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## BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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# BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

## Week 51

### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

#### Weekly Diary

Monday 8 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 9 March	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 10 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 11 March	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Friday 12 March	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Saturday 13 March		
Sunday 14 March	10.45 am	12 <sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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



**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked this week for the family and friends of Mary Lambert who passed away last Monday aged 72 years. Mary lived at Meadow Farm Marina before moving to a bungalow in Quorn and was a popular member of our New Horizons group. In spite of her ill health, she was always very positive and cheerful entering into all aspects of the group's activities enthusiastically. Our love and prayers are with her son and daughter at this sad time.

#### NEWS ON RE-OPENING FOR WORSHIP

At the Church Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February, it was agreed that we look to re-opening our church for worship on Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### THANK YOU

Nora would like to say thank you for all the birthday wishes and cards and sent the following email message: "Thank you to everyone for birthday greetings. Yes 97 is right. 3 more years and a big party. Present from Boris....I have to shield until 31st March."

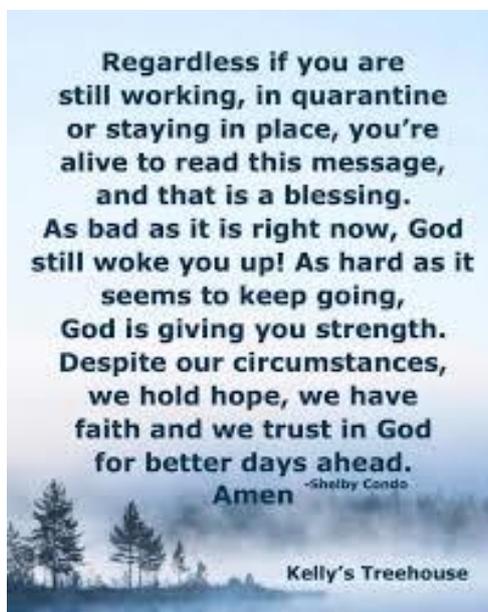
**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – change of date**

It has been decided to postpone the Annual Church Meeting scheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully! This will now take place on **SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021 at 11.30 AM (not pm as stated last week!.)**

**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

**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:** John 2: 13-22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**TIME TO REFLECT**

Original Materials by John E Staton

When I am writing we are in the middle of a lockdown. Many of our church buildings are closed for public worship, though a few are open. We have had to get used to worshipping in our homes, using YouTube videos or Zoom meetings, or through worship sheets like this one, or a mixture of all three and perhaps other possibilities. Many will miss the architecture and the atmosphere of their building, or the fellowship and bustle and chatter before and after services. Some people have been deprived of that for nearly a year. This causes us to ask what makes a church?

In the story we just read, Jesus was forcing people to face the same question. Traditionally there was only one "house of God" for the Jews - the Temple. That was where God dwelt. There is very little archaeological evidence of synagogue buildings in and before Jesus' time - some scholars would say there was none. There is evidence in Jewish writings that synagogue meetings happened in this period, but not perhaps in dedicated

buildings. The house of God was the Temple, and, as you may imagine if there is only one house of God it becomes even more special. And here Jesus is, wading into this holy place, clearing it out and laying down rules as to who can do what there! What right had he? Jesus would appear to be claiming to be the "messenger of the covenant" whom God promised to send to his Temple in Malachi 3: 1-4, who would purify not only the Temple, but God's people - starting with the religious officials! But then he gets even more radical. When he says "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days", he is essentially saying God is not living in the Temple Herod built, but in his own body. He is the real temple, the real house of God.

Do we tend to get too attached to our local building? Sometimes churches are called Bethel, which is Hebrew for "house of God", and sometimes we think God dwells there and we feel we cannot worship him anywhere else. Jesus challenges that way of thinking. He is the one above all in whom God dwells. In him God became flesh and dwelt among us. And it is in drawing closer to Jesus in a personal relationship that we enter God's house and offer him the worship he truly seeks. And we can do that anywhere - in our kitchen as much as in St. Paul's Cathedral, or in our local chapel. Draw close to Jesus, and he will draw us close to the Father and the Spirit, so we can worship him in Spirit and in truth.



### A reflection from Adrian



#### **On the third Sunday of Lent we place a cup at the foot of the cross.**

The scene shifts from the upper room where, last week Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, before they shared his final Passover meal together, to the Garden of Gethsemane. In the garden Jesus told the disciples to sit and wait, whilst he goes to pray with Peter, James and John. Knowing the fate that he was facing, he urges the three disciples to *keep watch with me*. Going on further Jesus fell to the ground and prayed that *if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by*. "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." (Mark 14:36)

But the disciples succumb to human weakness – they fall asleep. Jesus returns to the group and berates Peter "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Mark 14:37)

The cup that is placed by the cross this week is not there as a reminder of the cup used at the Last Supper but of the Cup of Suffering which Jesus prays about in the Garden of Gethsemane. Whilst wanting the cup of suffering to be taken away, Jesus acknowledges that the key thing is for his Father's will to be done. However uncomfortable it may seem to us, this was all part of the plan – God's plan – that starts with Mary and Jesus' birth and continues right through his life to the Cross. *Your will --- not mine!* says Jesus.

Perhaps this brings to mind the great affirmation in the Covenant Service that we usually observe at the beginning of every year. It starts "*I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will!*" – we offer all we are and all we have to God's service. I am sure that, like the disciples, there are times when we can easily succumb to sleep – physical or metaphorical – which causes us to miss the will of God. Some might say that this is giving in to temptation. How often, when we have seen or heard things which we know we ought to do or say something about – do we feel we can't? *Our spirit is willing, but the body is weak!*

Let us each pray that, as we look forward to Easter and the joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, we continue to look for the will of God in our lives and to endeavour to live up to the promises we have made to serve God.

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### 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](http://www.mchw.live) and [www.YouTube.com/mchwevents](http://www.YouTube.com/mchwevents)

**DISTRICT EVENTS:**



**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](mailto:northampton.distoffice@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link



**ECO CHURCH IN THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT**

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

April 12<sup>th</sup> 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



A new Christian confessed to having a problem with alcohol. She said, "It goes straight to my head." She was nervous about taking Holy Communion for the first time because even a sip of wine would make her tipsy.

After the service, she told the minister that her fears had been unfounded. "What happened?" asked the leader. She replied, "It went straight to my heart."



## 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](mailto:andrew.lomax@methodist.org.uk) All are welcome to join. Downloadable copies of the course are available on <https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/lentcourse2021>

10 March	No condemnation
17 March	A grain of wheat
24 March	Passion: anointing and betrayal

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, we are in awe of our planet and all around us there is beauty and wonder. Yet we also know the daily toll of our 21st-century lifestyles on our towns and cities, mountains and beaches and we know that we must change our ways. Help us to find the wisdom and courage as individuals, as congregations and as nations to take the steps that are needed to save the planet for future generations. Amen.

Lynne Ling, Synod Secretary, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District

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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](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

**12<sup>th</sup> Church - 10.45 am on 12<sup>th</sup> Church Facebook page**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.45 am**

**Eleri Bristow**

**Mothering Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45 am**

**Liz and Rob Newton**

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*If you look at the world, you'll be distressed  
If you look within, you'll be depressed  
But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest.*

## LAST WEEK'S QUIZ – INVENTORS AND DISCOVERIES

I have to let you know that last week's quiz was all Adrian's work.... something a bit different, he hopes you enjoyed it. Answers are below - Sue

1. Alexander Fleming and Penicillin (G) 2. Alexander Graham Bell and Telephone (M) 3. Alfred Nobel and Dynamite (B) 4. Charles Babbage and Father of the computer (E) 5. Charles Darwin and Theory of Evolution (O) 6. Frank Whittle and Turbo Jet engine (Q) 7. Galileo Galilei and Observational Astronomy (F) 8. George Stephenson and Steam railway engine(L) 9. Giglielmo Marconi and Radio transmission (I) 10. Isaac Newton and Theory of Gravity (P) 11. James Hargreaves and Spinning Jenny (K) 12. James Watt and Efficient steam engine (C) 13. John Logie Baird and Television (N) 14. John McAdam and Road surfaces (J) 15. Joseph Lister and Antiseptic surgery (A) 16. Louise Braille and Writing system for blind (S) 17. Richard Arkwright and Water powered weaving (R) 18. Thomas Edison and Electric light bulb (D) 19. Wilhelm Rontgen and X-Rays (T) 20. William Caxton and Printing press (H)

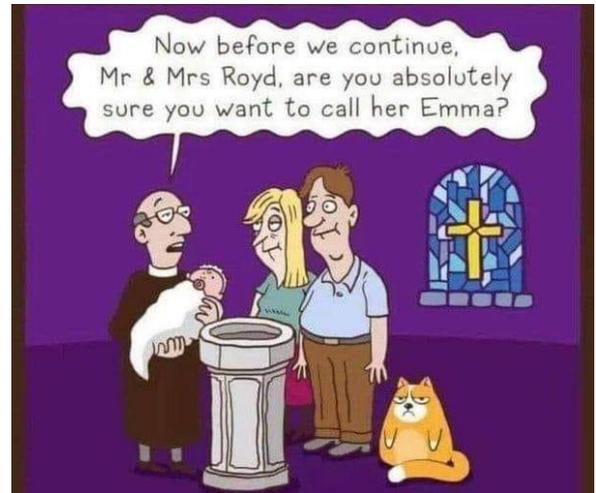
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## THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

PEOPLE WITH NAMES BEGINNING WITH J – SOME BIRTH NAMES, SOME SURNAMES:  
THE ANSWER TO EACH IS THEIR FULL NAME

1	Member of a famous band born in Liverpool in 1940	
2	Actress who was the original Mary Poppins	
3	A white duck who wears a blue bonnet	
4	She played Dot Cotton in East Enders until last year	
5	This 19 <sup>th</sup> German composer and pianist.... Is perhaps most famous for his lullaby	
6	King of Israel –gave his name to a champagne bottle	
7	Her autobiography created the TV series <i>Call the Midwife</i>	
8	Sister of the Prime Minister	
9	Christian Minister who turned Bible stories into song and told the story of Mary Jones in <i>Greater than Gold</i>	
10	Who could eat no fat?	
11	His brother writes the musicals.... Who is the cellist?	
12	Pianist and band leader famous for his New Year's Eve Hootenanny	
13	Creator of a famous blue and white china	
14	In Genesis he was younger twin son of Isaac & Rebekah?	
15	Author in whose books one can Journey .... 20 Leagues Under the Sea or ... to the Centre of the Earth	
16	Old Testament prophet imprisoned in a well	
17	Who lead the people of Israel into the promised land?	
18	Brummie TV comedian whose shows broadcast in 1980's	

19	She was Nellie Boswell in the Scouse comedy <i>Bread</i>	
20	No longer Ab Fab but recently she's been taking us on travel adventures on ITV	



Nurse: How old are you, Mrs Smith?  
 Patient: None of your business  
 Nurse: But the doctor must know your age for his records.  
 Patient: Well, first, multiply twenty by two, then add ten. Got that?  
 Nurse: Yes, fifty  
 Patient: All right, now subtract fifty and tell me, what do you get?  
 Nurse: Zero  
 Patient: Right and that's exactly the chance of me telling you my age!!

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"What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled a motorist as the policeman handed him a speeding ticket.

"Keep it," the policeman said. "When you collect four of them you get a bycycle."

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It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early," replied the defendant.

"That's no offence," said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the store opened," answered the defendant.

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A group of young children were sitting in a circle with their teacher. She was going round in turn asking them all questions. "Peter, what noise does a cow make?"

"Moo"

"Anna, what noise does a cat make?"

"Meow"

"Jamie, what noise does a lamb make?"

"Baaa"

"Evie, what does a mouse make?"

"Click"