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BUSMC - KEEPING CONNECTED

Week 58

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2021

Weekly Diary

Monday 26 April	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 27 April	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Wednesday 28 April	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Thursday 29 April	8.45 am to 4.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Friday 30 April	8.45 am to 1.00 pm	Barrow Playgroup
Saturday 1 May		
Sunday 2 May	10.15 am	We meet for worship in church – Preacher: Anne Temple

If you require the services of a Minister, please contact our Minister on
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Don't forget to book your attendance at church on Sunday morning by ringing Sue Speight by 5.00 pm on Friday evening.

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We meet for worship led by Sue and Adrian Speight in church on Sunday 25th April at 10.15 am

THANK YOU - COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thanks to you all for your regular contributions to the running of the church during lockdown. Church services have now resumed but if you are unable to attend, please continue to send your contributions towards the running of the church as you have been doing over the last 12 months. Thank you - Peter

BARROW UPON SOAR CHURCHES TOGETHER

Christian Aid Week is from 10th to 16th May. In the past we have organised a house-to-house collection (co-ordinated by Frances Acton of Holy Trinity) with which volunteers from the Barrow churches have traditionally helped. Last year, due to the pandemic, this collection could not take place, but we still advertised Christian Aid Week and encouraged people.

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people to make online donations. Nationally this raised around £2 million, about a quarter of the total raised in a 'normal' year.

This year 3000 delivery only envelopes have been ordered. To these a label will be attached with addresses of people connected to our churches who are prepared to offer their letterbox as a place where those who wish to donate can deliver their envelope. We are looking for volunteers from our churches to deliver these envelopes. There are definite advantages of our using delivery only envelopes:

- as we are still being urged to be cautious about our contacts with people there will be no need to knock on doors to collect envelopes
- quite a lot of people from experience do not like knocking on doors to ask if people wish to donate. We are certain that many more people will be happy to help out with delivery only.
- in the past we have only been able to cover about half of houses in the village due to a shortage of collectors. We are very much hoping this year to deliver envelopes to every house.

Heather Doda is contacting people from Barrow upon Soar Methodist who have previously helped with collections to ask for their help again and to ask if they are prepared to provide their address for people to deliver their donations.

We hope we can count on your support for this effort. In the areas of the village where we have collected regularly for Christian Aid Week many people almost expect us to contact them at this time of year and seem to view Christian Aid as a very worthwhile charity; in fact I recently received one phone call asking when this year's collection will be as they have the money ready!

Any help you can provide to publicise Christian Aid Week and encourage your congregations to volunteer will be very much appreciated. Many thanks, 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



KEEPING SAFE AT CHURCH SERVICES

As restrictions start to be relaxed through the Government's road map, we will be resuming our Sunday morning services at Barrow upon Soar.

Below is just a gentle reminder of what it will be like going back to church after this last three months of being at home

Many of us will have had one, and possibly two vaccinations by this time and so will feel safer and more confident about coming to church. This is good but, for the time being, we need to continue with the safe practices we introduced last year, as part of our risk assessment for Covid-19.

So, for those coming to church to worship during the next 3 months (and possibly longer), We would like to remind you of some of the key points of our risk assessment that are important, not just for your safety, but for the safety of others:

Volunteers acting as door stewards and seating stewards in these services are being given clear instructions to help people maintain social distancing and avoid creating potentially unsafe situations – please follow their instructions.

- Have a face covering ready to put on before you enter the building (Spare face masks are available in the foyer, if you need one)
- If there are others at the entrance waiting to go in, please queue apart from other persons/groups.
- Wait for the door steward to indicate before you enter the foyer, in case others are still hand sanitising
- After the door steward logs you in, please hand sanitise using the dispensers in the foyer, or if requested by the door steward, use the dispenser just inside the church. (please remove outdoor gloves and only put these back on when leaving the church)

- Go to the chair(s) as directed by the seating steward – once seated, please do not move to another chair(s), unless the steward organises this. You should not stop for conversation but, once seated, it is fine to have conversations with those seated near to you.
- At the end of the service, wait for one of the stewards to invite you to leave before getting up. They will control the flow out of the building so that social distancing is maintained.
- If you need to speak with someone at the service, please organise to do this outside the building, away from the doors, after the service.

Hopefully we will be able to move back to fewer restrictions and more normality when we meet for worship in the not-too-distant future, so please feel confident that you can come to services at Barrow upon Soar knowing what to do and keeping yourself and others safe.

Thanks

Natalie, Peter and Trevor
Risk Assessment Stewards



FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE

Today's Gospel Reading: John 10: 11 - 18

[Jesus said] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

TIME TO REFLECT

John Barnett

Sheep and shepherds are frequently mentioned in the Bible. Several prominent Old Testament figures spent time as shepherds, including Jacob, Moses, and, of course, King David.

The prophet Ezekiel speaks of shepherds who do not care for the sheep but are only interested in profiting from them (Chapter 34). The "shepherds" to whom he is referring are the kings of Israel who have badly failed their subjects. God, he says, will set up in their place his servant David, who will feed his people and be their shepherd.

Jesus referred to himself as "the good shepherd", who lays down his life for the sheep. This is in contrast with the hired hand who only wants his wages. Jesus is therefore declaring himself to be the fulfilment of Ezekiel's prophecy. He is the King, "born of David's line", who has come to establish God's own sovereignty over his people.

Shepherds in the UK today drive their sheep, often aided by a dog or two. This is very different from the shepherds of Biblical times who led their sheep. The sheep knew their voices and would follow. Even in this country, however, lambs which are orphaned, or whose mothers do not have enough milk for them, are often raised by hand. They soon learn to recognise the person who feeds them, and like Mary's little lamb in the nursery rhyme, will follow them everywhere.

May we hear and recognise the voice of our own Good Shepherd, and follow him where he leads us, because we can always trust in his love and care.

REV JOHN PUGH WRITES:

Who doesn't like jelly babies? I am certain there will always be some who don't like them, yet many do. I was re-introduced to them as a young minister in the Hull area. Each Christmas morning there were two bags waiting to be shared by the congregation as they left after worshipping. Since that time, it has been a habit that I have taken with me each time I have moved in ministry. Having said that I have been challenged about how appropriate it was to eat a (jelly) baby on Christmas morning – make your own mind up here.



Having said that the big question always used to be "Do you eat the head first or the legs?" Some would gleefully proclaim the head was the preferred first bite. However, I also remember there was a well-known footballer called Norman Hunter at the time who was well known for his hard tackling which led to many a placard which proclaimed, "Norman Hunter bites yer legs!" Hence some, in honour of him, bit off the legs first. Ultimately, I just pop the whole thing in.

Recently I saw one of those online comparison quizzes that posed the question "What sort of sweet (candy) are you?" (bracketed equivalent for any US readers). The choice ran to jelly baby, chocolate covered nuts and raisins, boiled fruit sweets, liquorice all sorts and one other that I don't remember. However, subconsciously, I thought to myself that I'm an all-sort, just as Paul spoke of to the Corinthian Christians in his first letter. He wrote "I become all things to all men" (1 Corinthians 9:22)

The Psalmist wrote "Taste and see the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8), like Paul to be all things to all men is important. To talk to others at their level of interest means to find out their hobbies/skills and start there. For example, if they're keen anglers to speak of the disciples who were firstly fishermen and later were called as "Fishers of men". For me, it's easy when I discover others are interested in railways, scale model or 12" to the foot gauge for the encouragement to "train up a child in the way" (Proverbs 22:6) goes a long way. Just remember the words of the hymn-writer Isaac Watts:

"Sweet is the work, my God, my king,
to praise your name, give thanks, and sing."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, may we rejoice in our creatureliness and our utter dependence on you, may we delight that we are all wonderfully made in your image and likeness.

Christ who redeems, restores us and re-creates us, may we see you revealed to us each day in the faces of our sisters and brothers and may we become one gloriously differing, but united, community.

Creative Spirit, the breath of God present in all creation, may we treasure and protect your very great gift, our world and yours, our home and yours. Holy Trinity, Creator, re-creator, creative Spirit be with us and bless us. Amen.

Helen Cameron, Northampton District Chair

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

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 Facebook page every Sunday at 10.45 am

Sunday 25th April - Dorothy & John Pipet

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This week's quiz is about **Relationships.....**

Thanks again to Sue

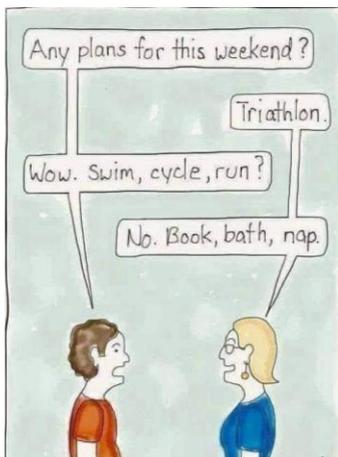
1	Of four Acting Brothers....Mark has played John Lennon, Joe has been in Hollyoaks, Paul played Dr Who and Steven is currently helping the midwives. What is their surname?	
2	The Bronte sisters had one brother... what was his name?	
3	Joy Teddy and Babs were the singing stars of 1950 and 60ies ... what was their stage name?	
4	Albert (known as Edward), Arthur, Leopold, Beatrice, Louise, Victoria, Helena, Alice and Alfred were all children of which British Monarch?	
5	Miriam and Aaron, were sibling of which Old Testament leader?	
6	Of the famous pair of tennis champion sisters who is the Mum to Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jnr.?	
7	John and Charles Wesley were brought up in a family of 7 children... what were the Christian names of their parents?	
8	What are the names of the two brothers, who both played for the Leicester Tigers in the 1990'ies?	
9	Which twin brothers, according to legend, were suckled by a she-wolf and became the founders of the city of Rome?	

10	Famous for both writing and singing songs such as Top of the World and Goodbye to love...this Brother/Sister partnership sadly ended with the early death of the sister in 1983.	
11	In Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, what are the names of the twins separated by a shipwreck and reunited at the end of the play?	
12	What was the relationship between Prince Charles and Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon?	
13	Who were the sons of Zebedee called by Jesus on the lakeside?	
14	Who was the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth?	
15	Irish twin brothers, Jedward, combine their names into their stage name what are their full names?	
16	Which TV cook's father was a prominent member of parliament in the 1980ies?	
17	Henry VIII fathered three children who all became monarchs after him... what were their names?	
18	Barry, Robin and Maurice made up which singing group in the sixties and seventies?	
19	Who was the son of Viking leader Eric the Red who explored the N Atlantic around 1000AD and is said to be the first European to set foot on the American continent?	
20	Cousins Amelia (Silent Witness) and Laurence (Lewis) are members of which acting dynasty?	

Answers to last week's Quiz - The Smallest, the Tallest, the Shortest and the Longest

1	Which is the longest running event in the Olympic Games?	Marathon
2	What is the smallest coin in circulation in Britain?	5p piece
3	What is the tallest jumping event in athletics?	Pole Vault
4	What is the tallest building in London?	The Shard
5	What is the tallest mountain in the world, which can be climbed?	Mount Everest
6	What is the smallest mammal in Britain?	Pigmy Shrew
7	Which is the tallest animal in the world?	Giraffe
8	Which is the longest river in England	The Severn
9	In Jesus' parable what is the smallest seed?	Mustard seed
10	Which is England's longest motorway	M6
11	Which is the smallest bird you are likely to see in your garden?	Wren
12	Which is the longest book in the Bible?	Psalms
13	Perhaps the shortest Tax Collector in Jericho..... he had to climb a tree in order to see Jesus	Zacchaeus

14	What was the final score of the longest Men's Single match played at Wimbledon in 2010?	John Isner beat Nicolas Mahut 70-68
15	Which is the longest ('hooded') venomous snake?	King Cobra
16	Only found on a few Indonesian islands which is the longest and the tallest lizard?	Komodo Dragon
17	Associated with a Leicestershire venue who was the shortest reigning Queen?	Lady Jane Grey
18	Recently reintroduced to the Isle of Wight, which is the largest bird found in Britain?	White tailed sea eagle
19	London is the largest city in England which is the second largest (by population)?	Birmingham
20	Prince Phillip was the longest serving consort to a monarch.... The next longest was the wife of George III, what was her name?	Charlotte



My husband purchased a world map, gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you on a two week holiday when this pandemic is over."
Turns out we are spending two weeks under the washing machine!

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for the airport, leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus drove up the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I am so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologised to the driver and said "I didn't realise that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly".

The driver replied "No, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab, I've been driving a hearse for 25 years!"