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# BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

## Week 45

### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021

#### Weekly Diary

Monday 25 January 2021	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 26 January	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 27 January	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 28 January	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Friday 29 January	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup

Churches in the Loughborough Methodist Circuit have agreed that, for the safety of everyone, no public worship will take place in our buildings until the end of this lockdown period.

Sunday worship will continue on the Facebook page of Trinity Methodist Church Centre, Loughborough at 10.45 am every week

But please remember the Church building may be closed, but the Church is still very much here for you - if you require the services of a Minister, please contact our Minister on Telephone: 0116 2304689



We pray for those recently bereaved, for Coral Kelham, Sue, Penny and Mick of a dear husband and father, John Anthony, but known to us all as Tony – a really lovely and sincere gentleman. Our love and prayers are with you all.

**If you haven't yet replied to Adrian's question from last week, there is still time to let him know your thoughts:**

**WORSHIP OPTIONS DURING CLOSURES:** A message from Adrian

At our Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting (on Zoom) we talked about the possibilities for worship when we cannot meet in our own churches. Throughout the pandemic we have been able to join in worship on-line on Facebook from Trinity and the "12<sup>th</sup> Church" is now well established with Andrew and several local preachers leading the services. It was also mentioned that some churches are trying "Zoom" services, which gives opportunities for worshippers to join in from their own home and to share conversation after the short service over coffee. (For those who do not know, "Zoom" is a way of people sharing together using computer, tablet or i-pad in which they cannot only just watch but also join in.)

Whilst Andrew is making The Plan for March through to May it is clear that he is unable to provide a preacher for every Sunday and alternate Sundays will not have an appointed preacher, even if/when we are able to open the building again. The Circuit is committed to the "12<sup>th</sup> Church" which will continue and develop in our digital age, even when the present crisis is over.

This leads me, as a Local Preacher and individual member of Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church, to ask the following questions:

1. Do you watch the "12<sup>th</sup> Church" service on Facebook?
2. Do you find the "12<sup>th</sup> Church" service meets your needs?
3. Would you be interested in a service from Barrow that we could share via Zoom?

If you could respond to these questions via email [speight4748@gmail.com](mailto:speight4748@gmail.com) or a phone call then I would be most grateful. If there is interest in worship by Zoom, I would be very happy to explore the practical possibilities of setting this up.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Carolyn Thornborow who has been elected Chairman of Quorn Parish Council.

#### **THANK YOU - COLLECTION ENVELOPES:**

I have the new envelopes for 2021 and everyone who uses them should now have received their set. I have not sent them to those of you who contribute by bank standing order because you don't usually need them, but if you or anyone else would like a set please give me a ring on 01509 413085 as I have plenty more. Thanks to you all for your regular contributions to the running of the church, the system works well, so please continue. While church services are temporarily suspended, the bills still have to be paid, and thank you for making this possible - Peter Yates

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER formerly Women's World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer committee have met via Zoom to discuss this years' service which should be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. They have decided that it is not feasible to hold a service this year in view of the present restrictions and uncertainty.

The country to be highlighted this year is Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean and if anyone would like to receive a copy of the service booklet before 5<sup>th</sup> March so that they can learn about life and faith in Vanuatu, with consequent prayer ideas, to use at home please let Tilly know and she can arrange for a copy to be delivered to you.

#### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>th</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January and hopefully, Rev John Pugh will be using Week of Prayer for Christian Unity material on this Sunday evening for the Circuit Evening Prayers – if the move succeeds, he hopes to transfer a WPCU conversation and prayers video onto our Church Facebook page.

**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)**

May every day  
Begin with space  
Enough to see  
My saviours' s face

May every hour  
Possess within it  
The space to live  
A prayerful minute

And may I find  
From nights alarms  
The space between  
My Saviour's arms  
Frank Topping

#### **FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE**

##### **Today's Reading from the Old Testament**

Jonah 3:1-5,10 - Jonah Goes to Nineveh

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

## Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20 - Jesus Announces the Good News

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" <sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

## TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Keith Edlington

Just as Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John, so he calls us to follow him. Just as they had to make a decision to do so, so do we. He calls us because he wishes to make us more useful to him, to make our lives more fruitful in the changing world around us. It's a challenge because to follow him, means letting him take the lead. If he says do it, we do it. If he says don't do it, we don't do it.

Following Jesus means accepting him as the way, as far as our lives are concerned, taking him as the truth. God's truth to us. It means accepting that he is the life, our life, and without him there is no life as God intended it to be.

So, if that is the case, the question is.....How are we doing - answering his call and following him?

You see, following Jesus is a transforming work, a continuing work because the day we came to the Lord was only a beginning of a conversion process that started and goes on and on. It really means 'our becoming something we were not'.

So, are we further forward now than when we made that commitment to be a follower?

We can answer that question for ourselves because we know, if over the years, we have been able to do things that before we just couldn't do. Like, talk to other people about our Christian experience, discuss God's word with one another, share our doubts as well as our joyful discoveries; being aware of the knowledge of God's help at our side at difficult times.

Can we say now that, looking back, we have known his presence and direction in our lives? Do we continue to do so? And what about the future? Those disciples Jesus called had no idea where his call would take them. They just went with him and continued to follow him which is what he expects of us too.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

This earth, a delicate sphere filled with light and life, all of it yours; a home and safe haven, where life may grow and flourish, all of it yours; a place where rains fall, lightning strikes and the sun shines, all of it yours. This earth, all of it amazing, all lovingly created and all of it yours. We offer you our love, Lord God, and all of it is yours. Amen.

Loraine Mellor, Nottingham and Derby District Chair

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The Methodist Church has compiled a simple email with a list of resources to help nourish your spiritual life on a daily and weekly basis.

### Spiritual sustenance when isolated:

**Daily:** Pray our daily prayer from the Methodist Prayer Handbook

Join online Morning Prayer from Wesley's Chapel 10.00 – 10.15 am

Pray for others on our Prayer Wall and post your own intercessory prayer

Take part in our daily Bible Study

### Weekly

**Any day of the week – Free** phone lines for prayers, reflections and news from the Methodist Church

Dial a Prayer – free telephone lines where you can listen to prayer or Methodist News.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to a pastoral message from the President and Vice President: 0808 281 2695

Listen to our Podcast: 0808 281 2478

Every Tuesday: Take part in the 15-minute year of prayer service at 12.45 pm either register to join on Zoom or watch live on the Methodist Church Facebook page

Every Sunday: Take part in a live online Sunday service from Methodist Central Hall Westminster at 10.00 am  
Read aloud the specially prepared Epiphany O Antiphons for 2021

All this can be found on the Methodist Church website [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

**12<sup>th</sup> Church - 10.45 am on Trinity Methodist Church Facebook page  
Sunday 24th January 2021 at 10.45am.  
Dorothy and John Pipet**



How did John Wesley speak out against the slave trade? The New Room is pleased to welcome Revd Dr Catherine Okoronkwo, Dr Madge Dresser and Gary Best sharing in an online conversation on this important movement for change in the 18th century. Taking place on the 15 February 2021 at 7:30 pm, you can book this "Wes Talk" at the New Room, Bristol – Tickets £5



**LOUGHBOROUGH  
MARKETS & FAIR**  
ROYAL CHARTER • EST. 1221

**800<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **800 YEARS OF LOUGHBOROUGH MARKET AND FAIR**

Loughborough is celebrating a landmark year as its weekly market and annual fair mark 800 years since they were given the Royal seal of approval.

In 1221, a young King Henry III granted a Royal Charter to Hugh Despenser, the Lord of the manor, to hold a weekly Thursday market and an annual fair in Loughborough.

The market charter was granted exactly 800 years ago on January 22, 1221 and the charter for the fair a few days later. Eight centuries later, the market and fair are operated by Charnwood Borough Council which is launching a year of celebrations

to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Cllr Jenny Bokor, lead member for Loughborough, said: "We are immensely proud of Loughborough Market and Loughborough Fair which have been an integral part of life in this town for 800 years. "That is an amazing achievement and both the market and the fair are both still immensely popular, attracting tens of thousands of people.

"I am delighted to kickstart this year of celebration and while we may have to do things differently because of the Covid-19 restrictions, I can assure you that there will be lots going on throughout the year to mark this very special anniversary."

Charnwood Borough Council is working with a range of partners including Leicestershire County Council, Loughborough Local Studies Volunteers and Loughborough Library on the anniversary year celebrations. Charnwood Museum, Loughborough Town Hall and Community Curators will also be involved.

Planned events and activities include:

- Commemorative lights will be installed in the town centre
- A plaque in the town centre will mark the 800-year-milestone
- The "Our Market, Our Fair" exhibition will feature at Charnwood Museum and Loughborough Library from July and will bring together historical records alongside personal modern-day connections to the market and fair
- A Loughborough Fair exhibition will be hosted at Loughborough Town Hall in the Autumn
- A series of features, photos and videos will capture the past, present and future of the market and fair and be shared on social media and other channels
- Opportunities to tell the stories of the current market traders and showmen, some of whom have families which have been at Loughborough for several generations

The Council will be looking at other ways to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary but some events and plans may depend on Covid-19 restrictions.

Back in 1221, markets and fairs needed a Royal Charter to operate. King Henry III was only nine at the time of granting the charters for the market and fair in Loughborough and he reaffirmed them in 1227.

Today, the weekly retail market is held on Thursdays and Saturdays and there's also a vintage market on a Friday. There are also other specialist markets.

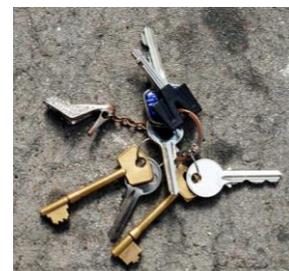
Loughborough Fair is held every November. Approximately 100 individual show people attend each year, presenting between them some 20 large rides and numerous children's rides, games and novelty stalls and refreshments. To keep to date with the latest news on the celebrations, please visit [www.charnwood.gov.uk/marketandfair800](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/marketandfair800)

On Twitter, look out for the hashtag #LboroCharter800 [More information about the Our Market, Our Fair project](#)

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### REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:

Keys – they play an important role in our lives. Firstly, they are associated with the expression 'key to the door'. Once it was a case of when you hit majority at 21 years you would receive it and then the age moved to 18 years old. I know it has not physically meant an actual key to the front door for many a year but still symbolizes that you can be regarded as an adult. Many of us probably were given a front door key whilst still at school, many in Senior School but some in Junior School especially if parents were working full time.



Keys are also regarded as a musical term. If anything, it reminds me of a favourite joke I heard some years ago, in fact if anything it was funnier after serving as a part-time Prison Chaplain. As a visitor called to see his minister friend at Church one day, the minister said come and listen to our singing group practise, we call them the Prison Singers. "Are they actually prisoners?" the minister was asked "No" he answered "just they are behind a few bars and always looking for the key". Musicians and singers alike I am certain will be able to explain the technicalities of which notes fit each key.

A key is also essential part of mathematical and physical diagrams, helping to explain what diagrammatic shape stands for what. Perhaps like me you have looked at electronic diagrams and thought I don't understand hide nor hair of this. Possibly one or two symbols may surface from science lessons at school but the rest? There are those who look at some old maps and need a key to understand what stands for what there. Technically this called a legend but horses for courses.

Years ago, I remember reading A.J. Cronin's book "Keys of the Kingdom" (1941) later watched the film based on it starring Gregory Peck (1944). The story of Father Francis Chisholm struggling to set up a Mission in China, well worth reading/seeing the story if you get the chance. We understand the old tradition that Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven so that whatever he bound on earth would be bound in heaven, whatever he let be on earth would be allowed in heaven. Hence the symbol continues today of the crossed keys for the Pope. Some people are desperate to enter the kingdom. The entry price has been paid though through the death and resurrection of Jesus, don't be too much in a hurry though to enter there's still so much to be done!

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### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ BUGS AND BEASTIES

1	Which insect has species called 2 spot, 7 spot and Harlequin?	
2	How many legs has a spider?	
3	Which gastropod, you might find in your garden, has a shell into which it can hide away?	
4	Another gastropod, not found in Britain is a Banana slug can you guess how long it can grow?	
5	Which insects use formic acid in their bites and stings	
6	A swallowtail is the largest of which type of flying insect seen in Britain	
7	Which aquatic Insect has little paddles or oars in its legs	
8	What is the common name of the crane fly?	

9	What does a caterpillar turn into?	
10	Which creature has the reputation for laying its eggs on wool and other soft materials, which its larva eats?	
11	Which other domestic pest likes warm places (kitchens) and may be responsible for contaminating food	
12	Rimsky Korsakov wrote music entitled <i>The Fight of the .....</i>	
13	Which Butterflies can devastate you Cabbages etc?	
14	There could be 16 species of this creature in your garden working away to enrich your soil or improve your compost.... What are they?	
15	Actually crustaceans, these little creatures do a similar job to the above Called by many names- eg wood pig, armadillo bug, roly-poly... what are they	
16	Which is the only fertile female in a beehive	
17	Which birds name comes before <i>Moth</i> in describing species of this insect..... <i>Elephant; Privet and Deaths Head</i>	
18	A largish flying insect is often seen over water or resting with its wings horizontal.	
19	What are tiny, usually green or black insects, which cluster on our plants and suck their sap?	
20	What is a fast-moving insect usually brownish with a pincer-like tail?	

<b>Answers to Bugs and Beestles</b> 1. Ladybird; 2. 8; 3. Snail; 4. 20-25 cms; 5. Ants; 6. Butterfly; 7. Water Boatman; 8. Daddy Longlegs; 9. (Chrysalis) Butterfly; 10. Clothes Moth; 11. Cockroach; 12. Bumble Bee; 13. Cabbage (small) White; 14. Earthworms; 15. Woodlice; 16. The Queen; 17. Hawk; 18. Dragon fly; 19. Aphids; 20. Earwigs	
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**MESSAGE FROM SUE AND ADRIAN:** We enjoy writing these quizzes and learn a lot from the research we do, but sometimes the hardest part is finding a topic or theme. As you will be aware different topics render different types of questions ... some short and compact, others more "wordy" and need thinking about ... but may teach you something new too. We would love to hear from you as to which you like best and any suggestions you may have as for new themes to use. If you think you could write a quiz on a subject that interests you that would be great! Just let us or Janet know.

We have this week included the answers and would also be pleased to know if you like this better. We look forward to hearing from you..... [speight4748@gmail.com](mailto:speight4748@gmail.com) or 01509 413524 - Sue and Adrian

**ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ**  
**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH - FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> TO THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY**

1.	What command did Jesus give to his friends before his Ascension	Go and make all people my disciples... *see below
2.	Who stood and watched as Stephen was stoned by the crowd for declaring his faith in Jesus	Saul
3.	After his conversion Paul travelled around the known world, preaching about Jesus. How many Journeys?	3
4.	To the church in which city did Paul write '.....if I have no love, I am nothing.....?'	Corinth

5.	Which Saint, one of Jesus' disciples, is usually depicted holding the keys of Heaven?	Peter
6.	Which Roman Emperor declared that all his land should become Christian and appointed Clement as Pope?	Constantine
7.	St Patrick, travelled from Ireland as a missionary spreading the Gospel..... in which Country was he born?	North of England
8.	Christian coverts built communities to share worship and evangelism... such as Iona and Lindesfarne in which century were the first of these founded?	6 <sup>th</sup>
9.	St Hilda was the Abbess of which Monastery..... In a Yorkshire coastal town?	Whitby
10.	A bit nearer home.... In which century was Barrow upon Soar Parish Church built?	12 <sup>th</sup>
11.	Born in the Barrow upon Soar in 1736, in the street which now bears his name, he became Bishop of St Asaph?	William Beverage
12.	To which Saint is Leicester Cathedral dedicated?	St Martin
13.	What do Cathedrals in Liverpool, Coventry and Guilford have in common?	Built in 1900's
14.	With their emphasis on quiet, meditative and unplanned worship meetings, the Society of Friends are also known by which nickname?	Quakers
15.	Renowned for their brass bands and singing on street corners ... best for their uniforms – who founded the Salvation Army?	William Booth
16.	A group of young men at an Oxford college studied religion methodically –what was their nickname?	Methodists
17.	John Wesley travelled all over the country preaching .... What was his main mode of Transport?	A Horse
18.	Until he died in 1998, a Methodist preacher famous for his preaching from a soap box..... at Speakers Corner in London, who was he?	Lord Donald Soper
19.	Originally there were two Methodist Chapels in Barrow High Street what is the other one now used as?	Dentist Surgery
20.	How old will the North street chapel be this year?	110

\*Go therefore to all nations and made them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.....

*I will be with you always, to the end of time Matt 28v19-20*

A litte silver haired lady calls her neighbour and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure how to get started." Her neighbour asks "What is it supposed to be when it is finished?"



The little silver haired lady says "According to the picture on the box it's a rooster" Her neighbour decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh.....Let's put all the cornflakes back into the box."

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic!

What's the difference between Covid-19 and Romeo and Juliet?  
One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis!

Why did the chicken cross the road?  
Because the chicken behind it didn't know how to socially distance properly!

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch them with a six-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them.  
All that's left is de brie!

