

Prayer Requests

LMC Family

Joan Head, Maurice Heather, Ruth Howarth, Lynn Baker, Patricia Smith, Tracy Deacon, Charlie and Lauren, Pam Utting, Eleanor Houston, Emily Entwistle-Oakley, Lily Austin, Jean Fryer, Deborah Davies, Elsie Applebee and Jane Da Silva.

Friends of LMC

Phil and Flora Nell Duke (Caroline Duke's parents), Gregory Hayes (Heather Murray's Grandson), Paul & Janet Wickham, Elsie Vollmer, Becky & Barry King, Ray Farnsworth (member of LMC choir), Joni from Louisiana, Marion Palmer, Linda Howarth, Brian Watts, Wanda Rogers, Lauren, Martin and children George, Ellie and Alexa, Liam O'Sullivan and family (friends of David Hobbs), Rob Mullings (friend of Megan Rambarran), Suzanne (Sharon Heather's friend)

Prayers for World Methodism

John Hellyer, Chair (South East District)
Kponjesu Amos Hounsa, Methodist President (Benin)

Prayers for the International Church

Jharkand state in India has put forward a draft "freedom of religion bill." If passed, it would mean that anyone changing their religion must get permission from a magistrate and could potentially make Christians liable to prosecution for sharing their faith. The law would ostensibly ban conversions by fraud, force or allurements but, as has been seen in five other Indian states which have already have such laws in force, it could be misused against Christians engaged in genuine evangelism. Pray that this bill will not become law.

For Churches together in Loughton

St Michael's and All Angels

For LMC Local Preachers preparing for services next week:

Tracey Deacon (Lighthouse), Rev Armstrong Fummey and Jenna Thorne (LMC), and Tom Donoghue (North Chingford).

Bible Reading — Mark 13.24-27

'But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”

'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.'

Prayer

God of all goodness and grace, worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts with such love towards you that nothing may seem too hard for us to endure, in obedience to your will. Becoming daily more like you, may we obtain the crown of life promised to all who love you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901)

The Week

3rd December 2017

Loughton
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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

1st Sunday in Advent

- 9.00am Early Morning Prayer Service led by Pam Michaelis
10.15am Prayers in the Church Hall—All are welcome to join
10.30am Toy Service with Communion led by Rev Armstrong Fummey



Duty Church Steward: 9.00am and 10.30am Sharon Heather & Jane Gooding

The flowers this week have been arranged by Marilyn Graves.

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

Next Sunday 10th December 2017

- 9.00am Early Morning Service led by Rev Armstrong Fummey (in LifeWork's Studio)
10.15am Prayers in the Church Hall—All are welcome to join
10.30am Nativity Service—All Age Worship led by Jenna Thorne
6.00pm Contemporary Evening Service with Charlotte and Chloe

Bible verse for December

'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed...they bowed down and worshipped Jesus and then presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh'

Matthew 2.10-11

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Mon-Thur 9.00am to 4.00pm - Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm - Sat 10.00am to 12.30pm

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES AT LMC

Monday	4th	1.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Butterfly Club Emmaus Group (48 York Hill) Badminton Club
Tuesday	5th	10.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Toddler Church Midweek Meditation (Worship Area) Photography Club Sculpture Club
Wednesday	6th	7.00pm	Table Tennis (Wesley Hall)
Thursday	7th	10.30am 11.00am	Girls Group Wesley Café Piano Music
Friday	8th	7.45pm	LMC Singers
Saturday	9th	10.00am to 1.00pm	CDRC Coffee Morning

New Minister News!

We are pleased to announce that the Rev Sue Creighton and her husband Gary have accepted the invitation to come to the Forest Circuit, and Sue will be the minister responsible for LMC and Trinity. She was our top choice out of nearly 100 ministers on the move, and when we met her and Gary we knew we had made the right choice, so we are really blessed to be matched with her.

Carol Singing—Friday 8th December 5.00pm

The LMC Singers are carol singing at Loughton Station on Friday 8th December from 5.00pm to about 6.30pm in aid of Haven House children's Hospice, and would welcome other people to come and join in!

CDRC Christmas Coffee Morning—Saturday 9th December 10.00am

Run run as fast as you can, come and catch them if you can.
Gingerbread decorating 10.30am, seasonal storytelling 11.30am, table top sale, mince pies, and lots more.



A Christmas Angel Story Christmas Show—Sunday 10th December 10.30am

Join us for a special morning service with our annual Christmas Show. 'A Christmas Angel Story' follows two Christmas angels through the important task of sharing the good news of Jesus' birth with Mary, Joseph, and many other characters along the way.

Christmas Lunch 17th December 12.45pm

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area under the blackboard for the Wesley Cafe if you are coming. The meal costs £7.50 per adult and £3.50 per child. All proceeds are going to charity.

Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you to everybody who helped at the Bazaar last Saturday we raised the magnificent sum of £2,553.62 to go to the charities Sparks and Ecco Homo.

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.

Traidcraft Catalogues

The **TRAIDCRAFT CATALOGUES** are available now, with copies in the Welcome area or in the church office. Please let me have any orders by e-mail or phone or when you see me. Remember POSTAGE IS FREE if you order through me, and orders are delivered within a matter of days. Lots of new items and Christmas cards to choose from.
Many thanks, Angela Aldred 01992560455, angela@akaldred.plus.com

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will once again be available to friends within the church who live locally. The box will be in the Welcome Area on Sundays from 26th November and in the church office during the week. Cards will be ready for collection on Sunday 17th December. It would be appreciated if friends could then help deliver cards particularly to the elderly and housebound.

Please remember that the money you save on postage will be split between Epping Forest Foodbank and Mission Direct. All donations will be very gratefully received.



Office Manager - Woodford and Shern Hall

There is a vacancy for an Office Manager to support the operations at Woodford and Shern Hall Methodist Churches. The role is 25 hours per week and the salary is £12.50 per hour. Must have excellent financial understanding and Microsoft Office skills. Please contact Victoria Williamson for further details 07858 295 384.

Branches

Please note that on Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve) there will be no Branches taking place, however there is the Crib Service at 3.00pm to which parents and children are all invited to.

Can you help!?!

Most of you may know Monica (who sells The Big Issue outside Morrisons') her mum is expecting a baby imminently and needs nappies, baby formula, infant baby clothes, and a dummy. Can be delivered to the office or talk to Jenna.

Sharon Heather – Senior Steward

Please be advised that Sharon's personal email and mobile are as follows:

stheather@btinternet.com 07801 866017.

Please use these contact details for any stewarding matters, thank you.

Charities at Christmas

This year the two charities benefitting from the Christmas services are Mission Direct and Epping Forest Food Bank. Information on both charities can be found on these websites, <https://missiondirect.org/> and <https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>
The Stewards

Churches Together in Loughton

Jennifer Izakor, from Restore Church, is setting up a women's group, under the umbrella of Churches Together, to promote Christianity and the churches' work among women in our district. If you would like to be part of this group or LMC's representative on the group please let Jean Hobbs know.