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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 28 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 5.30 pm 6.30 - 9.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Rear Hall Rear Hall: Private Booking Guides meet in the Hall
Tuesday 29 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 - 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School meet in the Hall
Wednesday 30 March	8.45 am – 1.15 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 31 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Youth Theatre auditions Stewards' Meeting in the Quiet Room
Friday 1 April	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Playgroup Lent Lunch at Holy Trinity Rooms Minimarket preparation
Saturday 2 April	10.00-11.00 am 10.00 am – 12 noon 2.00 – 6.00 pm	Minimarket Light a candle for Ukraine Playgroup 50 th Birthday Party
Sunday 3 April	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall - Sacrament Coffee: Kate and Mike

As 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 March	10.15 am	Tilly Yates Coffee: Bill and Nancy
Sunday 3 April	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Sacrament Coffee:
Sunday 10 April	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Soo and Sandra W
Good Friday 15 April	12 noon	Good Friday Service lead by Rev Sandra Marshall followed by Frugal Lunch
Easter Sunday Sunday 17 April	10.15 am	Angela Latham Coffee:
Sunday 24 April	10.15 am	Roger Latham Coffee: Heather

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for the family and friends of Brian Reeves who has passed way in a Leicester hospital. Brian has been a member of this church for many years but has suffered from health problems for a very long time. No details are yet known of funeral arrangements.

The Church will be open on SATURDAY 2nd APRIL

from 10.00 am to 12 noon

We invite you to join us and

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR UKRAINE

A quiet prayer, a place to maybe collect our thoughts
and remember that light shines brightest in the
darkness – light a candle, sit in silence



Let's stand together during this time and *prayforukraine

AN INVITATION to join with the staff at the Health Centre on Wednesday 30th March from 6.30 to 8.30 pm to mark the retirement of Dr Nick Simpson who has served the people of Barrow upon Soar and surrounding area for nearly 40 years. Everyone is welcome

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wesley Historical Society Spring Meeting will be at Mountsorrel Methodist Church on Saturday 2nd April at 2.30 pm. Speakers are Chris Hill and Philip Thornborow "Methodist Heritage: an opportunity to go online" Tea will be provided please ring 0116 237 4961 if you intend going to help with catering. Many thanks

UKRAINIAN DONATIONS

Carolyn Thornborow has asked that we advertise the Facebook page of the Ukrainian Club (Leicester) which gives details of donations required, now and other useful information. Any queries please speak to Carolyn.
<https://www.facebook.com/leicesterukrainianclub/>

As you can see, there are still blanks on the Coffee Rota for next month and beyond – if you feel that you could help in this way then please have a word with Mike.

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

Sunday 27 March	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 3 April	The Pipet Family
Sunday 10 April	Emma Lowe
Sunday 17 April	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 24 April	Liz and Rob Newton

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO EVERYONE

Mums, Dads, Daughters, Sons - We're all related to mothers
and there are some special ones.

Some who take on a mothering role are not related through birth
but love as much as any mother could. That type of love sustains our earth.

Some men take on a dual role, as "stay at home" dads they excel
which gives mothers opportunities to have an outside career as well.

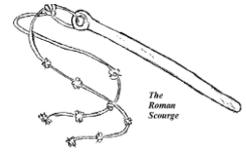
Adoptive parents are special, they open their home and heart, providing a child with a loving bond and a family in which they are part.

Mothering is tender, loving care, a strong desire to guide and protect, to keep their children safe from harm. Mothers of all kinds deserve respect.

A reflection from Adrian

On the 4th Sunday of Lent a whip is placed at the foot of the cross.

The scene moves on again from the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus is arrested. The crowd of men who had been sent by the leading priests and teachers of religious law took Jesus to the high priest's house. After a time of accusation and questioning, which is recorded in all 4 gospels, the High Priest stood up and asked Jesus, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus replied, "I AM. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven." This reply was greeted with jeers of "blasphemy" and "guilty." However, as they had no authority to pronounce sentence, Jesus was handed over to the Roman governor, Pilate.



After a "mock" trial, with accusations abounding from the leading priests, Pilate asked Jesus "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus responded with just 4 words, "**You have said it!**" Then Jesus said no more.

Pilate turned to the crowds and asked who, following the Passover custom of releasing a prisoner, should the governor release. The crowd demanded Barabbas and cried that "the King of the Jews" should be crucified. So, on Pilate's orders, the crowd got who they wanted, and Pilate ordered Jesus to be flogged, which was the normal preliminary to crucifixion.

With hindsight, as we read and reflect on scripture, it is clear that this was all part of the plan – God's plan – as was Judas's plan to betray Jesus, and the scene in Gethsemane which was the focus of last week. Jesus had predicted sometime earlier after a time of ministry in Galilee, as he travelled toward Jerusalem, everything that was about to happen to him. "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again." (Mark: 10:33-4)

God's plan ended not in despair but in glory. The glory of resurrection and the fulfilment of all Jesus' promises.

As we look forward to Easter to celebrate once again the glory of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, let us pray that the plans made to ease our way out of the pandemic will reach fruition and that all people will be able to resume a more normal way of life.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who live in fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of eternity, you invite us to hold your hand as we deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow Jesus. We thank you that there is a place for us in your heart and that you lead us, day by day, into a new way of living. As we are enfolded in your love, may we discover new ways of forgiving. We praise you for the gifts of peace, joy and love and the promise of living with you for ever, for you alone are the one who can take us there. Amen

* Inspired by the lyrics for Somewhere by Stephen Sondheim
Graham Thompson, Plymouth and Exeter District Choir