



WELCOME

Jesus in us, our church, our community, our world

23rd September

Theme: Integrity, Proverbs 10. V9

10:15 for 10:30 Service
3:16

Wednesday 26th September

11:45 for 12:00 Midweek service – Main worship area

  **Do stay for tea & Coffee after all the services**  

30th September

Theme: 'Does God change his mind'

09:00 for 09:15 Early Service

10:15 for 10:30 Service
3:16

Text for 2018 – Ephesians 4 23-24

to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

A crèche room is available upstairs for parents and children under the age of 2½ where they can watch and listen to the Service. Children between the ages of 2½ and 5 can join our Sparklers group, which runs every Sunday apart from the Summer holidays. Children 5 and over can join our children's group (3.16).

If it is an 'All Age Service' children in 3.16 remain in the service.

We do NOT collect an offering by passing bags along rows, but rather invite you, if you are able, to place any offerings in the white 'offering' box situated by the refreshment hatch in the Welcome Area. The collected offerings are brought forward for a prayer of thanks to God during our times of worship.

An information pack is available in the Welcome Area which gives an overview of who we are and what we do.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY - internal only

 A reminder that the car park on Sundays, is for those who have blue  badges or who are infirm.

Monday

- 07:00 Early morning prayers - Welcome area
- 09:00 Pastoral care meeting – Jon's office
- 09:30 Little Steps – Main worship area
- 13:30 Puzzling Quiz – Elmsleigh (Parish nurse event)
- 20:00 Taste & See Course - Glendale
- 20:00 Worship team rehearsal – Main worship area

Tuesday

- 09:30 Home Group – Jan Champion - Glendale
- 10:00 Home Group – Margaret Knight
- 12:30 Prayer meeting – Glendale
- 15:00 1-2-1 tuition – Southsea
- 17:30 Boys Brigade – Whole church
- 18:00 Girls Brigade – Whole church
- 20:00 Men's Group – Elmsleigh
- 20:00 Home Group – Becky & Stuart Campbell
- 20:00 Home Group – Sarah & Matt Napper
- 20:00 Home Group – Hilary & Steve Currell (Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday)
- 20:30 Home Group – Julie & Stephen Firminger (8.15 for 8.30 start)

Wednesday

- 09:00 Parish nurse clinic – Reception
- 09:00 Parish nurse HUB/OT – Glendale
- 10:00 Puzzle club – Elmsleigh
- 10:00 High impact exercise class – Main worship area
- 11:00 Low impact exercise class - Main worship area
- 12:00 Midweek service – main worship area
- 13:00 Lunch – Main worship area
- 20:00 Home Group – Frances & Tony's
- 20:00 Growth Group – Catie & David Back's

Thursday

- 09:00 Creation Station – (with Elaine Hall) – Glendale/kitchen
- 09:30 Parenting Alpha course – Elmsleigh/Kitchen
- 19:00 Prayers – Main worship area
- 20:00 Church AGM – Main worship area**

Friday

- 19:30 Extreme – Main worship area

Saturday

- 09.00 Food Bank – Welcome area/kitchen

– if you would like to join up in a home group or any other group contact the Church office or Paul Moore.

RESOURCE CENTRE

September's Recommendation for Right Now Media

Tim Mackie's '**How to read the Bible**' series, a part of the Bible Project, is one to dip into, rather than to watch end to end! Each part (there are 60 in total!) gives a visual overview of a book(s) of the Bible. The aim is not to replace your personal study of the Bible, but to help you to navigate the books to discover what they are about and what they teach; to understand how each book fits with the rest of the Bible and to look at how they apply to your life. As you watch each video, all of varying lengths, a visual representation of each book unfolds, along with a spoken commentary. After each video there are some optional written questions/observations you can consider and some follow-up thoughts about interpretation, application and how to share what you have studied.

This enlightening and thought-provoking series is one that can complement your own devotions, your Home Group studies and Sunday sermons! Find it in the list of Libraries under Books of the Bible.

If you would like to recommend a Right Now Media programme for the notice sheet, please let **Lynnette Feist** know.

Also, beautiful cards that can be obtained for a donation.

Save the Date

WEST LEIGH BAPTIST "CHURCH LIFE"

18-30's in 2018

18-30s will meet in the Elms for lunch (straight after church) on the 1st Sunday of each month in 2018.

Thursday 27th September – AGM meeting – Main worship area

7th October - Vision Sunday, at 0915 or 1030, take a look at Ezekiel 37.14

Saturday 13th October - Harvest Supper at WLBC – International meal 6.30pm – all welcome – do come along.

Sunday 14th October - Harvest (BMS) & Welcome lunch

Monday 15th October - Day of Prayer & fasting

10th November - Church Bazaar from 11.00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday 17th - November Bereavement support - 14:00- 15:30 Elmsleigh
Normally - Every 2nd Saturday of the month

17th November - Time to Remember Service: at 5 p.m.

16th December - Carol Service at 6 p.m.

NEW WINE 2019 BOOK now and get a discount great worship, preaching, learning, family fun, kids clubs, camping, B&B, hotels!

WEST LEIGH BAPTIST "CHURCH LIFE"

 Can you spare any cooking apples for Cornerstone? We can then make  Apple & Blackberry jam. See the Church office.



Someone is looking to rent a 1-bedroom flat etc in the area around/near Elms at around £600 a month. If you know of one please contact the **church office**.



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Cornerstone is hosting its yearly Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September 9-30-12.30.

We would be most grateful to receive extra donations of cakes for this sale. Please could you drop them at the shop by Thursday 27th Sept, clearly labelled for the cake sale.

Thank you.



Harvest Sunday 14th



For Harvest we need for foodbank

The top 5 items we currently need the most are:

tinned fish

tinned custard and rice pudding

tinned potatoes and instant mash

tinned vegetables

long life juice and bottled squash

Thank you for your unstinting support and generosity! It is a blessing to those who need it. God bless you.

Southend Foodbank

Folks! Harvest Meal is Saturday 13th October, just under a month away. 6.30 p.m.

Our hope is to make this an international evening with food from all over the world. If you are by birth or heritage from a different culture/country and would like to help then please do let the church office know.

Our hope is that most of the food (buffet style) will be from cultures and countries around the world so need everyone to step up. We are blessed to have people from all over the world. We will then as part of the evening PRAY for each country. All are invited!

Get involved and it should be a great evening for all"



Sign up in the welcome area.



WEST LEIGH BAPTIST "CHURCH LIFE" continued...

*Thank you all so much for making our **Diamond Wedding** such a memorable time. Your good wishes, cards, flowers, and prayers were really appreciated and singing 'our' wedding hymn on Sunday made it a very special time. Our love and God's blessings for you all. **Tony & Heather X***

Prayers at **Bonchurch Park 6.30pm** Thursdays meet by the play area, ALL WELCOME, either to sit and pray or walk

Message from Tony Grigg:

A considerable number of West Leigh folk have asked how my appointment at Southend Hospital went. Further tests have confirmed that I do have low grade lymphoma, but, despite an earlier statement, they are not currently recommending chemo while situation remains more or less as it is; they plan to monitor things every 3 months. Obviously on going prayer is very much appreciated.



Malcolm Cozens. pray for him, and Margaret at this time please.

Pray too for **Heather Tabor** who has had more treatment but is now quite poorly. And for **Ian Noakes** Nephew **Deacon**, who is receiving treatment at Great Ormond Street Hospital for lymphoma. He is just 5 years old.

Baby Ellis recovering from Heart surgery.

Lindsey Crew and **Faye** after surgery a few weeks ago and for further treatment.

Valerie Peters, Dorothy Collins, Tony and Heather Grigg.

Pam and Les Dalwood, Sheila Murphy, Gracie & Eathan Baldwin, Joan Cooper, Lyn & Sarah Boreham, Amanda Thorpe, Sue Bacon, Debbie Timotheou. Monica (Margaret Knight's sister).

Rowena Docherty, Anita & Neil Docherty, Kezia M'Clelland.

Power of Attorney talk by Sue Mallett from Sovereign Wills

Venue WLBC - Weds, 3rd October, 1.00pm lasts approx 1 hour.

The Parish Nurse Team will be providing Tea/coffee refreshments.

All welcome

"**Amy Elvidge** is attempting to raise £21,000 before she turns 21 (September 2019, a year away!) for The Institute of Cancer Research! Over the next year she will be completing a number on events including the London Marathon and running from London to Brighton! She has already completed a 12,000 feet Sky Dive on the 9th September to kick off a year to go! Other fundraising events will be taking place over the next year including Curry Nights etc! Amy will

Keep you updated with these as and when! To Sponsor and find out why Amy is doing this challenge then please visit her JustGiving

Page:<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amy-elvo> Every donation is so helpful!

Thank-you all! "

WORLD MISSION – news from Thailand and the Middle East

Latest Blog from Ashleigh Gibb in Thailand – August 2018

A heart's cry

There is no mistaking part of the world we live in as dark. I find myself working in this darkness day in day out. It is where I have been called to “do life” There are days when this darkness almost seems like normality. The red-district is the neighbourhood in which I grace my presence with every day. I love the people who walk the streets, who sleep in brothels, who dance on tables. It's where I have been called and the familiarity of it is almost welcoming. There are some days where it couldn't be any further from normality and I have to catch myself. The reality of where I work and the job we do sinks in from time to time and it's fair to say I am consumed by the struggle. Last week that struggle was evident in my life.

To read more, pick up a copy of Ashleigh's blog – on the table in the Welcome Area.

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The latest from Kezia M'Clelland.....

“WE TRUST YOU”: THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIP [BY KEZIA M'CLELLAND – August 2018]

This Spring, Eastern Ghouta, 10km from the centre of Damascus, saw seven weeks of intense bombardment and destruction, in which at least 301 children lost their lives. It's easy to feel helpless as we watch situations like this unfold and, as the fighting continues outside the headlines, it can be hard to know how to stay engaged and remain compassionate in the face of the many conflicts and disasters around the world.

The full article is available on the table in the Welcome Area.

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Please remember Ashleigh and Kezia in your prayers.

Ashleigh is due to be with us at West Leigh on Sunday 25th November!

WEST LEIGH BAPTIST “CHILDREN & YOUTH”

*****Extreme Fridays 19:30 – 21:30 – main worship area *****

Extreme is our Friday night group for senior school aged children. It runs each week and has a group of leaders who oversee each session.

If interested in helping or joining please speak to either

Stuart Campbell, Catie Back or Nate Ballew.

******3.16******

3.16 is the name given to the groups that run on a Sunday for our children and young people (School age). If you are able to help on a Sunday occasionally let us know.

On Tuesday nights we also have Girls Brigade & Boys Brigade - see notice board for further details

Thank you!

Youth & Family Task Group

Catie Back, Stuart Campbell, Emma Chamberlain, Neil Clark,
Helen Gauntlett , Matt Napper, stuartcampbell187@hotmail.com



'The man whose little sermon is 'repent' sets himself against his age, and will for the time being be battered mercilessly by the age whose moral tone he challenges. There is but one end for such a man— 'off with his head!' You had better not try to preach repentance until you have pledged your head to heaven.'

- Joseph Parker (Preacher, 1830 - 1902)

The Wider church

TURKEY

Christian boy beaten for his faith.

12 year old Baris, son of Turkish Christian converts, was playing with his "friends", when he told one of them that he was a Christian. This boy told others who gathered sticks and attacked Baris shouting "Death to Christians!"

Baris was more frightened than hurt but now wakes up at nights believing an intruder is in the house intent on doing harm.

His parents request that Baris will be able to forgive and forget this recent attack as well as an earlier traumatic experience and that children in Turkey will learn to be tolerant of other faiths.(MEC)

Weekly Prayer Focus: 23rd September 2018

Maidstone Road, Felixstowe

For Prayer:see notice

Felixstowe is Britain's largest container port and a traditional seaside resort.

MRBC is in Walton, which is in the northern part of town. The church's Pastor is Rev Dr Mark Reid who has been there since 2007.

Please pray that as a church, MRBC may strike the right balance between these wider ministries and its own call and distinctive witness in the local community.

Ladies...a coffee morning with a difference! 'Mission in the Mundane' is happening at Hadleigh Baptist Church on Saturday 29th September from 10-11.30. Don't miss out, book your place today. Flier at the back of the church with more details or just call **Paula on 07870 323916**. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Everyone is invited to the BWF Harvest Praise - singing praises and reflecting on the good gifts we receive from God"

Come and join us on Tuesday 9th October at 2.30pm at Eastwood Baptist Church - refreshments to follow. No charge but a small donation would be welcome. Please see Val Baldwin for more details and to let her know if you'd like to come, thanks! All are welcome!

Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre - Annual fundraising meal - Wednesday, 17th October 2018 - 7pm for 7.30pm at East - £12, for tickets contact: **Lesley Lewis: 07444 697116**

WEST LEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH "SUPPORT SERVICES"

Notices

Please send Notices/information to julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk by **Wednesday late pm** – many thanks.

Parish Nurse

Lorraine Lawrence can be contacted on:
Mobile: 07539 880357 Email parishnurse@wlbc.org.uk

Finance

Please contact **Bob Hadwen** at bob.hadwen@wlbc.org.uk regarding any finance/invoices (in the office on Monday), and for any confidential giving/gift aid please contact Gill on jessgillford@blueyonder.co.uk

Prayers

If you have a prayer request, please contact
David Smith on 01702 472484 or email mitac37@yahoo.com

Sermons Online - suspended

watch this space

Information

If you need any information regarding the services the Church provides please contact **Julie Firminger** on 01702 472100 or julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk

Room Hiring/Bookings – Lynda LeCorgne

For all room bookings please e-mail Bookingenquiries@wlbc.org.uk

OFFICE AND SITE MESSAGE BOOK

There is now a black message book outside the church office, for all to add any messages to on Sundays, or when Lynda and Julie are not available.

Facebook page details:

For details of ladies events <https://www.facebook.com/WLBCLadies/> and the church facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=west%20leigh%20baptist%20church>

As a reminder – If you would like to use a room in the church for any reason (key holders too), please book through the church office. We need to know who is in the building for many different reasons, but mainly site management and child protection.

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*If you have any questions just ask **Julie Firminger***