

## Prayer Requests

### LMC Family

Joan Head, Maurice Heather, Mary Howarth, Ruth Howarth, Lynn Baker, Patricia Smith, Tracy, Charlie and Lauren, Paul Webster, Pam Utting, Eleanor Houston, Lily Austin

### Friends of LMC

Paul & Janet Wickham, Brenda Fretwell, Elsie Vollmer, Becky & Barry King, Ray & Moran Farnsworth, (member LMC choir), Joni from Louisiana, Marion Palmer, Linda Howarth, Brian Watts, Emily Entwistle-Oakley, Wanda Rogers, Lauren, Martin and children George, Ellie and Alexa. Sheila Medway (Peter's Aunt), Richard Morgan, Gregory Hayes, & Wesley Café Customers

### Prayers for World Methodism

Anne Brown, Chair (Leeds District)  
Rachel Ullmer, Mission Partner (Pakistan)

### Prayers for the International Church

On the night of New Year's Eve, a group of at least 30 armed men attacked a Christian neighbourhood in Sukkur, Pakistan, targeting men, women, children and elderly alike. They tried to force the Christian families to vacate their homes by 6.00am on New Year's Day. Some of the attackers were dressed as police, and all had covered their faces. Ten Christians were injured. Pray for their healing and that they may be allowed to live in peace in their church-owned homes.

### For Churches together in Loughton

St John the Baptist Church

### For LMC Local Preachers preparing for services next week:

Michael Hall, Christine Watts, David Hobbs & Rev Oseias da Silva (LMC)

### Bible Reading Matthew 28.1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### Prayer

Hope is like the wing of an angel, soaring up to heaven, and bearing our prayers to the throne of God.  
Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)

## The Week

16th April 2017

Loughton  
Methodist  
Church 

## Welcome

New friends ... we look forward to getting to know you better; please introduce yourselves after the service and fill in a Welcome Card.

LMC friends ... do introduce yourselves to people you don't know.

**May the Peace of the Lord be with you all**

### Easter Sunday at LMC

9.00am Early Morning Communion Service led by Rev Oseias da Silva  
10.15am Prayers in the Church Hall - All are welcome to join  
10.30am Easter Sunday Service with Communion led by Rev Oseias da Silva

Today, we wake up knowing the Risen Christ is alive here. Let us rejoice and experience once again the Love of God giving us the fullness of life through the resurrection of Jesus.

Duty Church Steward: 9.00am Anne Spong  
10.30am Anne Spong

The flowers this week are arranged by Chris Hyde

Thank you to everyone who is involved in the Services today, we appreciate your time and talents to further God's Kingdom at LMC.

### 23rd April 2017 -

9.00am Early Morning Service led by Mr Michael Hall  
10.15am Prayers in the Church Hall - All are welcome to join  
10.30am Special Service leading up to our Celebration Weekend with Chris Watts, David Hobbs and others  
6.00pm Contemporary Service with Communion led by Oseias and Chloe

### Bible verse for April

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.  
Matthew 13:45-46

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**Mon-Thur 09.00am to 4.00pm - Fri 09.00am to 3.00pm - Sat 10.00am to 12.30pm**

## WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES AT LMC

Monday	17th		Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday	18th	10.00am 7.00pm	Toddler Church Sculpture Club
Wednesday	19th	9.00am 7.00pm	Prayer Meeting Table Tennis (Wesley Hall)
Thursday	20th	11.00am 11.00am	Wesley Café Piano Music Girls Group
Friday	21st	7.45pm	LMC Singers
Saturday	22nd	10.00am	PALs Table Top Sale

### **Action for Children Annual Plant Sale—Saturday May 6th**

From 9am onwards on the Church forecourt

Many different types of bedding plant trays as well as pot plants for sale.

### **Church Spring Clean—Saturday 22nd April**

On Saturday 22nd April our contracted cleaners are giving LMC a 'special' Spring Clean in readiness for our 30 year celebrations the following weekend.

There are some extra tasks we would like to do and your help is needed to complete them. So can you spend an hour or two from 9am on 22nd to help with any of these tasks?

These will include wiping tables, disinfecting toddlers play equipment (Worship Area), sweeping the forecourt or car park, spot cleaning any worship chairs, weeding etc. No task is difficult and children are welcome to help. The more the merrier. Hope you can make it—refreshments provided.

### **Christian Aid Week is coming - 14th—20th May 2017**

This year we will be holding:-

A station collection at **Woodford** in the evening rush hour on Friday 12th May

A station collection at **Loughton** in the evening rush hour on Friday 19th May

A street collection in **Loughton High Road** on Saturday 20th May

A **House to House** collection between 14th and 20th May

For more information and to offer help please contact Keith Aldred 01992 560455

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### **PALs Table Top Sale—Saturday 22nd April**

The next PALS Table top and cake sale is on Saturday April 22nd from 10 till 12.

Donations of saleable goods wanted and home made cakes on the day.

All proceeds towards our new charity, Ecce Homo, helping to improve the lives of elderly people in Romania. Thank you for your support.

### **Quiz Sheets—Teams4U Shoeboxes**

New Quiz sheets on the London Underground available from the office at £1 each or from the Beaments. Proceeds to Teams4U Shoeboxes.



### **30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert – 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**

A concert celebrating Loughton Methodist Church building, featuring Sabrina Altan (who has performed with Elton John, Andrea Bocelli and Diversity), Buster's Band, LMC Choir and LMC band will be performing for a very special evening of entertainment and celebration. Please register in advance on the church website or through the office. Tickets are £7.50 each (£20 per family) and can be paid at the door. Andrea and Jenna are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments, please let us know if you are available.

**We still need more help with refreshments, stewarding on the Saturday night and stagehands. We are also looking for donations of home made cake.**



### **Celebration Service Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

We are looking for volunteers to help serve coffee at this very special service. As we expect it to be busy two drink stations will be set up in the Welcome Area on a help yourself basis but we do need a couple of people to 'keep an eye' on these. Someone to wash up (with help from the dishwasher) would also be greatly appreciated. Please let the office know if you can help.

### **Celebration Bring and Share Lunch - 30th April**

Please sign up and join us after the Celebration Service for a church family lunch in our Wesley Hall. There is now a notice in the Welcome Area for those who wish to come to this event. We are looking for people to make main meals of either Shepherds Pie/Lasagne or a vegetarian option of these, dishes will be provided. Or you could bring a dessert or donate towards the cost of the meal. Please contact the office if you can offer your help in any way, Glynis will be very grateful.

### **Coffee and Crèche – change of venue - Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Due to the cleaning of carpets in our Wesley Cafe the crèche will be taking place in the Church Hall. Coffee will also be served in the Church Hall on this day. Our Celebration display will also be up in the Church Hall on this Sunday before being moved to the Wesley Café on Monday 24th April. Have a coffee and see who you can spot in our display.

**The Week** If you want to put an item in **The Week** - please get it to the church office **NO LATER** than Midday Thursday each week.