning Worship Preacher: Rev. Hannah Bucke Porch: Shirley Mavin

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 on Friday 2 June.

**Increasing Our Offerings (updated)** – 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 are a tax payer, and complete a declaration form, we can claim back a further 25% in Gift Aid. Although we can claim gift aid on cash in the offertory bag, there is an annual limit and it doesn't help us to see what we are receiving on a regular basis. For Envelopes contact [keithcharnock2@gmail.com](mailto:keithcharnock2@gmail.com) or for Standing Orders contact [TinaGowers@sky.com](mailto:TinaGowers@sky.com). Thank you so much for all you *are* able to give. Wesley Church Council, May 2017.

**Joan Field** – Joan died on 18 May at the age of 103. She was a member of Highlands but would probably be remembered best for working in Women's Work then Network in the circuit and also in the District as President. Her funeral is on Friday 16 June, 12.40 pm at Southend Crematorium followed at 2.15 pm for a Thanksgiving Service at Highlands followed by refreshments.

**Picnic and Afternoon Service, Sunday 4 June** – Members of the local churches in Leigh are invited to join together on Sunday 4 June at the gardens on Marine Parade, for a joint picnic and a short act of public worship to witness to the Gospel of Christ. Each church will be asked to bring a banner to identify themselves as a part of churches together. 1 pm Picnic, 2 pm Service with the Salvation Army Band.

**Bible Month** – During June, across the Connexion there will be a Bible month, taking the opportunity to look at the book of James. The idea is for each Sunday during June, the 4 weeks' services will allow James to be preached in four main sections: 4 June, James 1, Doers of the Word; 11 June, James 2, Faith and Works; 18 June, James 3-4:12, Speech and Wisdom; 25 June, James 4:13-5:20, Living for the Lord. All information can be found on [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk). There will also be weekly group sessions, one at Benfleet 7 pm on Wednesdays 7, 21 and 28 June beginning with Worship Academy with Rev Leslie Griffiths, the other at Thorpe Bay on Thursdays 8, 22 and 29 June. There is one joint session in the second week, at Wesley on Wednesday 14 June. Each session begins with a meal. Rev. Pete, the ministerial team and the Circuit Leadership Team are looking forward to this, and hope that you will come on board with this opportunity for the Circuit to immerse themselves in a biblical book, and hope that we can all engage with Scripture.

**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.

**Gift Day Celebration and Garden Opening, 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday 10 June** – Come along with your Gift to be received by Julia. There will be stands in the Church representing our Church Groups as well as the Pre School and Sandra Singer. The Garden will be dedicated at 12 noon. This will also be a fundraising occasion for the Church. Please donate cakes, plants, crafts and gifts for stalls – please everybody bring a little something to make the day a success. Many thanks.

**Allegro Concert, 7.30 pm, Saturday 22 July** – At Wesley in aid of our Building Fund and Action for Children. Tickets £10, children FREE. The tickets have now arrived and are available from Paul in the office in working hours, and from me. I will be here next Sunday (preaching at Belfairs today). Do please kindly come if possible and sell to your friends. – Eileen Simmons and Geoff Nash, 472521.