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# BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

## Week 33

### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

#### Weekly Diary

Monday 2 November	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 3 November	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 4 November	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 5 November	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Friday 6 November	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.

#### RE-OPENING OUR CHURCH FOR WORSHIP

We welcome you all back to church on Sunday morning at 10.15 am but as explained before you have to ring and book your place so if you haven't already done so please ring Sue Speight on 01509 413524 by 5.00 pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

We have had a couple of "practice" runs with just the Church Council present to make sure that our risk assessment works – IT IS VERY DIFFERENT and you should have received a leaflet detailing what changes you can expect – I am attaching the leaflet with this newsletter in case anyone hasn't received it. This will be learning curve for us all but if we pull together, we can worship together again and witness once again to our village friends.

#### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

An invitation to once again take part in the REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR project. this year, for the new women's refuge at Flaxley House, Loughborough which is run under the umbrella of The Carpenter's Arms. If we begin on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and put one item of non-perishable packet or tin of food into a Christmas bag/box beginning on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and ending on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, I think I have counted right, that's 24 days the same as on an ordinary Advent Calendar. Your gift can then be brought to church on Sunday 13 December when we will collect them all together and arrange for them to be collected ready for distribution before Christmas. Apart from food items we could also include small gift items

ie chocolate, sweets, gloves, shower gel, sanitary products, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand cream, deodorant etc etc. Thank you to all that have replied to my initial email regarding this. If you would like to join in can you let me know so that we know if we have your support. And any queries, as usual, just ask

### SPONSORED CHARITY CHALLENGE

The Santa Fun Run is not allowed to go ahead this year so Pauline Ranson is taking part in the Alternative 2020 Charity Challenge in December walking from Barrow upon Soar to Loughborough dressed as Mrs Christmas and raising funds for the Wellbeing Café Project in Loughborough. If you would like to donate to Pauline's just giving page the link is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulineRanson>

### CHURCH INCOME

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

**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.**

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



### FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

#### Today's Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5.1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

#### The Beatitudes

He said: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Dudley Coates

Methodists tend not to do Saints Days. But remember that in the New Testament all the faithful are saints. Saints are real people not those figures portrayed in stained glass windows. We have all known many saints - those who brought us to faith, those who encouraged us on our way, those who provided the care and concern we all need from time to time. Saints are also those who challenge and question, who invite us to rethink our cherished attitudes and favourite ways of doing things and ask us to test them against the call of God in this age. All of them are the saints we commemorate at All Saints' tide. All of them are our partners in prayer and in service.

Later you might find time to read Luke's more challenging version of the Beatitudes (Luke 6,20-31). In either version, how do these words speak to us, the saints of this generation? By world standards even the poorest in Britain are incredibly rich - that is one reason why so many migrants want to come here. Yet I, like many who have experienced hospitality in the world's poorer places, can attest to the fact that the hospitality offered by many of the world's poorest people is way in excess of what they can expect to receive in the rich world.

Frequently, the saints, famous or unsung, have not really known where God was leading them, why God wanted something done, or how to go about doing it. Often, they doubted whether they would have much impact - for humility is frequently the mark of a true saint. But they got on with it. And we are called to follow their example, to follow the great heritage of all God's faithful people down the ages. Let us pray that we may live up to whatever he is calling us to do in this age.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine upon us, O Lord, with the light that surpasses all other light. Cleanse us with the fire that consumes all other fires and fill us with the love that transforms all other loves; for your own name's sake. Amen.

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

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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 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.

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**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.**

**Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church** will be meeting for worship on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.15 am  
Sue Speight 01509 413524 - [speight4748@gmail.com](mailto:speight4748@gmail.com)

**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)

**Mountsorrel Methodist Church** will be meeting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Geoff Wainwright 0116 2376979 - [mountsorrel2310@btinternet.com](mailto:mountsorrel2310@btinternet.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)




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### REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:

Sometimes there only seems one way to go, the road ahead seems clear but you cannot see the final destination. The signs are few or not too clear to see but you think to yourself "I think this is the right direction". Then the path turns and seems to be going in the wrong direction, away from where you wish to be. What do you do? Stop and rethink your next move? Turn round and head back to the last place you could recognise or find comfortable? Ask for help and how can you if there's no-one around?

Too often we find ourselves in that sort of situation and often there is no right or wrong answer to the quandary. I have often heard couples arguing over this issue where one has said to the other "You should have asked last time we saw someone" whilst the other will respond "We'll just keep on going we'll get there eventually." Doubtless you'll see yourself or others in that conversation. I know there will always be those who will say "I never get lost!"



Yet the best laid plans of mice and man gan off a-gley as the bard wrote (go off astray to the uninitiated). In Life in general we lose the way. Our plans we made so painstakingly in youth seem to vary as we get older, passing into adulthood and later into middle then old age. Some of us get very good at rethinking the journey, on the fly so to speak. Others get totally discombobulated (love that word) and wander astray for a period of time.

There are those among us who have always managed to know where we are headed. Since a child I have been open to the voice of my Saviour gently guiding me forward along the path to the heavenly kingdom. I love the picture that Jesus painted of Him being the Good Shepherd. In Israel the shepherd walked ahead of the sheep rather than behind as our shepherds do. He would talk all the time in a reassuring manner, they would get to know his voice and know that he was leading them to water and sweet pasture. Listen to the One who will lead you in safe paths to Life

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## THE FOLLY OF CLINGING

The little boy walked slowly into the room where his mother was sitting at her desk writing. She glanced down at him and saw that he was carrying a very precious vase that her grandmother had given her. Almost absentmindedly she said to him, "Robert, go put the vase down before you drop it and break it."



"I can't," he replied, "I can't get my hand out."

"Of course, you can," she said, "you got it down there."

He said, "I know, mom, but it won't come out." The neck of the vase was very narrow and his hand had fit it neatly inside and it was now up to his wrist. He continued to insist that he could not get it out. Growing a little concerned, his mother called out to his dad.

Dad calmly took control and began gently pulling the arm trying to extract the hand from the vase. He tried loosening it up with soapy water. Still nothing. He then got some vegetable oil from the kitchen and poured it around the wrist and let it seep into the vase. He wiggled it some. It still did not budge.

"I give up," the dad said in desperation. "I'd give a dollar right now to know how to get it out."

"Really?" little Robert exclaimed. Then they heard a clinking sound and his hand slid right out of the vase. They turned the vase upside down and a penny plopped out. "What's this?" they said in unison.

"Oh, that's the penny I put inside. I wanted to get it out so I was clutching it in my hand. But when I heard Dad say he would give a dollar to have the vase free, I let go."

How often do we cling to things when they are nothing in comparison to what could be ours?

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## Answers to last week's PAIRS quiz?

1	Ernie Wise	11	Stan Laurel
2	Custard	12	Hammerstein
3	Rod Hull	13	Ginger Rogers
4	Timothy West	14	Terry Hall
5	Archie Andrews	15	Sullivan

6	Romeo	16	Ronnie Barker
7	Art Garfunkel	17	Jerry
8	Sylvester the cat	18	(Mark) Anthony
9	Teddy Johnson	19	Sooty
10	The Sundance Kid	20	Dr Watson

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ – "FIRST"

Thanks to Sue and Adri

1	What is the first letter of the Greek alphabet	
2	Where did Roger Bannister achieve the first 4-minute mile	
3	Who was the first person to swim across the English Channel	
4	Who was the first Norman King of England	
5	When was the first (unmanned) landing on the moon	
6	Who was the first person to be killed for his faith On Jesus	
7	Who was the first Women to take her seat in Parliament in 1919	
8	In which century did the first crusade take place	
9	Who was the first 'test tube' baby born in 1978	
10	When did Alcock and Brown make the first Atlantic flight	
11	When did Thomas Cook organise his first trip from Leicester to Loughborough	
12	Which is the first in the series if Harry Potter books	
13	Who is the Queen's first grandchild	
14	Who was the first woman Prime Minister	
15	Which was the first Bond Film	
16	When did the first London Marathon take place	
17	Which roman emperor was first to visit England	
18	Who was the first President of USA	
19	Who developed the first vaccines in the late 18 <sup>th</sup> century	
20	What are the first three words of John's gospel	

### REALLY, REALLY CORNY JOKES



What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?  
"Put it on my bill."

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?  
It gets toad away.

Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?  
Because he was always spotted.

What starts with E, ends with E, and has only 1 letter in it?  
Envelope.

Can February march?  
No, but April may.

What do you call a pig that does karate?  
A pork chop.

If you ever get cold, just stand in the corner of a room for a while.  
They're normally around 90 degrees.

A bank robber pulls out gun points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"  
The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'" The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

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