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BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2023

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term

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| Sunday 15 January | 10.45 am | Anne Temple Steward: Kate Coffee: Sandra |
| Monday 16 January | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm | Playgroup 1 st Barrow upon Soar Guides |
| Tuesday 17 January | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm 7.30 pm | Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School Men's Supper Group |
| Wednesday 18 January | 8.45 am – 1.00 pm 2.30 pm | Playgroup Cuppa and Chatta |
| Thursday 19 January | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.00 – 9.30 pm | Playgroup Week of Prayer for Christian Unity meeting In the Welcome Coffee Bar Circuit Leadership Team meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar Barrow Youth Theatre meet in the Hall |
| Friday 20 January | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm | Playgroup |
| Saturday 21 January | 2.00 pm 6.00 - 7.15 pm | Crochet and Craft Karate in the rear Hall |

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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| Sunday 22 January | 10.00 am | At Barrow upon Soar Baptist Church - Churches Together – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Sunday 29 January | 10.15 am | Rev Andrew Lomax Steward: Heather Coffee: Janet |
| Sunday 5 February | 10.15 am | John Bateman Steward: Natalie Coffee: Sue and Adrian |
| Sunday 12 February | 10.15 am | Chris Watkins Steward: Kate Coffee: Mike |
| Sunday 19 February | 10.15 am | Nigel Wrighton Steward: Sandra Coffee: |
| Sunday 26 February | 10.15 am | Local Arrangement Steward: Natalie Coffee: |

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts on Monday 16 January and details of the daily prayer meetings organised by Barrow upon Soar Churches Together are shown below. Please see Tilly for details of the study pamphlet or any queries.

| Date | Venue | Time |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| Monday 16 January | Holy Trinity Church | 9.30 am |
| Tuesday 17 January | Baptist Church (Downstairs) | 10.30 am |
| Wednesday 18 January | Holy Trinity | 10.30 am |
| | Zoom | 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 19 January | Methodist Church | 9.30 am |
| Friday 20 January | Baptist Church (Upstairs) led by Catholic Church | 1.30 pm |
| Sunday 22 January | Churches Together Service Baptist Church | 10.00 am |

COFFEE ROTA

There is a new Coffee Rota for the 2023 on the Coffee Bar hatch – please have a look and sign up to do a turn! Any queries please see Mike. Many thanks

SAVE POSTAGE STAMPS FOR RNIB

Please collect your POSTAGE STAMPS from your Christmas post to help raise funds for RNIB. Make sure the stamp has a border of about 1cm of the envelop still attached. The collecting box is in the Welcome Coffee Bar - Many thanks Kate.

FOOD BANK

As you may be aware Adrian and I have undertaken to take any gifts of food to the Food Bank. A few days before Christmas we delivered to our local 'hub' at Mountsorrel, and it was very happily received. With your help we would like to continue this and ask for your support and donations as you feel you can. We will leave the blue basket in the coffee bar and take it to Mountsorrel as often as it is full. We understand that gifts of money are also accepted so I am also suggesting that the donations from after church coffee could be sent to this for the foreseeable future..... and that this may also be applied to the Minimarket coffee bar too. Please contact us if you have questions or comments - Sue Speight - Telephone: 01509 413524 Mobile: 07787125176

BOOK THE DATES

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2023

10.00 am – 12 noon

**10p BOOK SALE
with CDs and DVDS**



Caroline Sharpe
Singer, Choir Director, Cellist



SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2023

CAROLINE SHARPE SINGERS IN CONCERT

More information and tickets available soon from Mike Morley



SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023

11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Local crafters with a great range of items for every taste!
Cake stall plus jams and pickles – Refreshments – Raffle

ADMISSION FREE

Queries for stalls to Natalie please

NEW ADDRESS FOR METHODIST CHURCH HOUSE

As you will be aware, we have been in the process of moving out of our Marylebone premises over the last year. We have now completely left and our new address is:

25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF

Please note that the Connexional Team are not yet in our new building due to renovation work being undertaken, but all correspondence should now use this address.

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Do you remember your grandparents drinking from their saucer. I thought it was because the tea was too hot. Then I saw this poem on Facebook that made me feel there was symbolism to the coffee ritual.

Drinking from My Saucer

by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.
So, God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Dear Father God, Your endless love flows over all the world. Open hearts and minds to receive the blessings of your grace and lead us through the light to everlasting life, when we accept salvation through the death of your only son Jesus Christ. May our love for you be reflected in the way we live our lives, ever following in his way. May all your people be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit, to seek to live in harmony and service, through a knowledge of your love. Focus our lives to look outwards, so that your Church continues to grow your mission of love, ever trusting in your strength. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Derek Jackson, Göcek Church, Turkey, and Teignmouth Methodist Church, Teignbridge