**Southend Foodbank AdLent!**

This year the foodbank have published an AdLent calendar - with 40 items to collect during the 40 days of Lent. Copies of the calendar are available on the table by coffee - please help yourself and help us collect as much as possible for the foodbank!

**Foodbank Tesco Collection - can you help?**

The foodbank are holding a one day collection at Tesco Extra on Prince Avenue on Saturday 23rd March. They need volunteers to help - there will be 4 x 3 hour shifts - 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm.

If you are able to help, please let me know. You can email me on awratislaw@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you, Anna Wratislaw

**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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Notices for the week 24th March 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 24th March* | *11am*  | *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**Preacher: Sue Hockett**Hymns: STF 99, 663, 594, 363, 51**Readings: Luke Ch 13 v 1-9  1* *Corinthians Ch 10 v 1-13* |
| *Mon 25th March* | *10am**10.30am**8pm* | *Coffee Morning**Wesley Art Group**Wesley Theatre Group* |
| *Tues 26th March* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning**Age Concern* |
| *Wed 27th March* | *10am**10am**2.30pm* | *Coffee Morning**Parent and Toddler* *Talking Poetry – Ted Hughes (Poet Laureate)* |
| *Thurs 28th March* | *10am**6pm* | *Coffee Morning**Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth* |
| *Friday 29th March* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning* *Table Tennis 60 plus*  |
| ***Sat 30th March*** | *10am**11.30am* | *Coffee Morning**Time for Prayer* |
| *Sun 31st March* | *11am* | *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**MOTHERING SUNDAY Morning Service**Preacher: Rev B Gameson* |

**Reverend Steve Watts**

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the death of Rev Steve Watts who was the minister of Rayleigh, Hockley and Chalkwell Park Methodist churches. Please remember his wife Val and their children Lesley, Michael and Chris in your prayers. Funeral details will follow as soon as we are made aware

**Sanctuary Worship**

Do please come along to our worship on Tuesday evening at 8pm in the Sanctuary. This month we will be considering one of the sayings of Christ on the cross - 'I thirst' in more detail.'

**Southend Foodbank**

The foodbank is very low on the following items, so if you are able to donate, they would be particularly grateful for donations of:  fruit juice; squash; tinned custard; sponge puddings; cereal and porridge; tinned potatoes; packet mash potato; cuppa soup; packet noodles; tinned vegetables (peas, sweetcorn, carrots and mixed); meat meals including tinned pies, curry, chilli con carne, meatballs, chicken in sauce etc; tinned spaghetti; tinned fish; easter eggs.  Overall, the numbers of those using the foodbank are up on the same period last year, so your donations are very gratefully received and will go to those in our community

**Parking Permits**

Parking permits are now available – Peter Lister

**Wesley Methodist Annual Church Report May**

Please could I ask that all organisations who contribute to the ACM
report ensure that their report is with me by the 1st April at the
latest. This is to ensure that the report is out 2 weeks prior to the
meeting date, so that the congregation can read the report, and prepare any questions for the actual meeting. Please email reports to: ukspud@talktalk.net - Kind regards  Judy

**Upcoming Events**

The first is Belfairs Methodist Church's Easter Prayer and Praise Celebration on Sunday 21st April at 6.30pm. An evening of song, worship, puppets and fellowship. The second is the Methodist Summer Fellowship 2019 — a week of faith, fellowship and fun and if you have any queries or would like to know more please contact Eileen Simmons. - Andreas — Southend and Leigh Circuit

**Circuit Healing Service**

All are welcome to attend the**Circuit Healing Service at Benfleet Methodist Church at 7.45pm on Wednesday 27th March.**Each service has a guest speaker**.**This month it is**Dr Smitha Sleeba**talking to us about**Parkinson’s disease**.  She is a local GP and a member at Belfairs Methodist ChurchIf you wish to know more talk to Jane

Fulford 01702 714213

**Barbara Davison**

As at today 19th March 2019, Barbara is in a respite care home. She wanted someone to say how kind so many Wesley friends have been during this time and to send an enormous thank you to all. I know that Annette has been superb and others have visited and sent cards and so on. I offered to make sure this message was passed on – Eileen Simmons

**Advance Notice of Car Park Closure**

On Friday 5th April the car park will be closed to all up until approximately 1pm, so that the mobile farm can visit the children in pre-school. Alan Severne