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Week 32

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020

Don't forget the clocks go back one hour this weekend

Weekly Diary

Monday 26 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 27 October	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 28 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 29 October	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Friday 30 October	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup



We pray for the present situation with rising Coronavirus statistics 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

At our Church Council meeting on Thursday 8th October it was agreed that we re-open our Church for morning worship on Sunday 1st November at 10.15 am.

BUT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT and you will soon be receiving a leaflet detailing what changes you can expect. This will be learning curve for us all but if we pull together, we can open up our Church and witness once again to our village friends.

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

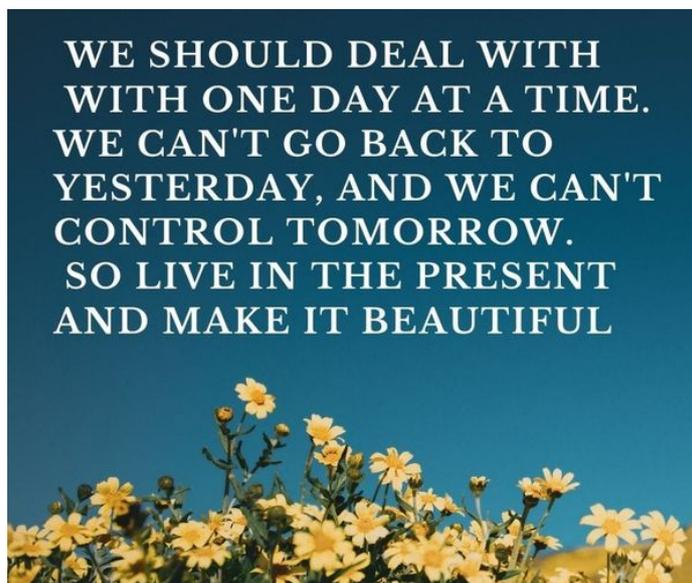
CHURCH INCOME WHILE SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED

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

Don't forget you can also view our newsletter at www.barrowuponsoarmethodistchurch.co.uk



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Today's Reading from the Old Testament

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

19 The LORD said to Moses, **2** "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

15 "'Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly. **16** "'Do not go about spreading slander among your people. **17** "'Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD. **17** "'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so you will not share in their guilt. **18** "'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD.

Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. **35** One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: **36** "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **41** While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42** "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. **43** He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, **44** "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" **45** If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" **46** No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Tom Ferguson

The BBC's Question Time, for me, is compulsive viewing, even though I often find it infuriating when the politicians avoid answering questions by skirting round the issue or answering a question that wasn't asked. I'm sure I'm not alone in my frustration!

Many questions have been on our minds throughout the Covid-19 crisis. Would fewer lives have been lost if lockdown measures were introduced sooner? Were care homes, including MHA facilities, dealt with properly? Could more lives have been saved if...? All of these are difficult to answer. One slip of the tongue from a politician could lead to political trouble. No wonder they are reluctant to give a straight answer! In no way do I defend politicians, but concede that journalists' questions are often loaded to trip them up. This is nothing new. In the gospel reading, Jesus is asked a loaded question in similarly politically-charged times, not by a journalist but a lawyer.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" *Matt. 22:36*

This question is dynamite. Jesus is being asked to make a judgement on which of God's commandments, written in the laws of Moses, is greatest. This is like asking a politician which law of the land is the most important. Imagine the field day the tabloid press would have!

I dare say that the lawyer was very pleased with his question, certain he had Jesus trapped. There was no answer he could give that would not land him in deep trouble.

How wrong could he be? Rather than picking out two of the laws, Jesus expertly sums up the whole of God's law: love God and neighbour. This answer silences the lawyer and the pharisees, as there is nothing for them to argue with.

We may argue over points of doctrine and practice within Methodism and across denominations. It would be so much better if our primary motivation was always to simply love God and neighbour. The church and the world would certainly be better places and, as Charles Wesley writes, 'the joy of heaven' would 'to earth come down'.

Forget the difficult questions, focus instead on Christ's simple answer – love! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, may we rejoice in our creatureliness and our utter dependence on you, may we delight that we are all wonderfully made in your image and likeness.

Christ who redeems, restores us and re-creates us, may we see you revealed to us each day in the faces of our sisters and brothers and may we become one gloriously differing, but united, community.

Creative Spirit, the breath of God present in all creation, may we treasure and protect your very great gift, our world and yours, our home and yours. Holy Trinity, Creator, re-creator, creative Spirit be with us and bless us. Amen.

Helen Cameron, Northampton District Chair

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

10.45 am 12th Church on Trinity Methodist Church **Facebook** page

Worship led by Eleri and David Bristow

This will also be streamed at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough

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

East Leake Methodist Church

Mrs. Pauline Hargraves 01509 559266 - paulinehargraves@gmail.com

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

Geoff Wainwright 0116 2376979 - mountsorrel2310@btinternet.com

Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough

Andy & Rachel Thorpe 01509 239087 - anandrthorpe@ntlworld.com

Woodhouse Eaves Methodist Church

Mrs. Gill Thompson 01509 890886 - Thompsonsat97@btinternet.com

Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church will be meeting for worship on Sunday 1st November at 10.15 am

Sue Speight 01509 413524 - speight4748@gmail.com

A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, remaining silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments. A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so, it is with life... What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. So, don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."

Jonathan Kestenbaum





REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:



I remember these guys first appearing on our old black-and-white TV on Dr Who. Mind you in those days everything was black and white anyway. The elder of my two younger sisters, Carol, was terrified by them and ended up hiding behind the settee. Now be truthful folks how many of you or your nearest and dearest found a place of safety there? Even some years later the cry of "Exterminate!" still sent a shiver down her spine. For others it was one of the many other monsters that populated several incarnations of the Doctor that sent you off to get a drink or whatever.

Even if you never saw Dr Who many people have their monsters to contend with. Too many people still have nightmares of monsters under the bed/in the wardrobe/behind the curtain. How many recall shouting for a parent figure to come and chase the monsters away and keep you safe? Did they come and rescue you or were you told not to be silly? For some monsters are cute and cuddly - compare the characters in "Monsters Inc" the Family film full of cartoon figures.

I certainly remember being told by my grandparents' generation to be good or the bogeyman would get me. My contemporaries too it seems were told the very same thing for they were terrified. It was several years later that I learned that the bogeyman was a nickname given to Napoleon Bonaparte. So, the bogeyman had been around a while it seems. Figures of darkness and menace have been part of the human psyche for many years.

No matter what may be around to frighten us we are reassured about the Love of God which helps us face our fears. As it says in scripture "Perfect love casts out fear". Whatever fear lies in our hearts let us be certain that like a child calls out to a loving parent to save them from the monsters, God will be with us as we call upon him in times of need. Maybe not in the way we might expect it but his loving support will come in myriad ways. Do not be afraid - sound familiar?

Answers to last week's alphabet quiz?

A	Anteater	N	Notts County
B the boxer pup	O	Ophelia
C	Carrots	P	Pipistrelle
D	Dictionary	Q	A ship
E	Expectations	R	Rabbits
F	Flounder	S	Scorpion
G	Greengage	T	Tobermory
H	Hoffman	U	Umbrella
I	Indiana Jones	V	Versailles

J	Jack Warner	W	Wednesday
K	Katherina	X	Xylophone
L	Lichtenstein	Y	Yoyo
M	Montmorency the dog	Z	Zebra

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ – PAIRS

Thanks to Sue and Adrian

1	Eric Morecambe	
2	Rhubarb	
3	Emu	
4	Prunella Scales	
5	Peter Brough	
6	Juliet	
7	Paul Simon	
8	Tweety-pie	
9	Pearl Carr	
10	Butch Cassidy	
11	Oliver Hardy	
12	Rogers	
11	Fred Astaire	
12	Lennie the Lion	
13	Richard	
14	Nina	
15	Gilbert	
16	Ronnie Corbett	
17	Tom	
18	Cleopatra	
19	Harry Corbett	
20	Sherlock Holmes	

**REALLY,
CORN**

**REALLY
JOKES**



Why do we tell actors to “break a leg?”

Because every play has a cast.

Arial and Times New Roman walk into a bar

“Get out of here!” shouts the bartender. “We don't serve your type.”

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu: You get what you deserve.

A bear walks into a bar and says, “Give me a whiskey..... and a cola.”

“Why the big pause?” asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. “I'm not sure. I was born with them.”

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

He was just going through a stage.