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# BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

## Week 30

### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020

#### Weekly Diary

Monday 12 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall Playgroup staff meeting in the Coffee Lounge
Tuesday 13 October	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Wednesday 14 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 15 October	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Friday 16 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Playgroup



We pray for friends and family, for those in hospital and care homes, for those under threat of redundancy and for all known to us who need our prayers.

We pray particularly this week for the family and friends of Dr Margaret Williams who passed away on Tuesday evening. Margaret had been ill for some time and moved in August to a nursing home in Liskeard, Cornwall to be near to her family – she will be greatly missed but remembered for her long and faithful service and commitment to the Loughborough Methodist Circuit having served as Local Preacher, Local Paster, Circuit Steward along with many other “jobs”. Margaret was also very involved with Girl Guiding UK. Our love goes out to Christopher, David and Edward and their families at this sad time.

**CONGRATULATIONS** this week to SUE AND ADRIAN SPEIGHT who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary – love and best wishes to you!!

**SCAM EMAILS**

Some of us have received scam emails supposedly from Rev John Pugh recently – please be aware and check before clicking on any attachments or doing what they say!!

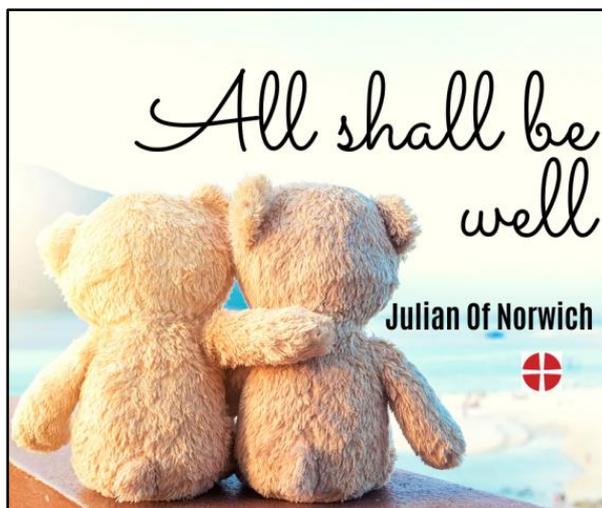
**If you have news of friends that you can share, then please let me know at [janetmthompson13@gmail.com](mailto:janetmthompson13@gmail.com) or 01509 413810.**

**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

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




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#### FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

#### Today's Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 106 v 1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
 for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
 or declare all his praise?  
<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice,  
 who do righteousness at all times.  
<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favour to your people;  
 help me when you deliver them;  
<sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
 that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
 that I may glory in your heritage.

#### Philippians 4 v1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by John Roughley

The reading from Philippians reminds me of a chorus that was often sung as a 'round' – "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice" (577 in Mission Praise) However, we may ask "how can we rejoice in the Lord

always?" Life is not always a bed of roses and we often face hardship and struggles. The Covid-19 crisis has been a real challenge for many people and rejoicing may have been the last thing on people's minds.

But what is it that makes us rejoice? People will have different answers but many will mention material things, and recent restrictions on shopping, going to the gym, hairdressers or going on holiday; have been a real bind for some.

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded that there is more to life than material blessings. Cynics may say "fine talk when you live in the affluent West" but during my visits to some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia, I found that those who had little in material terms were still able to rejoice. They valued family and community and were thankful for the little they had.

Covid-19 has challenged us all and made us think about what is really important in life. It has brought us closer to family and friends and reminded us to be thankful, and look for blessings that are beyond the material world. Paul says that when we come before the Lord with thanksgiving, we shall find His peace. There will be many today who do not have peace in their lives and we pray that one day, they will find the peace of the Lord that passes all understanding.

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, thank you that in your love, forgiveness and compassion you did not abandon all that you have made but came amongst us in your Son, Jesus Christ, to heal, guide and transform. May your life and love truly inform and shape all our hearts and minds for the challenges and the opportunities that lie before us. For those who struggle, may there be comfort and release; for those who would bring relief, may there be wisdom and strength; and for those who lead, and for us all, may eyes and minds, hearts and hands be open to see, love and respond, as you see, love and respond, for the sake and love of all. Amen.

James Tebbutt, Cumbria District Chair

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*Weekly Online Prayer Meeting - Tuesdays at 12.45pm*

The Methodist Conference has declared 2020/2021 a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism, church growth, church at the margins, and pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love.

Be part of this movement of prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church of gospel people.

For More information

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/year-of-prayer/>

You can now register for every week.

Videos of this event are available each week on

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MethodistChurchinBritain/videos/>

### **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](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

10.45 am 12<sup>th</sup> Church on Trinity Methodist Church **Facebook** page  
Worship led by Karen Wormald

10.45 am Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough  
Led by Roger Latham

BBC Radio Leicester 8.00 am – You can listen to a church service that is broadcast across all local radio stations.

**These churches in the Circuit are now open for Sunday worship but if you wish to attend please ring the friends detailed below to reserve a place.**

**Christchurch Methodist Church, Shepshed**

Mr. Alf Thompson 01509 821009 - [alfred.thompson1@ntlworld.com](mailto:alfred.thompson1@ntlworld.com)

**East Leake Methodist Church**

Mrs. Pauline Hargraves 01509 559266 - [paulinehargraves@gmail.com](mailto:paulinehargraves@gmail.com)

**Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough**

Andy & Rachel Thorpe 01509 239087 - [anandrthorpe@ntlworld.com](mailto:anandrthorpe@ntlworld.com)

**Woodhouse Eaves Methodist Church**

Mrs. Gill Thompson 01509 890886 - [Thompsonsat97@btinternet.com](mailto:Thompsonsat97@btinternet.com)

**Mountsorrel Methodist Church** will be meeting on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am for a simplified "Harvest Festival" and again on Gift Day Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November for a more formal service. Rev John Pugh will lead worship on both days.

Geoff Wainwright 0116 2376979 - [mountsorrel2310@btinternet.com](mailto:mountsorrel2310@btinternet.com)



**LOVE IS .....**

What does love means to 4-8-year-old children? A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds, 'What does love mean?' The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' Karl - age 5

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.' Bobby - age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' Cindy - age 8

'My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' Karen - age 7

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross.' Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.' Jessica - age 8

And the final one: The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

**REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:**

Many drivers now use Sat Nav to get themselves from A to B. How many slavishly follow the instructions and find themselves in some rather angry farmers stockyard? Or maybe following some old B road into the middle

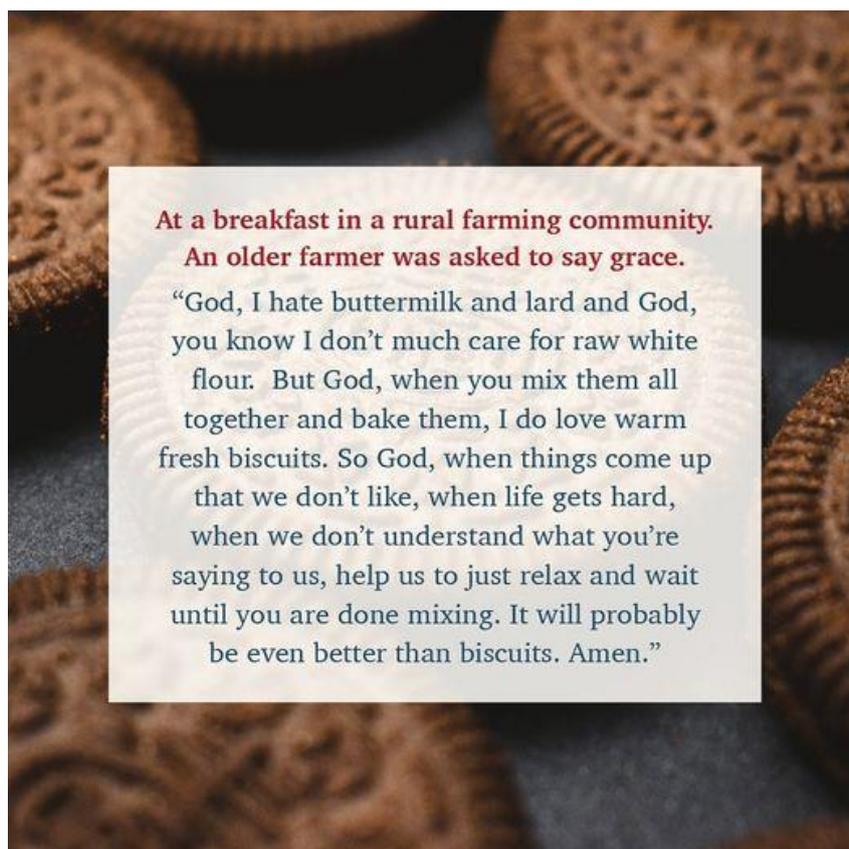
of nowhere with a similar name to the place you needed to get to. After travelling to some destinations, I find myself (when I do use one) second guessing the directions. I think it would be quicker going right/left here rather than going the Sat Nav way.



I used to travel with my father as a youngster when he delivered foodstuff around the West Midlands. He encouraged me to remember road numbers and look out for landmarks. I have to admit this was usually during school holidays I wasn't skipping classes! I used to be fascinated by the flashing of headlights as he greeted passing vans and lorries when he knew the drivers (which was often). When we headed into an unknown area, he taught me basic map-reading so I could follow where we were going. On the odd occasion he was uncertain or road conditions made onward journey difficult he knew I had my finger on the map and decisions could be easily made.

When I became a scout map reading proved easy for me and much later as a Territorial Army Chaplain with map and compass, I could easily find my way about. Even now if there's time I prefer map and compass to the Sat Nav. Mind you the Army can make life difficult, maps with waterways marked, contour lines but no other details! Find out where you are and get to a specified point within xxx hours! Good fun.

People have often said if only there was a Life map how much easier it would be. No difficult decisions to make the route is mapped out for you. There is some guidance available if only people would read it and follow the directions. The Bible is full of the guidance laid down for us in the words of Jesus often referred to as "The bright and morning Star". Sailors have used the stars to guide them on perilous voyages so why not use the light offered by Jesus to guide you on your daily journey



**At a breakfast in a rural farming community.  
An older farmer was asked to say grace.**

“God, I hate buttermilk and lard and God, you know I don't much care for raw white flour. But God, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So God, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen.”

## Answers to last week's quiz – Pot Luck?

1	Nautical mile	11	La Manche
2	Time	12	7
3	1970	13	Amazon
4	Spandau Ballet	14	Norvell
5	Nelson Mandela House	15	Olaf
6	Cats	16	88
7	Im Bru	17	Ken Barlow
8	Ready to eat	18	Go round and round
9	New York	19	Emily, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Anne and Maria
10		20	3

## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ – ANOTHER POT LUCK

1	What is the largest bird of prey in the world?	
2	What is Keir Starmer's constituency?	
3	In which English county is the town of Stevenage?	
4	Name the slowest animal in the world.	
5	How old do you have to be to stand for US president?	
6	Who is the Queen's youngest child?	
7	What is the capital of Switzerland?	
8	The Stadium of Light is home to which English football club?	
9	Which year was the Premier League founded?	
10	Which bird can fly backwards?	
11	What year did Elizabeth II become Queen?	
12	How many teeth does an adult human have?	
13	In the film "The Lion King", what kind of animal is Timon?	
14	What animal alive today is even bigger than a dinosaur?	
15	What is the name of Boris Johnson's new born son?	
16	What is the longest running soap opera in the UK?	
17	What is Japanese sake made from?	
18	Where was Prince Philip born?	
19	What is the most spoken language in the world?	
20	What is the collective noun for a group of giraffes?	

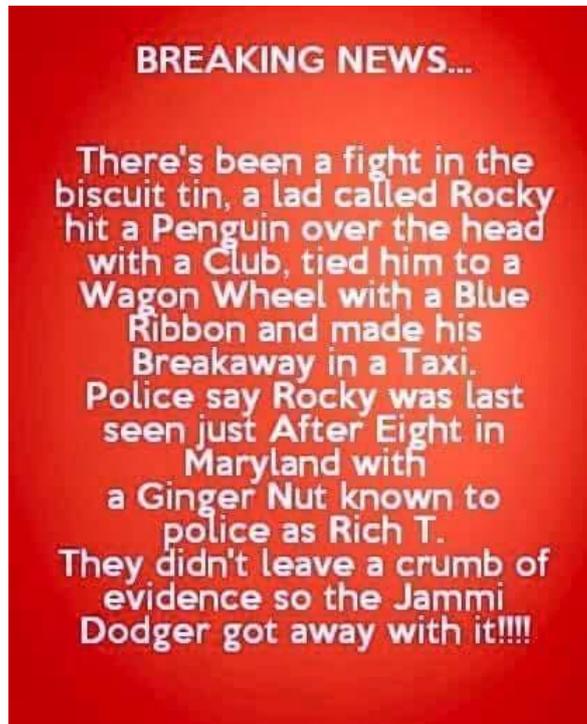
### Show & Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment of bringing something to represent their religion.

The first child got in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second child got in front of her class and said, "My name is Mary, I am Catholic and this is the Crucifix."

The third child got up in front of his class and said, "My name is Tommy and I am Methodist and this is a casserole."



Patient: Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green, Green Grass of Home'.

Doctor: 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome'.

'Is it common?' I asked. 'It's not unusual' he replied.

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Why do bees have sticky hair?  
Because they use a honeycomb.

What's an astronaut's favourite part of a computer?  
The space bar.

I wouldn't buy anything with Velcro.  
It's a total rip-off.

