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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER 2021

Weekly Diary

Monday 11 October	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 10.00 am 2.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Rear Hall International House meeting in the Welcome Coffee Bar New Horizons meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar 1 ST Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 12 October	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Loughborough Performing Arts meet in the Hall Men's Supper Group meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar
Wednesday 13 October	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 14 October	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 2.00 – 5.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Circuit Leadership Meeting in the Welcome Coffee Bar Church Council in the Worship Area
Friday 15 October	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup break up for half term
Saturday 16 October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Crochet and Craft group meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar
Sunday 17 October	10.15 am	Sue and Adrian Speight

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 10 October	10.15 am	Church Stewards
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
Sunday 7 th November	10.15 am	Colin Lamb
Sunday 14 November	10.15 am	Local Arrangement - Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 21 November	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall
Sunday 28 November	10.15 am	Local Arrangement

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YOUR PRAYERS are asked for the family and friends of Frank Thornwell who passed away last Sunday 3rd October aged 94 years. Frank was born in Loughborough and moved around the UK for work. Together with his late, lovely wife, Margaret, he joined us here when they moved to the village from Stoke Poges over 30 years ago.

Frank was a regular member of our Sunday congregation until Covid forced a lock down and his health deteriorated. He did a lot of odd jobs around the building and worked on the redecoration of the Worship Area some years ago – I will always remember him up the ladder with a plumb line measuring if the side wall of chapel was moving!! Keen cyclists in their youth and dog lovers Frank regularly walked Pippa and later

their last two dogs Oscar and Poppy around the village until ill health prevented him. Our love and sympathy goes to Christine, Sheila, David and their families at this very sad time.

Frank's funeral service will take place here at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 26th October at 2.00 pm followed by cremation at Loughborough.

WE CONTINUE to remember Nora Thompson in our prayers as she remains in hospital.

The funeral service for Glenda Brown will take place at Loughborough Crematorium at 2.00 pm on Friday 15 October.

THANKS

We would like to say a big thank you to all who attended the service of thanksgiving for our lovely mum, Joan Thursby on Monday and joining us with such a fitting tribute.

Particular thanks go to everyone who helped with the service, with baking, making sandwiches, flowers, setting up tables and chairs, washing up and general setting up and clearing away.

As you know, Mum had a strong faith and was an inspiration to us all. I'm sure she would have been so touched, as we are, by the lovely messages, cards and thoughtful gestures shown to us as a family - With love Annie, Phil, and families

I thought you might like to see this photo of Diane and John Cave as they present a cheque for £450 to the East Midlands Dog Rescue centre – money donated in memory of their daughter Abby, who passed away recently and a Service of Celebration of her life was held here. £450 was also donated to LOROS.



COFFEE ROTA

We are now getting back to normal and able to enjoy coffee and a chat, in our Welcome Coffee Lounge after Morning Service. Are you able to sign up to be on Coffee Duty please? Please see the Coffee Rota form on the table in the Welcome Coffee Lounge. Thanks Mike

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!

CROCHET AND CRAFT

The Crochet and Craft Group will meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar on Saturday 16th October from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm so if you want to learn how to crochet or just sit and craft and chat please come along. Meetings will then continue the third Saturday of every month.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We will be starting off our indoor fundraising sales again with a CHRISTMAS FAYRE on SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm but we will need help! If you could spare a n hour or two to help on a stall, make suggestions for a stall or game, donate items to be sold then please let Yvonne, Mike or Janet know.



We will need good quality Gifts, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Toys, Books, Jigsaws etc. The main stalls will be in the rear of the building and we will be using our new Welcome Coffee Bar and Worship Area for refreshments. Father Christmas will also be there in his Grotto so tell all your family and friends!

After this sale Minimarkets will begin again in December with a special Christmas one and hopefully continue you into the New Year.

CAN YOU HELP

I will be doing our Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fayre so if anyone could help by donating sweets or chocolates I would be very grateful. If you find you would like to donate but cannot get to the shops, then I would happily accept monetary donations and do the shopping for you. TIA (Thanks in anticipation) - Janet

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

12TH Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am

Sunday 10 th October	Liz and Rob Newton
Sunday 17 th October	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 24 th October	Pipet family
Sunday 31 st October	Rev Andrew Lomax

The whole world paused this morning.

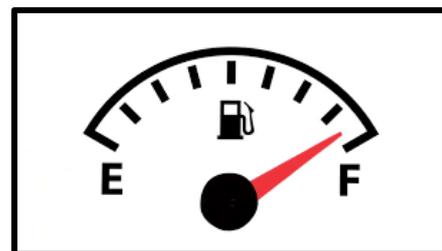
Do you know why? Because an 8-year-old's tank was empty.

The boys had already started their school day at their desks, and I was preparing to leave for work, when I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face. I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head.

So, I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him in my lap. I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled. He cried into my chest, and I held tight. I asked if he could feel my love filling him up? A nod, and the tears stopped...

I waited a minute. 'Has it reached your toes yet?' He shook his head no. 'Okay, we will take as long as you need. Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today? Filling you back to the top. Is that good?' He nodded. One more minute... 'Is your heart full of mama's love now?' 'Yeah...' I looked in his eyes "I see it shining in there. You're full to the top, and you're smiling! "

You may not be 8 -- you may be 28, 38, 48 or whatever -- but ALL of us run on empty just like he did. His weekend was so busy and so full, and his little soul was just dry! We all have to pause and take a moment to refill with the good things. Scripture, prayer, sunshine, worship, song, laughter, friends, hugs. Refill your empty, or you'll find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why. Take a moment. Refill. It's the most important part of your day!"



Credit: Misty Starr Whittington Robertson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, whose love welcomes each person, in a world where many feel they have no place, help us to remember that you offer a place for all, that no one is excluded from your love and that each has a home in your kingdom of justice and peace. When we are tempted to think ourselves more important than others, remind us of the special place you hold for people who are poor, weary and dispossessed, and for those who are neglected, reviled or unjustly treated. Help us to share in your righteous anger against all that harms our sisters and brothers, to rejoice in your all-encompassing love and to see in our neighbour the face of Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Jonathan Pye, Bristol District Chair