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# Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex Minister: Pastor Stephen Mayo Notices for the week 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 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 23 <sup>rd</sup>		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December	11 <i>am</i>	Morning Worship Preacher: Mr Colin Turner
		Hymns: STF 186, 213, 180, 202, 330

Readings: Micah 5v2-5a Luke1v39-55

Mon 24 <sup>h</sup> December	4pm	CHRISTMAS EVE Christingle Preacher – Pastor Steve Mayo
	11.15pm	CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION Preacher – Pastor Steve Mayo
Tues 25 December	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Christmas Service Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> December		BOXING DAY

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Thurs 27<sup>h</sup>10amNo Coffee MorningDecemberFri 28<sup>th</sup>10amNo Coffee MorningDecemberVolumeVolume

Sat 29th10amNo Coffee MorningDecember11.30amNo Time for Prayer

## Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

December 11am U

United Service at Rochford Methodist Church Preacher: Pastor Steve Mayo

### Wesley Art Group

The Art Group will finish for this term on Monday 10th December and restart on Monday 14th January 2019. Thank you, Annette Jarvis

#### Circuit News

Previously, the Circuit Meeting agreed to sell the former Manse at 76 Elm Road as part of its strategy to progress ministry and mission, which supports the Circuit Vision. I am delighted to confirm that we exchanged and completed on the sale on the 17th December. Further details will be provided at the next Circuit Meeting in March and then shared more widely. his site is, therefore, no longer Methodist property. The future relationship with our new neighbours will be business as usual for Wesley, as with any of our other neighbours, and is via the Church Council – Ian Lowe - Circuit Steward

#### **Inclusive Church**

Inclusive Church is an educational charity, and a network of churches who believe in church which does not discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality; a church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; is scriptually faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ. Following Church Council approval in September, an application was made to register Wesley as an Inclusive Church. I am pleased to inform you that after a meeting of Inclusive Church's Trustees, Wesley is now registered as an Inclusive Church. This demonstrates our willingness to be seen as 'inclusive' and open to all. As we explore what it means to be 'inclusive' and look at our church life from this standpoint, I would encourage you to please let one of the leadership team know if you have any suggestions on how we can adjust any area of church life to make it more inclusive - whether practical or theological! This is an exciting opportunity for us all and I hope we grasp it with both hands. - Anna Wratislaw