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**BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH**

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**DON'T FORGET TO ALTER YOUR CLOCK THIS WEEKEND  
THEY GO BACK ONE HOUR!**

**Please note there is no service at Barrow upon Soar this Sunday. You are invited to Quorn for a Circuit Service to mark the retirement of Rev David Bowler**

**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 2021**

**Weekly Diary**

Monday 1 November	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 1.30 pm 2.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Hall All Souls' Day service in the Worship Area followed by New Horizons in the Welcome Coffee Bar 1 <sup>ST</sup> Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 2 November	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Playgroup Loughborough Performing Arts meet in the Hall
Wednesday 3 November	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Ladies Circle
Thursday 4 November	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.00 am – 3.15 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup Photo Session in the Welcome Coffee Bar Barrow Youth Theatre meet in the Hall
Friday 5 November	3.15 pm	Poppy Pilgrimage – see below
Saturday 6 November		
Sunday 7 November	10.15 am	Colin Lamb

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday 31 October	10.30 am	Circuit Service at Quorn
Sunday 7 November	10.15 am	Colin Lamb
Sunday 14 November	10.00 am	Village Remembrance Day Service at Holy Trinity Church
Sunday 21 November	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion
Sunday 28 November	6.00 pm	Advent Carol Service - No morning service

As Covid cases continue to rise in the UK, your Church Council has agreed that the Covid Risk Assessment was changed to follow the Circuit rules – we will continue to wear masks as we enter church, they can be removed when sitting down but singing with a mask should be continued for the time being.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED** for the family and friends of Dorothy Pennington who passed away this week. Dorothy was a member of our church until illness prevented her attending and she was also a Church Steward and a Local Preacher for some years. Dorothy passed peacefully away at a care home in Shepshed with her two sons, Mark and Brandt by her side. Our love and sympathy goes to Mark, Brandt and their families at this sad time.

Dorothy's funeral will be here at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Loughborough at 1.15 pm,

### **THANKS**

The family of Frank Thornewell would like to thank everyone for coming to their father's funeral on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, and for returning to his house to share in celebrating his life with them. All the help in providing food and tea and coffee was appreciated, as was all the support he and our mother have had over the years from their Church family, particularly when their health was failing. The flowers in the church were beautiful.

Your new minister, Sandra, visited Dad in hospital to pray with him, and we felt this calmed him. We appreciate all she has done to help both him and his family too.

With love from Christine, Sheila, David and all their families.

### **POPPY PILGRIMAGE**

Professor Turi King of Leicester University will be coming on Friday afternoon to lay a wreath by our Roll of Honour to mark the University's Poppy Pilgrimage across sites in Leicestershire and Rutland. The visit will last approximately 20/30 minutes and if you would like to come along and watch you will be welcome.

### **CUPPA AND CHATTA MOVES INDOORS!**

It began in the garden on a summer's day ....now transferred to the warmth of the Welcome Coffee Bar at our Church. Initially we will meet once a month on Wednesday afternoon to share in a time of fellowship which may be a time of meeting with old friends, making new friendships or just chatting to someone different for a little while. All are invited to join us on **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** from 2.30 pm (but drop in at any time) and then on 15<sup>th</sup> December,

We will circulate some leaflets to remind you of these and future dates and to pass on to others who might be interested!

We hope to see you ..... the more the merrier so please do not hesitate to bring a friend or two - Sue and Adrian - 01509 413524.....give us a ring if you have any questions!

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE – SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

We will be starting off our indoor fundraising sales again with a **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm but we will need help!

If you could spare an 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 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

### **CANCER RESEARCH 10 km SHINE NIGHT WALK**

After completing the 10 kilometres Shine Night Walk in Nottingham in September with Phoenix Signing Choir colleagues, I did the 10K Shine Night Walk in Leicester last Saturday with work colleagues! If anyone would like to sponsor me the link is

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/natalies-giving-page-2511>

or I would be pleased to receive any donations towards this worthwhile cause which is very close to all our hearts at this time – Many thanks

### **COFFEE ROTA**

There are still some gaps on the Coffee Rota - 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

**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 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Pipet Family
Sunday 21 November	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Liz and Rob Newton



**When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. 🔦 . When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light. 💕**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Be a bright flame before us, O God, a guiding star above us, a smooth path below us and a loving shepherd behind us, each day and each night, now and for ever. Amen.