**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!

**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 31st 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 31st March* | *11am*  |  *FOURTH OF LENT**AND MOTHERING SUNDAY**Morning Service**Preacher: Rev B Gameson**Hymns: STF 443, 715, 562, 504, 636**Readings: Genesis 27 v 1-2* *Mark 7 v 24-36**Flowers given by Lou Daniels, in loving memory* *of her husband, George.* |
| *Mon 1st April* | *10am**10.30am**8pm* | *Coffee Morning**Wesley Art Group**Wesley Theatre Group* |
| *Tues 2nd April* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning**Age Concern* |
| *Wed 3rd April* | *10am**10am**2.30pm* | *Coffee Morning**Parent and Toddler* *Talking Poetry – Ted Hughes (Poet Laureate)* |
| *Thurs 4th April* | *10am**6pm* | *Coffee Morning**Fusion Kids/Fusion Youth* |
| *Fri 5th April* | *10am**2pm* | *Coffee Morning* *Table Tennis 60 plus*  |
| ***Sat 6th April*** | *10am**11.30am* | *Coffee Morning**Time for Prayer* |
| *Sun 7th April* | *11am* | *FIFTH OF LENT**Morning Service**Preacher – Pastor Steve Mayo* |

**The Funeral of Rev Steve Watts**

The funeral of Rev Steve Watts will take place at Rayleigh Methodist Church on Wednesday 17th April at 2.30pm.

**Wesley Theatre Group presents *Bothered and Bewildered***

Wesley Theatre Group's next production is 'Bothered and Bewildered' by Gail Young. Fri 12th and Sat 13th April at 7.30pm in Wesley Hall.

The play is a comic drama following Irene and her two daughters Louise and Beth as they begin a long journey in which the girls lose their mum in spirit but not in body. As her family struggle to come to terms with her Alzheimer's, Irene's past passion for romantic fiction blurs with reality. She discusses with her unseen and witty companion Barbara Cartland (Irene's favourite and now deceased world famous romantic novelist) how best to write her 'memory book', disclosing to Barbara long kept family secrets that she would never reveal to anyone else...

A retiring collection will be taken for Alzheimer's Society.

Tickets £7, available from 01702 480968 or from Anna & Isobel Wratislaw, Geoff Fulford and Gabrielle or Benedict Greenway.

**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

**London Marathon**On 28th April I will be running in this year's London Marathon and my aim is to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.  From being Southend United shirt sponsor, to helping my family in the past, they are a charity I have close connection with and would like to support them as much as possible.   If you wish to sponsor me, and this would be much appreciated, the following is the link for my Just Giving page.   Thank you. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-charnock2607>

**South East Africa Fundraising Concert**

Together in Concert: The Orpheus Singers, The Southend Band and Southend Woodwind Orchestra. A concert in aid of the South East Africa humanitarian crisis, Cyclone Idai appeal. Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. St Margaret's Church, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. Free entry, collection for the Cyclone Idai appeal. This is a joint fundraising effort by all the performers and St Margarets Church. We would really appreciate your support. ALL donations will go towards the Cyclone Idai Appeal and help make a real difference to the communities affected. Thank you