**Donations to Wesley**

For weekly envelopes contact Heather Swain, hmswainma@aol.com. For bank standing orders contact Tina Gowers, TinaGowers@sky.com. Thank you so much for all you are able to give.

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Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, EssexMinister: Pastor Stephen Mayo

Notices for the week 13th January 2019

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 13th January* | *9am* *11am*  | *Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**Morning Service**Preacher: Rev Brian Gameson**Hymns* *STF 32, 322, 810 Psalm 46, 404, 66, 51**Flowers given by Annette Jarvis in loving memory of her**Sister Vera and brother in law Bob* |
| *Mon 14th January* | *10am**10.30am**8pm* | *Coffee Morning**Wesley Art Group**Wesley Theatre Group* |
| *Tues 15th January* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning**Age Concern* |
| *Wed 16th January* | *10am**10am* | *Coffee Morning**Parent and Toddler* |
| *Thurs 17th January*  | *10am* | *Coffee Morning* |
| *Fri 18th January* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning**Table Tennis 60 plus* |
| ***Sat 19th January***  | *10am**11.30am* | *Coffee Morning**Time for Prayer* |
| *Sun 20th January* | *11am* | *Morning Service**Preacher: Rev Clifford Newman* |

**Circuit New**

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 January**. 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

**Southend Food Bank**

The past few months have been very busy for the foodbank, and they are currently trying to deal with a very heavy influx of generous donations. However, there are some items they are short of: tinned carrots, rice (especially 500g and 1kg bags), breakfast cereal, coffee and tinned fish and tinned meat meals. Thank you for your continued support.

**HARP and Night Shelter**

Thank you for your donations to HARP and the Night Shelter. Please see below a quick update on most needed items, based on recent observations, as the needs of each organisation vary slightly:

**HARP**- Does need pillows/sleeping bags

Collared cotton shirts are sometimes used by HARP if a client needs to go for an interview

**The Night Shelter**- Hats, socks and gloves are extremely welcome in cold weather

New underwear is always readily taken

They do NOT need pillows/sleeping bags at the night shelter

Collared cotton shirts are less needed for clients when they are at the night shelter, however a donation of new white tshirts were recently available and these were very gratefully received, so items like this are of particular help.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Liaison Person Needed**

Do you have 1/2 an hour to spare each week and use a laptop/PC and phone? If so please consider acting as a liaison person between the minister and organist/readers/overheads personnel. You could volunteer for just a year (the job is not for life or just for Christmas!). Any help would be very gratefully received. Please see Isobel Wratislaw if you feel able to help.'