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## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

### Weekly Diary

Monday 27 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 9.15 – 11.15 am 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup meet in the Rear Hall Playgroup Interviews in Welcome Coffee Bar 1 <sup>st</sup> Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 28 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.00-10.00 am 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup Interviews in Welcome Coffee Bar Loughborough Performing Arts meet in the Hall
Wednesday 29 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 30 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.15 - 11.15 am 2.00 pm	Playgroup Playgroup interviews in Welcome Coffee Bar Fun@Church meeting in the Welcome Coffee Bar
Friday 1 October	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 2 October		
Sunday 3 October	10.15 am	Dorothy Pipet

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 this week for the family and friends of GLENDA BROWN who passed away in hospital last Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September aged 86 years. Glenda was a regular worshipper with us until illness forced a move to Pinglenook Retirement Home a couple of years ago. She attended New Horizons and Ladies Circle regularly and was always to be seen helping at Minimarket. She will be greatly missed by her friends here at church.

We continue to remember in our prayers, Frank Thornewell who is still in hospital and Nora Thompson who had another fall on Thursday and was taken to hospital – our love goes out to them both.

### HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 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".

### THANKS

We have received a lovely thank you card from Claire Luxton (nee Ballard) who has been Manager at Barrow Playgroup for the last 11 years and is leaving at the end of this month. Claire also made a donation to Church funds.

*Dear all at the Methodist Church*

*Thank you for all your support, kindness and consideration throughout my time as playgroup manager. It has been a pleasure being able to work in such a lovely environment with all the children of families in our community.*

*A special thank you goes to Peter and Janet who have always been at the end of the phone if we have ever needed anything at any time.*

*Best wishes for the future to all in the Methodist Church community – Claire Luxton*

The new manager is Natasha Doughty and we look forward to working with her in the future.

### COFFEE ROTA

At the recent Stewards' meeting it was agreed that we start serving coffee again following Sunday morning worship. Mike Morley has volunteered to draft a Coffee Rota so if you can help please speak to him. Thanks

### FLOWER ROTA

Tilly has been providing and taking out flowers to our community all through lock down but perhaps now is the time to get back to our Flower Rota for the last couple of months of 2021.

If you can help by providing flowers for the Communion Table or by donating the money to purchase them to mark a special Anniversary, Birthday or occasion in your family life then please let Tilly know. After the flowers have been in church on Sunday, they are then taken out to someone in need of a little bit of tender loving care!

### 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

### 12<sup>TH</sup> Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Emma Lowe
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Liz and Rob Newton
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pipet family
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rev Andrew Lomax

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October                      What is Evangelism?
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October                    What is my role?
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November                   How do we Evangelise?
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gela.86latham@btinternet.com) or telephone 01509 856562.

### REV ANDREW LOMAX WRITES:

For my 60<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 \*\*\*\*\*

### **MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Featuring performances from those who have provided music for the 12<sup>th</sup> Church on line services. To celebrate the easing of restrictions, you are warmly invited to this special concert at Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:simon@scoggins.email)

### **METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN DISTRICT ZOOM DAY**

There will be a Methodist Women in Britain District Zoom Day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:richardandmarygill@gmail.com) by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all grace, you do not need us to agree with one another, but you do call us to love one another just as you love us. We know your love to be generous and gracious. You created us to be a part of your diverse creation, richer for being a gift, not a threat, to one another. So, give us courage every day, not just to worship you but to follow where your love leads. Amen.

**Helen Cameron, Northampton District Chair**