

Prayer Requests

LMC Family

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, Jane Da Silva, Margaret Donoghue, Trudy Bond, Peter Wicks & Keith Aldred

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, 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), Connie Eaton (Joyce Cootes' sister), John Knapman (Mary Knapman's Father-In-Law), Jenna, Julie Wilkins (friends of Ruth Hobbs), Terry Brandon and Alice Arif

Bible Reading — Galatians 4.21-31

Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise. These things are being taken figuratively: the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: this is Hagar. Now Hagar stands for the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written:

'Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; break forth and cry aloud, you who were never in labour; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.' Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, the children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. But what does Scripture say? 'Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son.' Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

Prayers for World Methodism

Peter Barber, Chair (Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District) Otto Wade, Connexional Bishop (Caribbean & the Americas)

Prayers for the International Church

Praise God for the growing Church in Algeria and that believers have had relative freedom compared with many convert churches in other countries since 2000. There are, however, indications that the situation may be deteriorating, with a church forcibly closed in November for allegedly printing Bibles and evangelistic material. Call on the government to allow Christians freedom to worship.

For Churches together in Loughton

St Edmunds RC

For LMC Local Preachers preparing for services next week:

Chris Watts (Leyton), Tom Donoghue (LMC)

We remember those who have recently died and their families :- Joan Head

The Week

11th February 2018

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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

This Sunday

9.00am	Early Morning Service led by Rev. Armstrong Fumme
10.15am	Prayers in the Church Hall-All are welcome to join
10.30am	Morning Service led by Rev. Armstrong Fumme
6.00pm	Contemporary Evening Service led by Heather Hall and Chloe Purchase
Duty Church Steward:	9.00am & 10.30am Peter Medway 6.00pm Jill Geddes

The flowers this week have been arranged by Sharon Heather and donated by Glynis Reeve.

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 Wednesday 14th February

8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Communion led by Rev. Armstrong Fumme

Next Sunday 18th February

9.00am	Early Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Leslie Griffiths
10.15am	Prayers in the Church Hall-All are welcome to join
10.30am	Morning Service led by Rev. Leslie Griffiths
4.00pm	Messy Church with Tom Donoghue

Bible verse for February

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

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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	12th	8.00pm	Badminton Club (Wesley Hall)
Wednesday	14th	9.00am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Prayer Meeting Table Tennis Club (Wesley Hall) Ash Wednesday Service with Rev.Armstrong Fummeay
Thursday	15th	9.00am-9.00pm	Finding Freedom Conference 2018
Friday	16th	9.30am-9.00pm 7.45pm	Finding Freedom Conference 2018 LMC Singers in LifeWorks

This Week Celebrate Pancake Week at Wesley Café

Enjoy 2 toasted Scotch Pancakes topped with your favourite toppings (lemon, honey, sugar, cream and chocolate sauce) for £1.00.

Jenna's Mission Trip

I will be going on a mission's trip with St. Ethelburga's 'Interfaith Activists' to volunteer with 'Help Refugees' in Calais from 19th-23rd Feb. We will be helping in the kitchens, warehouse and anywhere else we are needed. The charity is in urgent need of many items, including hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and sleeping bags. As we have limited space travelling, we are bringing monetary donations to Calais (100% of funds will go to items most urgently needed). A retiring collection will be out after the service or you can give me a donation before the 17th Feb. Please pray for the group I'm going with and continue to pray for refugees in Calais and around the world, and the organizations and volunteers who support refugees and displaced people. Thanks and blessings, Jenna

Finding Freedom Conference 15th-17th February 2018

There are flyers available with more information or speak with Tom who can let you know who did it last year and can tell you what it is about.

Thank you from the Mission Direct 2019 Team

Thank you to all those who support the Mission Direct Pudding Night Launch at LMC last Saturday. It was a great success and raised £381 towards the school build in 2019. We are currently selling treasure map squares of Zimbabwe for £2 a square with wonderful Easter prizes to be won.

Did you know that we also raised over £100 at a car boot sale in January !!

Our next event is on Saturday March 24th, 6.30pm start, and it is a film evening at All Saints Church Woodford, IG8 0NH. The film is Goodbye Christopher Robin. We are asking for a £5 donation and there will be refreshments available. We do hope that you can join us.

For further information or to buy your treasure map square please talk to any of the Mission Direct team.

Many thanks Jill, Caroline, Tom, Chloe, Charlotte, Beryl, Andrea and Glynis

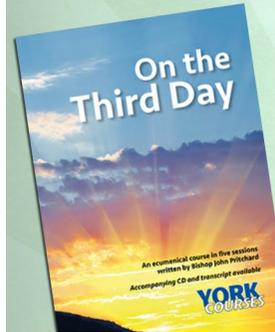
The Week If you want to put an item in The Week - please get it to the church office **NO LATER** than midday Thursday each week.

Messy Cooks needed for Messy Church on Sunday 18th February

Please help to lighten the load to take the pressure off the Messy Church kitchen team. We will be serving Pasta Bolognese (Beef Mince and Vegetarian). Recipe cards and dishes are in the church office.

Join us for a Lent Course In the Worship Area

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Monday 19th & 26th Feb, 5th, 12th & 19th March
11am-12:30pm

Wednesday 21st & 28th Feb, 7th, 14th & 21st March
7:30pm-9pm

How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of resurrection and be an Easter people?
How can 'there and then' become 'here and now'?

Join us for this 5 week course. A time to fellowship with others from Loughton Methodist Church and provide time to reflect and look forward to Easter. There is a signing up sheet in our Welcome Area for those who wish to attend. Please speak to Armstrong or Tom for more information.

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LifeWorks' Hub Launch Evening

24th February
7:30pm

Featuring work by Ruth Dronsfield and her creative art classes
Performance by Duncan Haslam
Entry is free