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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 1st MAY 2022

WEEKLY DIARY

Sunday 1 st May	10.15 am	Morning Worship and Holy Communion with Rev Sandra Marshall
Bank Holiday Monday 2 May	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Drop into the Welcome Coffee Bar a cup of tea and cake, to help celebrate the big birthdays this year of Mike Morley, Pat Langstone and Janet Thompson – everyone welcome!
Tuesday 3 May	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 - 7.30 pm 7.00 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School meet in the Hall Circuit Meeting in the Worship Area
Wednesday 4 May	8.45 am – 1.15 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Gardening Club meet in the Worship Area Ladies Circle meet in the Hall
Thursday 5 May	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 8.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Youth Theatre meet in the Hall
Friday 6 May	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.00 pm	Playgroup Minimarket preparation
Saturday 7 May	10.00 – 11.00 am 2.30 – 5.30 pm	Minimarket Child's Party in the Hall, Coffee Lounge and Kitchen
Sunday 8 May	10.15 am 11.30 am	Local Arrangement Annual General Meeting and Church Council followed by lunch

Wearing a face mask is now 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 1 May	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall - Sacrament Coffee: Mike
Sunday 8 May	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Soo
Sunday 15 May	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Coffee: Bill and Nancy
Sunday 22 May	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Coffee: Janet
Sunday 29 May	10.45 am	Circuit Service at Trinity Methodist

INVITATION

You are invited to drop into the Welcome Coffee Bar on Monday afternoon 2nd May from 2.00 to 3.30 pm cup of tea and cake, to help celebrate the big birthdays this year of Mike Morley, Pat Langstone and Janet Thompson – everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have our Annual General Meeting next Sunday 8th May after morning worship and this will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. To help with catering could you have a word with Heather to see if savoury or sweet is required.

This is a meeting for everyone you don't have to be on the Church Council! Please come along and share your views and enjoy lunch together.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report is now ready for you to read and digest before our Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 8th May. We are a bit short of Pastoral Visitors at the moment so if you haven't yet received yours then please see me. Thanks – Janet

APPEAL FOR STEWARDS

As our Annual Church Meeting will soon be upon us, I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind you that this is the time when we appoint/reappoint church stewards for the coming year. If you have read this year's Annual Report, you will have a fair idea of what is involved; some of you of course have been stewards in the past so have a much better idea.

In the Annual Report I said the following:

"Stewarding can be time consuming, but it is a great privilege and gets much easier and more enjoyable when there are enough stewards to share the load and bring new ideas and perspectives. We all have different gifts and abilities, we don't all have to do everything, so please consider if you might be being called to be a part of the team."

Please feel free to have a word with me if you would like to know more about it before committing yourself, but please do think about it! - Sandra Webb

EASTER OFFERING SERVICE – TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY 29TH MAY 2022

This year's theme, 'Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story' is about stories of women who have often been forgotten or overlooked. They are stories of courage, compassion and calls for change. The theme has been inspired by the tenth anniversary of Methodist Women in Britain and the work it has done to empower and enable women around the world.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week 2022 is from 15th to 21 May and once again this year envelopes only have to be delivered – not collected. If you feel you can help, then please see Heather Doda asap. Thanks



BUMPER PLANT SALE - SATURDAY 14TH MAY

10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Bedding Plants, Perennials, Vegetables, Herbs,
Hanging Baskets, Tubs etc etc

Come and grab a bargain and watch your
garden grow!



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

Sunday 1 May	Emma Lowe
Sunday 8 May	Karen Wormald
Sunday 15 May	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 22 May	John Pipet
Sunday 29 May	Rev Andrew Lomax

YOU ARE INVITED:



THE MAYOR'S TEA

As part of Barrow upon Soar Parish Council's Jubilee Celebrations we are inviting residents over the age of 65 years to have tea with Her Worship the Mayor of Charnwood, and the Chair of Barrow upon Soar Parish Council.

The tea will be served in the Parish Council Tea Tent during the "Party in the Park" on Willow Road at 3pm on 4th June 2022.

We do hope that you will be able to join us in our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

In order to secure your place, you must register your name and address with the Parish Council by Friday 21st May. A ticket will then be posted out to you.

You can register on 01509 416016 or email clerk@barrowpc.org.uk or by post to 12 High Street, Barrow upon Soar. Please advise of any dietary requirements.

We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate this historic event.



METHODISM 250 – BOOK THE DATE NOW

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the first Methodist Chapel in Loughborough in 1772 we are holding a Celebration Tea and Service at Wymeswold (Our oldest surviving Chapel). The Date is Sunday 10 July. Tea on the Village Green followed by a Celebration Service, (Times to be confirmed).

AS part of the Celebration we aim to produce a booklet about Methodism in Loughborough and the Circuit. To do this we need your help, we need: photographs, your stories, information about people, Events, what your chapel did for the local community and is still doing. Please send what you can to Philip Thornborow, Karen Efte, Bobby Peach or Chris Hill - Many thanks.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Prince of peace, Lord of light, God of grace, as we hear of war and invasion, we pray to you for peace. In a world of conflict and violence we pray for all who live in fear especially the people of Ukraine. We lament

with you and pray for peace, Prince of peace Lord of light, God of grace, show me how to pray for peace today.
Amen

METHODIST CHURCH PRAYER FOR TODAY

Compassionate God, we are sorry when we fail to see ourselves and others in the light of your love. Transform our inner hostility into hospitality so that we may be ready to welcome you in friend and stranger. Help us to remember that you call all people to eat at your table, and that being chosen by you does not imply exclusion of others, but that your love extends to every human being, and your arms are always open.
Amen

Ruth Flatman, Aberystwyth

"Nothing's working," said Rabbit.
"Have you tried unplugging?" asked Bear.
"I don't plug in anywhere," said Rabbit.
"Yes you do," said Bear. "You're plugged into the world around you."
"Oh," said Rabbit, giving this some thought.
"How do I unplug then?"
"Close your eyes, let your muscles relax and listen only to the sound of yourself breathing in and out," said Bear.
"After a while, when you feel ready, plug back in, and try again."

