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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

Weekly Diary

Monday 20 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall 1 ST Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 21 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Loughborough Performing Arts meet in the Hall Joint Property Committee/Playgroup meeting in the Welcome Coffee Bar
Wednesday 22 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 23 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Friday 24 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 11.00 am	Playgroup Service of Celebration for the life of Abigail Cave*
Saturday 25 September	1.30 – 6.00 pm	Child's Birthday Party – Private Booking in the Rear Hall
Sunday 26 September	10.15 am	Harvest with Heather Doda

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 September	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion
Sunday 26 September	10.15 am	Harvest with Heather Doda
Sunday 3 October	10.15 am	Dorothy Pipet
Sunday 10 October	10.15 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 17 October	10.15 am	Sue and Adrian Speight
Sunday 24 October	10.15 am	Rev Mike Playdon
Sunday 31 October	10.30 am	Circuit Service at Quorn

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for the family and friends of Joan Thursby who passed away last Sunday, 12th September. Joan along with her husband, John was a loyal member of Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church since they came to the village in the 1960s. Organist, Sunday School teacher, Choir leader, Bell ringing, Worship Leader, Ladies Circle committee, Church Council, Churches Together, Action for Children co-ordinator, Bible Study, Fun@Church, Minimarket and Victoria Sandwich maker extraordinaire - I don't think that there is any area of the Church where Joan didn't help, and she was so pleased to be able to be back playing the organ for Sandra's Welcome Service only three weeks ago. A calm and gentle lady with a very strong faith Joan will be missed by us all but she is now at peace with our Lord and reunited with her husband, John.

Our love and prayers are with her daughter, Annie, son Philip and his wife Lorraine and grandchildren, Ross, Simon, Hannah and Keiron and all her extended family and friends.

Joan's funeral service will take place on Monday 4th October at 1.15 pm at Loughborough Crematorium followed at 2.30 pm by a Service of Celebration for her life, here at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church. A

special request – preferably no black is worn at either service – colour please! Donations in Joan's memory are asked for LOROS.

***SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF ABIGAIL CAVE**

Everyone is invited to the service here on Friday morning to celebrate Abby's life and there will be a reception afterwards at the Conservative Club. To help with catering if you intend going to the club could you please let me know so that I can pass on the numbers to Diane. Thanks – Janet

HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest next Sunday 26th September and hope to set up our usual Harvest display. We are asking for gifts of non-perishable items which will then be donated to a Food Bank. We have received an email from The Bridge in Loughborough which lists the items they are in urgent need of: tinned/meat/fish/veg, breakfast cereals, tinned soup, UHT milk, bottled cordial, tea, coffee, jars of past sauce/curry sauce. They also say that the current need at this time is for washing detergent and other cleaning products and toiletries. In view of the present situation, we are unable to donate perishable items to an agency, but we would ask that if anyone has any garden produce they could bring that along as this will be used to decorate the Communion Table and we can then "purchase" these items ourselves by giving a donation which will then be sent to "All We Can".

If you can help provide garden produce could you please let Kate Morley know by Thursday evening (412982)

COFFEE ROTA

At the recent Stewards' meeting it was agreed that we start serving coffee again following Sunday morning worship. If you are willing to help with this, can you please let me know so that I can draw up a rota.

Thanks, Janet

RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Thanks to everyone who helped last Saturday at the Ride and Stride. It wasn't a busy day, one person checked in at 10.00 am, Peter checked back at 4.00 pm and two other people from Gualby checked in with us at 4.50 pm – not a busy day for us but thank you all.

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 +

ADVANCE NOTICE

Rev Andrew Lomax and the Williams family are arranging for there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr Margaret Williams at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 23 October at 2.30 pm. This is, of course, providing that further restrictions are not in place at the time.

BOOK THE DATE

We have been approached by Leicester University to be a part of their commemorative project "Poppy Pilgrimage"

Back in July we received an email from the University which explained the project:

"11 November 1918 marked the end of the First World War, and the start of our story... the beginnings of a university in Leicester as a living memorial to honour those who made sacrifices during the Great War. On Remembrance Sunday in 2018, the University of Leicester embarked on a mission to honour those who lost their lives and made sacrifices during the War, with a commitment to lay 100 wreaths across memorial sites in Leicestershire and Rutland. In 2018, eleven current students laid wreaths in the local area, following a dedication service at the University with speeches by Sir David Attenborough and Sir Peter Soulsby. In 2019, a further 15 sites were covered as part of the project.

The pilgrimage will resume this year, as of 30 October to 11 November, 2021 and we hope to cover as many sites as possible. We would very much like to lay a wreath at your memorial site, Barrow upon Soar Primitive Methodist Church at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church (LE12 8QA), during this period. We have contacted over 1000 memorial sites but we can only cover approximately 74 sites this year."

We replied and expressed our interest and have now heard that we have been chosen to be part of the project - the event here at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church will take place on **FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2021 at 3.15 pm** and Professor Turi King will be the University representative - she will be accompanied by Ben Jackson from BBC Radio Leicester who is, of course, well known to us in the village as he is the grandson of the late Dr Shirreffs. The ceremony will take approximately 20/30 minutes. Professor King will lay a wreath and photographs and or videos will be taken.



A group of us are already busy knitting or crocheting poppies for our Remembrance Day yarn bombing and we now intend to set up our Roll of Honour in the Foyer where Professor Turi will lay the wreath. The Foyer will then be illuminated during the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

12TH Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am

Sunday 19 th September	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 26 th September	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 3 rd October	Emma Lowe
Sunday 10 th October	Liz and Rob Newton

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

This is a series of four sessions led by Rev Martin Swan at East Leake Methodist Church on

- Thursday 7th October What is Evangelism?
- Thursday 14th October What is my role?
- Thursday 4th November How do we Evangelise?
- Thursday 18th November The Leaders' Responsibility

From 7.30 to 9.00 pm the meetings are open to all who need practice in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Tea and Coffee will be served – for further details contact Angela Latham at gela.86latham@btinternet.com or telephone 01509 856562.

REV ANDREW LOMAX WRITES:

For my 60th birthday I have the opportunity to support a great charity SLEEP POD. They make one person shelters to protect street sleepers. Sleep Pods are an emergency shelter and not to be seen as a long-term solution.

They are rain and wind proof, light weight, self-stable, easy to maintain and can be put up or taken down in seconds. They come in their own bag and self-warm. Sleep Pods use body heat that gets reflected back towards the user. In tests when the outside temperature was a barmy -16 degrees the "next to body" temperature was +22 degrees.

Each pod costs £30. Please visit their website for more information or like them on Facebook. I am funding the jump myself so every penny I raise goes to produce shelters. If you would like to sponsor me and support this worthwhile cause, you could make a cash donation, I will collect these and pay them directly to the charity, you could do this as a church or as individuals. Or if you go direct to the Fundsurfer page (see link below) where you will find me listed on the right-hand side amongst the skydivers, just scroll down.

<https://www.fundsurfer.com/crowdfund/sleep-pod-sky-dive-2021?ref=andrewlomax>

Facebook page

***** **This is happening on Saturday 9th October 2021** *****

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Featuring performances from those who have provided music for the 12th Church on line services. To celebrate the easing of restrictions, you are warmly invited to this special concert at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 2nd October at 7.00 pm to be entertained by a variety of musical styles. The concert will a little over an hour and will be followed by light refreshments in the upstairs Hall. No tickets are required, but we would be grateful if you could advise your planned attendance, so that we can ensure the event is suitably safe for the number of people present. Please email to confirm: simon@scoggins.email

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN DISTRICT ZOOM DAY

There will be a Methodist Women in Britain District Zoom Day on Saturday 2nd October led by Rev Helen Cameron and linking directly with Cameroon and Bishop Samuel Fonki and Methodist women in Cameroon. Starting at 10.00 am with worship at 10.15 am ending at 3.30 pm with a break for lunch there will opportunity for prayer, meeting, conversation, Bible study and sharing. Please register your interest with Mary Gill at richardandmarygill@gmail.com by Thursday 30th September. The zoom link will be sent to you. Any queries please contact Chris Watkins

TEAMPRINT

Teamprint has now reopened to offer its usual printing services to Church and Community Groups. The print room will be open between 9.30 and 12.00 Tuesday to Thursday to receive customers by appointment. The phone number remains 01509 261425 but there is a new email address teamprint.261425@outlook.com. Please share this information with everyone in your groups.

If you would like to see what happens at Teamprint or even to volunteer, we would love to hear from you – Thank you. Adrian

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Autumn meeting of the East Midlands Wesley Historical Society will take place at Mountsorrel Methodist Church on Saturday 9th October at 2.30 pm. The speaker will be Dr Peter Ackers Emeritus Professor in the history of Industrial Relations at Loughborough University and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FACSS). His subject will be "More Methodism than Marxism? Religious non conformity and the English Labour Movement". Tea will be provided, if you intend going please contact 0116 2374961 as this will help with catering.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-embracing God of love, timeless and limitless, forgive the Church of the ages. Forgive its misuse and neglect of its Scripture, its teaching that divided and conquered. Forgive the wilfulness that sought power and not humility, carrying a sword of conflict and not the gospel of grace. Forgive its complicity in peddling the prejudice of its time, its complacency in the face of persecution and pogrom. Forgive its deafness to the cries for help, its silence at the sight of injustice. Through openness and honesty, with frankness and modesty, may we be brave and willing partners with those who seek to right the wrongs, correct the lies, and live in the truth. Amen.

Bruce Thompson, Lincolnshire District Chair