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BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

Week 50

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2021

Weekly Diary

Monday 1 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 2 March	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 3 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 4 March	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
World Day of Prayer Friday 5 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Saturday 6 March		
Sunday 7 March	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

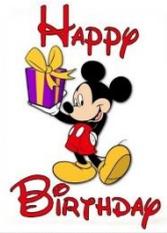
But please remember the Church building may be closed, but the Church is still very much here for you - if you require the services of a Minister, please contact our Minister on

Telephone: 0116 2304689

WE PRAY this week especially for Rev John, Elinor and Hannah Pugh as John retires and they leave us in mid-July and they seek to find a new home back in the north east of England. May God guide them into finding just the right location and house for them. Hopefully, but all dependent on the Covid restrictions then in place, John's Farewell Service will be on Sunday 11th July – the venue will be announced soon.

September will see our new Minister, Rev Sandra Marshall move into the Manse at Mountsorrel. Sandra is an experienced Minister, who is currently a chaplain for the NHS in Newark and was previously in the Sheffield circuit for around 9 years. Hopefully, as the covid restrictions ease it may be possible to arrange for her to come over and meet people – all conversations etc have, of course, had to be conducted through Zoom. Sandra's Welcome Service will be on Sunday 29th August at 2.30 pm, again hopefully, here at Barrow upon Soar.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Pat Langstone who has a birthday on Monday 1st March and to Natalie Thompson who celebrates on Saturday 6th March – love and best wishes to you both xx



NEWS ON RE-OPENING FOR WORSHIP

At the Church Council meeting on Thursday evening, it was agreed that we look to re-opening our church for worship on Easter Sunday 4th April at 10.15 am with our Minister, Rev John Pugh leading worship. This is dependent, of course, on any changes that might be made in Covid rules. The Risk Assessment will be updated and all precautions must be taken by everyone to make it Covid safe. More details nearer the time.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – change of date

It has been decided to postpone the Annual Church Meeting scheduled for Sunday 25th April due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully! This will now take place on **SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021 at 11.30 pm.**

THANK YOU - COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

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)

Although there is no Barrow upon Soar service, Liz Shuttlewood was told that the service would be available on YouTube. Already there are several versions to view. I have spent some time sampling the different versions and my preference would be one headed 2021 WDP WORSHIP SERVICE which is 33.17 minutes long (one of the shorter ones!) You may like to try others. To find it just google "YouTube" and then in the search bar type "World Day of Prayer 2021" – Richard Hudson, Holy Trinity Church

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 Gospel Reading: Mark 1 verses 29-39

Jesus heals many at Simon's house

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching

for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

TIME TO REFLECT

Original Materials by Jean Ware

In Luke's gospel Jesus sets out his priorities in what we sometimes call his manifesto (Luke 4 verses 14-21), but Mark chooses to let us know what Jesus' priorities are by giving us a whirlwind tour of what Jesus was *doing* at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus teaches in the synagogue where he heals a man with an unclean spirit. Straight afterwards, he goes to the house of Simon, one of the disciples he's called just recently. There he finds Simon's mother-in-law in the grip of a fever and heals her. Then, as the news spreads through the town, people come to him in droves, and he heals them, freeing them from whatever is holding them captive, whether it's physical illness or what were then seen as demons. The kingdom is proclaimed in actions, whether that's in the freeing of a particular individual from illness or the healing of crowds of people. Mark sees the individual healings as important both for the person concerned and as signs of the kingdom.

After the evening healing people in Capernaum, Jesus gets up early and goes off to a quiet place to spend time with God his Father. When Simon and the others come to find him, expecting him to return to the town, Jesus is sure that it's time to move on; his mission is not just to Capernaum, but to the other local towns, the whole region, and even wider than that.

Over Christmas there was a programme about Princess Diana; we saw just a few minutes of it by chance, but those few minutes showed Diana reaching out to shake hands with people with Aids, breaking down the prejudice which entrapped and isolated them. Like those handshakes Diana gave, the freedom Jesus came to bring from all that holds us captive is not some abstract idea; it's real and tangible. At a time when our inability to touch each other is especially painful, Jesus still reaches out to touch us and lift us up as he did Simon's mother-in-law. The good news of the kingdom is for all; but it's also for each of us individually and personally. However, unlovable or unforgiveable we may feel we are, we matter and God in Jesus reaches out to us.



A reflection from Adrian for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

The bowl and the towel are placed by the Cross

Jesus "*got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.*" (John 13: 4)



Over the last year, even if we were never very particular before, we have got used to the idea of "Wash Hands – Keep Safe – Protect the NHS!" The message has been driven home in the media in all ways it can imagine. But the idea of washing to be clean is nothing new!

At the beginning of the meal to celebrate the Passover with his friends we read of a normal occurrence for those arriving at a house. Not just washing hands but the washing of feet to remove the dust of the journey was part of the greeting by the host to those arriving. But it was a ritual undertaken not by the host but by a servant. Feet were washed, much as we are encouraged today to wash or sanitise our hands when we come in.

However, this is different as, here we see Jesus taking on the role of the servant. It is Jesus who takes the bowl and the towel and kneels in front of his friends to wash their feet. The host welcomes his guests. The master takes on the role of servant.

Even without John's account of the conversation in the following verses of chapter 13, it is not difficult to imagine the reaction that this would have received from the disciples. Jesus draws the conversation to a close with this instruction - *since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you (v14-5).* Jesus shows the

disciples that all are equal. No one is better than the master. They should remember how to look after each other, and their neighbours. Take the example, take the message, act as servants to those you meet.

You may recall that we sometimes sing *Jesu, Jesu (StF 249)* a song that has its origins in a Ghanaian folk song. The words pick up on the theme of Jesus conversation with the lawyer (Luke 10:27...) about the most important commandment. The verses remind us how we should serve, reminding us that we are all servants to all those we meet. Whilst we may not literally kneel, or even be able to get to our knees, at the feet of our friends; there are many who can and do live by the mantra "Do as I have done to you!" and for whom we are most grateful.

I pray that we may all continue to keep safe and live in hope for the future when we can meet together to worship our Lord and Saviour.

Adrian

DISTRICT EVENTS:



Methodist Women in Britain
For women, for justice, for Christ

Sisters in Christ!
The Rev'd Helen Cameron and
the Northampton District
MWIB

warmly welcome you to
**ZOOM COFFEE & CHAT
MORNING**

**On Saturday 13th March 2021 10:30am -
12.00pm**

**An opportunity to get together with
women across the Northampton
district, share and laugh and enjoy
fellowship.**

**ALL are welcome, young and old and
those in the middle!**

To register please email
northampton.distoffice@gmail.com and we will
send you the Zoom link



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**ECO CHURCH IN THE
NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT**

Celebrating what we're doing and looking
forward with hope.

April 12th 7:00-9:00 pm

Are you interested in Eco church?
Join us to discuss

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

Northampton Methodist District



Daffodil Day - Methodist Central Hall Westminster

A Spring Festival Rally will be led online by Revd Tony Miles and Deacon Ali McMillan on Saturday, 6th March at 2pm. Special guests include The Lord Mayor Of Westminster, Pam Rhodes, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Methodist Youth President and the President of Methodist Women in Britain. The event can be found at www.mchw.live and www.YouTube.com/mchwevents

PROVISION

Moses and the people were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food. According to the Quartermaster General in the Army, it is reported that Moses would have to have had 1,500 tons of food each day! Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each at least a mile long, would be required?

Besides you must remember, they were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4,000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day. And just think, they were 40 years in transit.

And yes, they would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day and a freight train with tank cars, 1,800 miles long, just to bring water.

And then another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea at night. Now, if they went on a narrow path double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea, three miles wide so that they could walk 5,000 abreast to get over in one night.



But then, there is another problem – each time they camped at the end of the day, a campsite two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles – just think of it! This much space for camping.

Do you think Moses figured it all out before he left Egypt? I think not!

You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of things for him.

From "A Barrell of Fun" by J. John and Mark Stibbe

LENT ON LINE

This will be led by Rev Andrew Lomax, Wednesdays at 7.15pm, via Zoom please contact Andrew Email: andrew.lomax@methodist.org.uk All are welcome to join. Downloadable copies of the course are available on <https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/lentcourse2021>

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

Gracious God, as we respond to your call in our lives, nurture within us the wisdom to respect your gift of life and your creation. May the roots of our faith be strengthened so that we reflect your kingdom values of justice, peace, hope and life for all. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Andrew de Ville, Southampton 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 28th February 2021 at 10.45 am
Rev Andrew Lomax

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ – INVENTORS AND DISCOVERIES

There are many Inventors, discoverers, developers and their achievements
Can you pair (link) the names with an achievement or discovery?

Thanks to Sue – answers next week

1.	Alexander Fleming		A	Antiseptic surgery
2.	Alexander Graham Bell		B	Dynamite
3.	Alfred Nobel		C	Efficient steam engine
4.	Charles Babbage		D	Electric light bulb
5.	Charles Darwin		E	Father of the computer
6.	Frank Whittle		F	Observational Astronomy
7.	Galileo Galilei		G	Penicillin

8.	George Stephenson		H	Printing press
9.	Guglielmo Marconi		I	Radio transmission over a distance
10.	Isaac Newton		J	Road surfaces
11.	James Hargreaves		K	Spinning Jenny
12.	James Watt		L	Steam railway engine
13.	John Logie Baird		M	Telephone
14.	John McAdam		N	Television
15.	Joseph Lister		O	Theory of evolution
16.	Louise Braille		P	Theory of Gravity
17.	Richard Arkwright		Q	Turbo Jet engine
18.	Thomas Edison		R	Water powered weaving
19.	Wilhelm Rontgen		S	Writing system for the blind
20.	William Caxton		T	X-rays

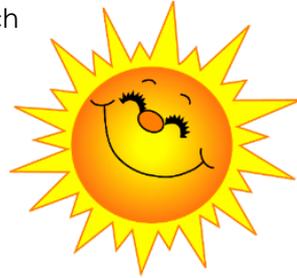
HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ – CATS AND DOGS

1	Which form of precipitation may be compared to Cats and Dogs?	Rain
2	Which dog is a member of Enid Blyton's famous five?	Timmy
3	Who was the first dog to appear in Blue Peter?	Petra
4	In the Just So Stories what did the cat do?	...walked by himself
5	In the 1969 children's' TV series Mary Mungo and Midge.... who was the Dog?	Mungo
6	In the animated series Roobarb and Custard, who was the dog and who was the cat and what colours were they?	Green dog Roobarb & yellow cat
7	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats was the basis of which musical?	Cats
8	Who created the Cat in the Hat?	Dr Seuss
9	Meg and her cat Mog used which form of transport?	Broomstick
10	Snoopy the beagle lies in top of his kennel in which cartoon series?	Peanuts
11	Which of James Bond enemies was frequently seen stroking a large white cat?	Ernst Blofeld
12	In 7 who is the railway cat?	Skimbleshanks
13	What is Dennis the Menace's dog called?	Gnasher
14	Created by Jim Davis... who is a large and lazy cat who loves lasagne?	Garfield
15	Which novel and film tell the story of two dogs and a cat travelling through wild Canada in search of their lost owners?	The Incredible Journey
16	Marley and Me is an autobiographic novel telling the story of a man and his dog..... what was the dog's breed?	Yellow Labrador Retriever

17	Created by Beatrix Potter, Tabatha Twitchit has three unruly kittens what are their names?	Moppet, Mittens and Tom
18	In Herge's adventures of Tintin what is his dog called?	Snowy
19	Who did Crookshanks the cat, belong to in the Harry Potter books?	Hermione Grainger
20	Nana the dog was family nursemaid to the Darling children in which story by J M Barrie?	Peter Pan

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon?"

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the Minister replied. "It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



REALLY BAD JOKES

It is with great sadness that I'm going to have to close my fishmonger shop after 50 years.
The whiting is on the wall.

Did you hear about the nervous carpenter who kept biting his nails?

I'm starting a hokey cokey appreciation society,
who's in?

I just bought one of those Rubik cubes
and I don't know which way to turn.