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Week 48

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2021

Weekly Diary

Monday 15 February		Playgroup on half term
Tuesday 16 February	Shrove Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Playgroup staff meeting in the Coffee Lounge
Wednesday 17 February	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 18 February		
Friday 19 February		
Saturday 20 February		
Sunday 21 February	10.45 am	12 th Church – Sunday morning worship on Facebook

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 12TH CHURCH 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

NEWS FROM THE THOMPSONS – We are now proud Great Grandparents! **OLIVER REUBEN** was born on Sunday 7th February at 2.38 am to our granddaughter, Nichola (nee Newton) and Kris Kerry and weighed 8lbs 1oz. and arrived one week early. New family all came home the same day after breakfast and all are well – love and congratulations to the new parents, grandparents Leigh and Chris, Auntie Joanne and Uncles Simon and Matthew plus Great Aunties Natalie and Catherine



HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to **YVONNE BUTCHER** who celebrates on Thursday 18th February – lots of love to you!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Rev John Pugh and Elinor who celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary last Wednesday – Congratulations and much love to you both!

YARN BOMBING

You may have seen our latest venture into yarn bombing outside chapel this week. See photos below of bollards and the free-standing display in the Foyer telling passers-by of God's love. The new display window has also been changed to mirror this theme.

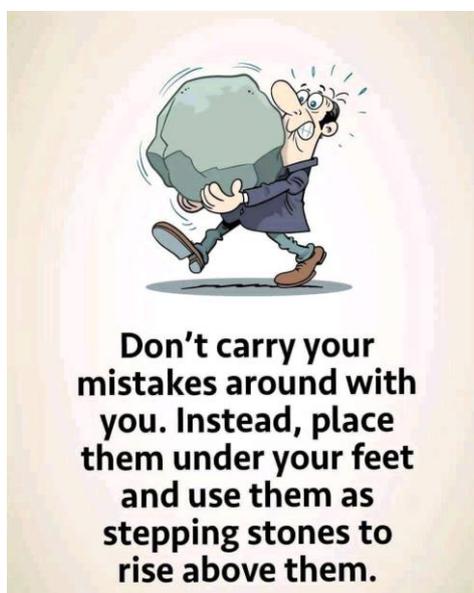
Plans are now being made to do a "Spring" yarn bombing nearer to Easter and we need knitted or crocheted flowers, leaves, butterflies, ladybirds etc to fix to the sleeve which will go over the bollards. Would you like to help us? As you can imagine we will need quite a lot! If you feel you can help then please email or ring me on the details below or ring either Tilly (413085) or Kate (412982).



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

If you have news of friends that you can share, then please let me know at janetmthompson13@gmail.com or 01509 413810. 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: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, they went down to Bethel. 3The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' 4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, they came to Jericho. 5The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' 6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So, the two of them went on. 7Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' 10He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' 11As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2 – 9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. 4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 6He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' 8Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Rev Anne Smith

Before Elisha picks up the mantle of Elijah, which declares Elisha to be Elijah's successor, he sees Elijah whisked off to heaven in a whirlwind with chariots of fire. A moment of powerful revelation before the hard work begins. Before the disciples went with Jesus on the final journey to Jerusalem three of them are given a glimpse of Christ's heavenly glory on a mountain top. A moment of insight into the real identity of the man Jesus before they had to face the suffering and sacrifice that was to be endured by the Son of Man.

Take a moment to reflect on the difficult periods of your life. What previous experiences have helped you during those times? How have you seen God at work that has enabled you to endure?

There were 9 disciples who were left at the bottom of the mountain and the 3 who were there were instructed not to tell. I wonder (and invite you to wonder too) what the reaction of the 9 was?

This episode comes 6 days after Peter has acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah which was immediately followed by Jesus' first prediction of his death. That was something Peter objected to and on the mountain, he wishes to prolong the experience by building but God answers with a cloud, a declaration of the identity of Jesus, "This is my Son, the Beloved" and the instruction, "Listen to him."

We know the full Biblical story of what was to come but for the disciples out of this glorious revelation there was the simple command "Listen"

Listen when Jesus tells you of the way of the cross,
Listen when he tells you it is not an easy way.
Listen when he speaks of death and resurrection.
Listen when he speaks of the coming of the Holy Spirit.
And to us God still says, "Listen".
Listen when God speaks to you in your life today.



40 DAYS – A reflection for the beginning of Lent by Adrian



This coming Wednesday, 17th February, is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent – and 40 days to Easter. In the Christian church it has long been regarded as a time for reflection and spiritual preparation to the time when we recall Jesus dying on the cross and celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Day.

Lent starts the day before Ash Wednesday. We will all be familiar with Pancakes and the idea that all the “rich” ingredients should be eaten ready for fasting during Lent; in the past you may have taken part in Pancake races! Perhaps you will enjoy pancakes on Shrove Tuesday again this year! But there is more to the day than just that. The name comes from the ritual of *shriving*. In the past it was the practice of confessing one's sins to the priest and receiving absolution, being forgiven, being released from the guilt of sin. So, as well as a day of celebration, it is also a time of penitence to clear the mind for Lent.

On Ash Wednesday the services in many churches include the burning of the palm crosses given at the previous year's Palm Sunday service. The ash is then used to mark the forehead of each worshipper with a cross using words which are a reminder of God's words to Adam. God spoke to Adam about what his life was to be saying, “*For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.*” (Genesis 3:19). Worshippers are challenged to reflect on their lives, both their past, and their future conduct, as they are reminded that God made the first human-being by breathing life into the dust. This reminds us that without God we are nothing.

But why 40 days? 40 is one of the significant Biblical numbers: -

- in Genesis it rained for 40 days and nights when Noah was in the Ark;
- the Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the promised land;
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the 10 commandments;
- Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan in preparation for his ministry.

At this time when the days *lengthen*, for that is what the old English word Lent means, let us all use our days to prepare to remember Christ's suffering on the cross for each one of us and to live in hope of the assurance which the glorious resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate on Easter Day, brings. Let us pray, too, that in 2021 we will be able to celebrate together, face to face, as our Lord continues to protect us all.

LENT ON LINE

WOVEN: A LENT COURSE

As people of faith, we know that our story and God's story are woven together, not because we wish it to be so but because God is interested in the smallest detail of our lives. The God who knit us together in our mothers' wombs is the same God who knows the number of hairs on our heads and who loved us and the whole world enough to send Jesus to show us the way of love.

Lent is a season during which we reflect on our personal relationship with God and on every Christian's responsibility to engage with the world as it is. We notice again God's prompting to move on from personal reflection, through shared study, towards lives of love in action. We remember that Jesus travelled a journey from his baptism, through the wilderness and beyond, to a ministry of teaching and healing, of challenging injustice and of holding the powerful to account. We will remember the cost that Jesus paid for standing up for those who were most vulnerable and we will look towards the eternal hope that lies beyond the sacrifice.



This will be led by Rev Andrew Lomax. From Ash Wednesday for six weeks at 7:15pm, via Zoom, the link will go out with Trinity Matters, or contact Andrew.. All are welcome to join.

17 February	Into the wilderness
24 February	On the mountain top
3 March	Turning the tables
10 March	No condemnation
17 March	A grain of wheat
24 March	Passion: anointing and betrayal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you are present in all places, town and county, this is your world; help us to be mindful of all you have given us to care for. Help us to show our discipleship by recycling and reusing whenever we can. Please God, we want recycling in our own lives: may we experience the renewing grace of your Son and the rejuvenation of your Holy Spirit and may gifts and virtues that have become tired or overlooked be reused. O God, renew our faith and holiness that we may be refreshed, blessed and transformed into the Christians you want us to be. Amen.

Steven Wild, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District Chair

The Methodist Church has compiled 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

12th Church - 10.45 am on 12th Church Facebook page

Sunday 14th February 2021 at 10.45am.

Karen Wormald

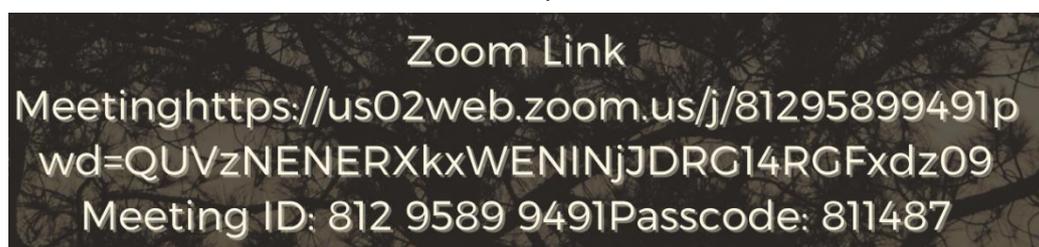
Sunday 21st February 2021 at 10.45 am

The Pipet Family

DISTRICT ORDINANDS TESTIMONY SERVICE

You may be interested in joining:

Celebrate with us the testimonies of Paul Carter, Calvin Cheung, Judith Lincoln, and Daniel Yovan
14th February via Zoom



Invitation to Methodist divestment webinar with Bill McKibben

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021 7.30 -9.00 pm

A Methodist webinar on fossil fuel divestment on Tuesday 16 February from 7.30-9.00 pm.

The webinar is entitled The Climate Emergency, COP26 and Fossil Fuel Divestment: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-webinar-the-climate-emergency-cop26-and-fossil-fuel-divestment-tickets-137622419361>. The keynote speaker is Bill McKibben, who founded 350.org and started the global fossil fuel divestment movement, and he'll be joined by Mark Campanale, whose ground-breaking

research with Carbon Tracker has highlighted the risks of continued investment in fossil fuels. Other speakers also include Martha Rand and Sheridan Pengelly from the Methodist Zero Carbon Group as well as James Buchanan from Operation Noah. John Howard (former Chair of JACEI, the Methodist Church's Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment) will join the panel for the Q&A. The webinar will be chaired by Michael Pryke, Chair of the Methodist Zero Carbon Group and former Methodist Youth President. Michael is a past Youth President and was a member at Stamford Methodist Church before taking up a Lay Work role in Yatton, Bristol.

Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) SWANWICK 2021.

Following the huge disappointment of having to cancel the weekend at Swanwick in 2020, we have been determined to offer something in 2021, but sadly, we have made the decision not to meet face to face at Swanwick because of the ongoing uncertainties of life with Covid 19, and the need to keep everyone as safe as possible. However, we are delighted to be able to invite you to 'Together, with Hope on the Way', an online conference taking place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April 2021. You can find more information on our website.



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ – NEARER TO HOME

1	What is the nickname of Belgrave Road in Leicester?	The Golden Mile
2	Which Leicestershire park is associated with Jane Grey- the so-called 9 days Queen?	Bradgate Park
3	In which county is Sherwood Forest?	Nottinghamshire
4	Which Duke owns Belvoir Castle?	The Duke of Rutland
5	What is Rutland's claim to fame?	The smallest county
6	What historically links Ashby, Tattershall and Tamworth?	Castles
7	Which Midland town has a pig named after it?	Tamworth
8	The rivers Dove, Derwent, Leen and Soar are tributaries of which river- the third largest in the UK?	Trent
*9	A writer famous for his book entitled <i>The Perfect*Angler</i> who was born in Stafford and reputedly fished in the River Dove. *Compleat	Izaak Walton
10	Which scientist and discoverer of gravity, was born at Woolsthorpe Manor, south of Grantham?	Isaac Newton
11	Which County has an area called Holland and is renowned for its tulip fields and festival at Spalding?	Lincolnshire
12	The Sheriff of which city was the archenemy of Robin Hood?	Nottingham
13	Trent Bridge, Grace Road and The County Ground are the venues for which sport in local cities.?	Cricket

14	In which Minster town which claims to be the home of the Bramley apple can you visit a reconstructed Workhouse?	Southwell
15	Stoke on Trent, Hanley, Burslem, Tunstall, Longton and Fenton are collectively known as what?	The Potteries
16	What is mined at the Caverns near Mam Tor in the Peak District- the only place it is found in the UK?	Blue John – a semi-precious stone used in making jewellery
17	Stanford Hall near Loughborough was once a grand family home- a place of entertainment- a college- what is it now?	The Defence and Rehabilitation Centre
18	Where (if you're brave enough) can you ride <i>The Runaway Mine Train</i> , <i>Nemesis</i> and <i>Oblivion</i> ?	Alton Towers
19	Spreading across Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire and linking with Charnwood and Needwood - what is the name of area of tree planting which started in 1995 and still continues?	The National Forest
20	Which city has a twentieth century Cathedral dedicated to St Michael, who may be seen defeating the devil on the wall of the building?	Coventry

***Question 9 - One of our keen quizzers pointed out that the title of this book is actually "The Compleat Angler" sorry for any confusion. (and yes, it is spelt like that!)**



The answers to this week's quiz are all **HOMONYMS** - they sound the same but are spelt differently.

Thanks to Sue

1	My teddy b... is so old he is almost b...
2	The person who delivers your m... is often m...
3	Macbeth could not remember w.... w.... said what
4	When a p... of water was poured over him he turned quite p...
5	If you have a herb garden you can pick t... at any t... of the year
6	Fred took his umbrella w..... the w..... was wet or sunny
7	Dad had to p..... to the kids and take them to the zoo to see the baby p....
8	In the abbey one f worked in the kitchen as a f....
9	The dashing b... often wore a colourful b.. tie
10	She couldn't remember w.... she had put the jumper she wanted to w...
11	The wooden canoe was c.... but it was c..... by 4 people
12	Woods and mountains could be s... in the s.... he had painted
13	Don't repeat what you h... while you are h.... !
14	He had to join the s..... queue outside the s..... shop to buy envelopes

15	His seat in the grassy l.. was ideal as it was in the l.. of the hedge
16	Like a long-legged rabbit, the h... moves so fast that you cannot see his h...
17	Some mothers think that the s.. shines out of their s..
18	On the day of her coronation Queen Elizabeth started her r.... in the r...
19	The s..... of a great meal might be a tasty s....
20	Mum gave the children a p.... of cake so she could have a bit of p.... and quiet



"It doesn't mean a thing, but boy, will it drive them crazy a thousand years from now!"

