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BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

Week 25

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2020

Weekly Diary

Monday 7 th September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup return and meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 8 th September	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Wednesday 9 th September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 10 th September	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Friday 11 th September	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 12 th September	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	Ride and Stride registration at main entrance



We remember this week all those in MHA homes who have died in recent months and for their families who mourn and continue to pray for Glenda and the residents and staff of Pingle Nook and for all those known to us friends and neighbours, who need our prayers at this time.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

We were saddened to hear this week that Helen Flaxley, who lived just across the road from Church, has passed away. Many will know Helen having seen her around the village, a very quiet lady who was often at the bus stop. She has lived with Bryan and Judith Spence for 25 years and was involved in ministry for most of her life giving up everything to work on the mission field in many countries. She gave Flaxley House in Norfolk to a Christian trust for God's work and this was the first Rehab Centre for the Carpenter's Arms. She was overjoyed to hear that the new Woman's Centre recently opened was also to be named Flaxley House. A wonderful lady who was so faithful to our Lord.

Church Council has begun work on the Risk Assessment necessary before we can re-open our premises for worship and fellowship – we will keep you informed but it will take time!

If you have news of friends that you can share, then please let me know at janetmthompson13@gmail.com or 01509 413810.

CHURCH INCOME WHILE SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

Thank you to everyone who has set up standing orders at their bank, or sent their weekly contributions to my address.

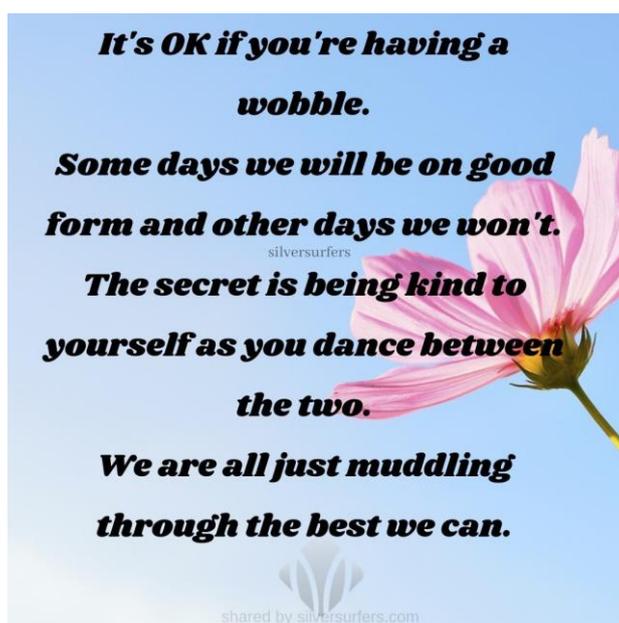
The system is working well but if you cannot do either of the above, I am happy to collect it from your house if you wish, please ring me on 01509 413085 if you would like me to pop round. Alternatively, save the collections envelopes, and hand them in when services start again. The collections received are recorded in the collection log book as usual before being banked. Many thanks – Peter

RIDE AND STRIDE

The national date for *Ride+Stride 2020* is finally confirmed as Saturday 12th September and we understand that Heritage Open Days will run from 11th - 20th September, thus coinciding with *Ride+Stride* day as usual. Most of the permissions are already in place for going out and about by bike, foot or vehicle, and it is encouraging that places of worship can open for private prayer from 15th June. *Ride+Stride* complies with most social distancing measures but there may need to be additional arrangements depending on government guidance at the time, so please keep an eye on our website and social media posts nearer the date of the event.

A small group of us plan to walk round visit some of the Historic Churches in Leicester City, we will know which ones later, and if you would like to join in, please ask Peter for a sponsor form. If you are able to sponsor, please support, or offer to support people walking or manning the church during the day. Peter

Don't forget you can also view our newsletter at [www. barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk)



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Matthew 18:15-20 - NIV

Dealing with Sin in the Church

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister^[a] sins,^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'^[c] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Rev Paul Wood

At the beginning of the COVID19 pandemic – when as a ministries team we began producing these worship at home sheets, I thought they might be needed for a few weeks. Now, 5 months in, I realise how naïve I was! I want to thank all those people who volunteered to draft one of these acts of worship. An offering made, each week, by leaders of worship both lay and ordained, from across the connexion in good faith and often written under pressure.

To begin people were grateful for the acts of worship. Then, quite quickly, a few people began to write in to offer us advice or to blatantly tell us what we were doing wrong! Can, I wonder, the worship of God be wrong? Of course, liturgically we can all do things that might not suit everyone, but if your heart and my heart are in the right place, surely God will accept what we offer. My general response was they are offered in good faith, by a brother or sister in Christ – adapt them as you will.

In the trauma of dealing with the pandemic we have moved the phase when we declared, “we are all in this together” to a more destructive phase. A time of disillusionment, where nothing anyone does seems to be quite good enough for anyone else.

Jesus (our God on earth) knew people all too well. The emotional roller coasters we travel in life. Which is why, I suggest, he recommended that if you have a problem with someone you should go to him or her directly, before dragging in the wider community (which today would include the online communities many of us belong to).

We all make mistakes. (For the mistakes we've made on these sheets I apologise). We will all need at some point to point a mistake out to another person, or to apologise for something we have done wrong. Let us do this graciously with love and care for another. As we move into this new Connexional year, let us all commit to reviewing not what might we do to please humankind but what we might do to the glory of God.

I pray may all our mistakes be made in good faith, and may our reprimands be smothered in the love of God.

Amen

A LIFE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

"How do you account for your remarkable accomplishment in life?" Queen Victoria of England asked Helen Keller. "How do you explain the fact that even though you were both blind and deaf, you were able to accomplish so much?"

Ms. Keller's answer is a tribute to her dedicated teacher. "If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown."

Speaker Zig Ziglar tells about "Little Annie" Sullivan, as she was called when she was young. Little Annie was no stranger to hardship. She was almost sightless herself (due to a childhood fever) and was, at one time, diagnosed as hopelessly "insane" by her caregivers. She was locked in the basement of a mental institution outside of Boston. On occasion, Little Annie would violently attack anyone who came near. Most of the time she generally ignored everyone in her presence.

An elderly nurse believed there was hope, however, and she made it her mission to show love to the child. Every day she visited Little Annie. For the most part, the child did not acknowledge the nurse's presence, but she still continued to visit. The kindly woman left cookies for her and spoke words of love and encouragement. She believed Little Annie could recover, if only she were shown love.

Eventually, doctors noticed a change in the girl. Where they once witnessed anger and hostility, they now noted an emerging gentleness and love. They moved her upstairs where she continued to improve. Then the day finally came when this seemingly "hopeless" child was released.

Anne Sullivan grew into a young woman with a desire to help others as she, herself, was helped by the loving

nurse. It was she who saw the great potential in Helen Keller. She loved her, disciplined her, played with her, pushed her, and worked with her until the flickering candle that was her life became a beacon of light to the world. Anne Sullivan worked wonders in Helen's life, but it was a loving nurse who first believed in Little Annie and lovingly transformed an uncommunicative child into a compassionate teacher.

"If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown." But if it had not been for a kind and dedicated nurse, the name of Anne Sullivan would have remained unknown. And so it goes. Just how far back does the chain of redemption extend? And how far forward will it lead?

Those you have sought to reach, whether they be in your family or elsewhere, are part of a chain of love that can extend through the generations. Your influence on their lives, whether or not you see results, is immeasurable. Your legacy of dedicated kindness and caring can transform lost and hopeless lives for years to come.

You can never overestimate the power of your love. It is a fire that, once lit, may burn forever.

Steve Goodier

SERVICE SHEETS AND STREAMED SERVICES FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN

Those of us who can access the internet may wish to worship at home using material from the Methodist Church website: www.methodist.org.uk

10.45 am Service on Trinity Church Centre Facebook page led by Rev Andrew Lomax From Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough

Radio and Television Worship

Wesley's chapel at 11.00.

Swan Bank Methodist Church – 10.45.

Swan Bank Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 11.00

BBC Radio 4 - 8.10 am 'Heaven is a Noisy Place' Neil MacGregor finds spiritual inspiration in the religious art of the National Gallery with the Rev Lucy Winkett.

BBC Radio Leicester 8.00 a.m. – 8.30 Every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Songs of Praise on BBC 1 at 1.15 pm - Claire McCullum visits Cornwall's Eden Project and JB Gill goes surfing with a Christian who came back to faith while catching the waves.

REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:

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Courtesy of my old uncle who I mentioned once before. You have to read it old style (like you started to understand reading in the 60's!). If you were brought up by understanding a= ahh, b=buh, etc the whole thing doesn't make sense. If you still have problems understand it this way

Too wise you are
Too wise you be
I see you are too wise for me

Try getting folk to read the original 3 lines out loud.

I have an abiding love for owls, ever since early childhood I have been fascinated by them. The association with owls and wisdom seem to go hand in hand. I even remember reading of the Greek goddess, Athena having her bird, an owl, and being associated with wisdom. How many of us would consider ourselves wise?

All the way through Humanity's early history tribes had their Wise Man or Woman who was regarded as the one who often was the Historian/Healer/Lore Giver. Often, they knew the properties of varied plants - some of this knowledge has passed on through the millennia.



Older people too are regarded in some cultures as the source of community wisdom. How often have we benefited from suggestions from past generations about how to deal with a problem? For example, how many youngsters still get taught about what to do if stung by a stinging nettle? Some of us still know to look for a Dock Leaf (usually somewhere close by) and rub it over the affected area?

The wisest guidance we can ever pass on is to acknowledge how much we owe to God in our lives and maybe remember the old poem's advice:

A wise old owl lived in an oak
The more he saw the less he spoke
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?



ALPHABET FAITH GUIDE

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

Victorious in the sky

We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and there will be bad, but Zion waits in glory where none are ever sad!

Answers to last week's Beside the Seaside Quiz?

1	New Brighton	11	Newquay
2	Llandudno	12	Scarborough
3	Whitby	13	Lyme Regis
4	Hastings	14	Isle of Wight
5	Penzance	15	Southport
6	Saint Andrews	16	Torquay
7	Newlyn	17	Porthmadog
8	The Giant's Causeway	18	Oban
9	Blackpool	19	Eastbourne
10	Southend	20	Great Yarmouth

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Who said this?

Thanks once again to Sue and Adrian

1	"Parting is such sweet sorrow"	
2	".... the lady's not for turning"	
3	"Time for bed!"	
4	"Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George"	
5	"Walkies!"	
6	"1992 has been an Annus Horribilis"	
7	"Deal or no deal"	
8	"Reader, I married him"	
9	"A horse, a horse.... my kingdom for a horse"	
10	"You lucky people"	

11	"Boom, Boom"	
12	"Please Sir, I want some more"	
13	"I have a dream"	
14	"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"	
15	".. don't worry there is no hurricane coming"	
16	"It's goodnight from me and it's goodnight from him"	
17	"It's time to face the Chaser"	
18	"There is more meaning and mutual understanding in exchanging a glance with a gorilla than with any other animal I know"	
19	"Life is like a box of chocolates"	
20	"I know I have but the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king, and a King of England too"	



MORE REALLY, REALLY CORNY JOKES!

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honeycombs.

Why can't your ear be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot.

What do you call a fish without eyes?
Fsh

How do rabbits travel?
By hareplanes.

What did the tomato say to the other tomato during a race?
Ketchup.

Why did the mushroom go to the party?
Because he was a fungi.

What do cows most like to read?
Cattle-logs.