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**BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH**

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**NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**We celebrate with our second Advent candle of Hope.**

We speak of hope – because God keeps His promise to us.



**Weekly Diary**

Monday 6 December	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Hall No Guides this week
Tuesday 7 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Playgroup Loughborough Performing Arts meet in the Hall
Wednesday 8 December	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 1.15 pm  7.00 pm	Playgroup Thanksgiving Service and Celebration for the life of Nora Thompson Gardening Club meet in the Worship Area
Thursday 9 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Panto Group meet in the Hall
Friday 10 December	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 11 December		
Sunday 12 December	10.15 am	Local Arrangement

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.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday 5 December	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion
Sunday 12 December	10.15 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 19 December	6.00 pm	Carol Service with Rev Sandra Marshall – no morning service
Christmas Eve Friday 24 December	6.00 pm	Crib Service with Rev Sandra Marshall

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December	10.15 am	United Christmas Day Service here with Mountsorrel and Sileby led by Rev Sandra Marshall
Sunday 26 December		No Service
Sunday 2 January	10.15 am	Sue and Adrian Speight
Sunday 9 January	10.15 am	Local arrangement
Sunday 16 January	10.15 am	John Bateman
Sunday 23 January	10.15 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 30 January	10.15 am	Circuit service at Christchurch, Shepshed

We continue to pray this week for the family and friends of Nora Thompson who passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> November aged 97 years. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Nora's life here at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 pm. There will be a reception at the Three Crowns following the service and if you intend going to this could you let Sandra Webb know please as this will help the family with catering. Donations in lieu of flowers to The British Heart Foundation and the Salvation Army. A special request please - bright colours to be worn at the service!

**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 5 December	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 12 December	The Pipet Family
Sunday 19 December	Rev Andrew Lomax – Carol Service
Sunday 26 December	No Service



**A PRAYER FOR HOPE AT CHRISTMAS**

Holy God, when angels visited the shepherds, they sang for peace on earth. Yet as we look out on your world, we see that there is still much conflict, war, injustice, and poverty. Holy God, when an angel visited Mary, he whispered to her not to be afraid. Yet as we look out on our communities, we see much fear and anxiety, so much that is not as you would have it be, Lord God.

Holy God, when you came, as a baby, to a refugee family 2000 years ago, you showed the world that every human life matters, that every person's potential can be fulfilled and that there is hope for a better kind of world.

Holy God, come to us again this Christmas, come and bring your hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.