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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2022

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 21 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 - 9.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Rear Hall Guides meet in the Rear Hall
Tuesday 22 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 - 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School (Loughborough Performing Arts) meet in the Hall
Wednesday 23 February	8.45 am – 1.15 pm 3.15 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Fun@Church Ladies Circle meet in the Coffee Lounge
Thursday 24 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Panto Group meet in the Hall
Friday 25 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 26 February		
Sunday 27 February	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Tilly and Peter

As some Covid restrictions are now lifted our Church Council is advising that you continue to wear a mask while moving around in Church - this now is a personal choice, but we urge you to think of the health and safety of others. If you are unwell or have the symptoms of Covid -19, varied though they are, you are asked to stay at home and isolate.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE NAUGHTIES this week to YVONNE BUTCHER who had a big birthday on Friday 18th February and to

MIKE MORLEY who has an even bigger birthday on Monday 21st February – all our love and best wishes to both.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN

As you may be aware I have taken over the collecting of Action for Children Boxes so that I can get things in order well before the next collection date in July, if you have a box or would like one, please let me know asap – Many thanks, Sue Speight 01509 413524

BOOKS

There are a lot of books that belonged to Dorothy Pennington if anyone is interested in having any of them – please have a word with Tilly and she will point you in the right direction.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 20 February	10.15 am	Angela Latham Coffee: Sandra Webb
Sunday 27 February	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Tilly and Peter
Sunday 6 March	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Janet
Sunday 13 March	10.15 am	Anne Temple Coffee: Janet
Sunday 20 March	10.15 am	John/Dorothy Pipet Coffee: Kate and Mike
Sunday 27 March	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Bill and Nancy

There are still blanks on the Coffee Rota if anyone feels that they could volunteer.

12TH Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am on Facebook

Sunday 20 February	Colin Lamb
Sunday 27 February	The Pipet Family
Sunday 6 March	Karen Wormald
Sunday 13 March	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 20 March	Liz and Rob Newton
Sunday 27 March	Rev Andrew Lomax

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FROM: Michael Wadsworth | Regional Learning and Development Officer
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Greetings - We are excited to announce Bible Month 2022 – an opportunity for you and your churches and circuits to join with many others across the Connexion and celebrate scripture by feasting on one particular

book of the Bible together. If your new to Bible Month you can read more about it on the [Methodist Church website](#).

This year's Bible Month book is Isaiah

Isaiah is a highly significant book that sits right at the centre of the Bible – not only in terms of where it appears, but in terms of its theological significance. It encapsulates the core strands of the Old Testament, summarising the story and struggles of Israel, and proclaiming God's plans and promises for its people. It is also referenced again and again by the New Testament writers who are eager to demonstrate that Jesus and the early Church can be seen as the fulfilment of those plans and promises. In short, it is one of the best texts for helping us to trace a story-arc through the whole Bible; hear God's heart for God's people, appreciate what the writers of the New Testament are saying, and reflect on who Jesus is and who we are called to be as the Church today.

This year's Learning & Development Opportunities

We're offering a full menu of carefully curated resources, training and learning opportunities to help encourage individuals, churches and circuits to taste and see the goodness of this amazing book - we'd like to draw your attention to three particular things:

- **30 Days Study Guide:** As in all previous years, the main resource for Bible Month is the 30 Day with Isaiah study guide. These can be previewed and purchased from PreachWeb.org.
- **Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Training Day:** This year we're running our Bible Month training for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders on **Saturday 19th March**. This is going to be a hybrid event which means you can attend in person or join in remotely. We want everyone to feel included and to make this a day of learning and fellowship that anyone can access so we are encouraging circuits to host a local hub for this event where LPs, WLs and other interested parties can watch the live stream together and take advantage of the various opportunities that will be on offer throughout the day to reflect, discuss and imagine what engaging with Bible Month in your context might look. For those interested in hosting this kind of day we've put together a helpful information pack which is also attached to this email.
- **Resource Pack:** New to this year, we've produced a handy resource pack for churches and circuits which includes branding materials (such as fonts, logos, and illustrations from the 30 Days Booklet, as well as videos, PowerPoint templates and more. You can download this pack from the Bible Month pages on the Methodist Church Website.

Questions:

If you have any particular thoughts, questions or concerns about Bible Month please contact a member of your Regional Learning Network Team and they will help you out or point you in the right direction.

Spread the Word:

Please spread the word about Bible Month 2022 so that everyone knows that they're invited to the feast! Forward this email around to Local Preachers Secretaries, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Administrators, Lay Workers and any other parties you think may be interested.

We're looking forward to joining with you for the celebrations this year.

EMAIL SHARED BY CAROLYN THORNBOROW

Dear Colleagues,

I desperately needed to do something after hearing the news headlines this (Saturday) morning. I have made this prayer-video which the Methodist Bishop for Eurasia (Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kirghizia) has agreed that I can circulate. Please feel free to share with others. The photos were all taken in Ukraine in 2018 when I accompanied the President-Designate of the Methodist Church in Ireland on an official visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amG9t1MhF1s>

Grace and peace, Nicola

Rev Nicola Vidamour
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Still within us now, O Lord, any voice but yours, lest we hear but do not receive, lest we listen but do not act, lest we know but do not love, and let your Holy Spirit turn our hearts and lives to your truth. Amen
Liturgy of the French Reformed Church