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### BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

### WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term

Sunday 29 January	10.00 am	Rev Andrew Lomax Steward: Kate Coffee: Tilly
Monday 30 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup 1 <sup>st</sup> Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 31 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 1 February	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 2.00 pm	Playgroup Gardening Club meet in the Worship area
Thursday 2 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 7.00 – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Youth Theatre meet in the Hall Bible Study in the Vestry
Friday 3 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.00 pm	Playgroup Minimarket preparation
Saturday 4 February	10.00 – 11.00 am 6.00 - 7.15 pm	Minimarket Karate in the rear Hall

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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:
Sunday 5 March	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall - Baptism Steward: Coffee: Sue & Adrian
Sunday 12 March	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Coffee: Janet
Sunday 19 March	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Coffee: Pauline & Trevor
Sunday 26 March	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Steward: Coffee:

### 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 to help raise funds for RNIB. Make sure the stamp has a border of about 1cm of the envelope still attached. The collecting box is in the Welcome Coffee Bar - Many thanks Kate.

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR REV DOUGLAS MAW

The funeral service for Rev Douglas Maw has been arranged for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 10:15am at Loughborough crematorium and 11.15 am at Trinity Methodist Church, Royland Road, Loughborough. LE11 2EH.



### CROCHET AND CRAFT - MYSTERY KNITALONG

Victoria Road Methodist Church in Bristol are hosting another mystery knitalong this Lent! Everyone will cast on together on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and knitters will have a scarf finished in time for Easter Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Some members of the Crochet and Craft group are going to take part in this and we invite all knitters reading these notices to join us!

I will receive daily knitting instructions by email each week which will be accompanied by daily reflections/meditations which have kindly been written by seven different Ministers and Worship Leaders in the Bristol circuit and beyond. I am expecting general information as what yarn and needles are needed next week and then the weekly emails go out from the beginning of Lent.

The pattern has been designed to be accessible to knitters of all abilities – if you can cast on and off and work the basic knit and purl stitches you will be able to join in. There are some different stitches introduced which might be new to some but they will be fully explained as it goes along and there will be videos for those who prefer extra support.

If you would like to join the mailing list independently you can take part by emailing Helen at [learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk](mailto:learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk) or just let me know and I will pass the details onto you - Janet

## BOOK THE DATES

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**10.00 am – 12 noon**

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



*Caroline Sharpe*  
Regional Choir Director



**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**CAROLINE SHARPE SINGERS IN CONCERT**

More information and tickets available soon from Mike Morley



**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 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


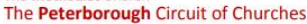

**ADMISSION FREE**

**Queries for stalls to Natalie please**

### PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Holiness, O Beauty, O Life. You called creation into being sustained by your will alone it is an offering of your love poured out for others to enjoy. Your goodness echoes in the light and shade, the palette and textures, in the sounds and movements of life. You look upon all you have made with love, hold all things together in Christ and grant it daily life by the gift of your Spirit. We rest in your gaze: knowing ourselves loved, we love. We fall into your arms: knowing ourselves welcomed, we welcome. We live through your generosity: knowing ourselves as recipients, we give. Let our lives be all you long for them to be. Amen.

**Kerry Tankard, Yorkshire West District Chair**



### Children, Family and Community Worker Queen Street Church, Whittlesey

A unique opportunity has arisen to work within Whittlesey Methodist and United Reformed church.

This is a part-time position of 18 hours per week, with a salary of £24,000 p.a. (pro rata), and will be for a four year fixed-term contract.

We are seeking to appoint a committed Christian, who is a creative, imaginative and suitably qualified person to the position of 'Children, Family and Community Worker' based in Whittlesey.

We are seeking to invest in work with children and young people and the wider community as it develops a four-year plan for the future.

For full details on the appointment and to request an application pack, please email our Circuit Administrator, Mrs Sue Moore, at: [pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com)

For further information and an informal conversation about the role, please contact Sue at: [pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pborocircuitoffice@gmail.com) or the Lead Circuit Steward, Simon Stewart, at: [simon.stewart7@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.stewart7@btinternet.com)

Application closing date: Friday 10th February

We look forward to hearing from you.

Hello from Action for Children!

This comes with our sincere gratitude to you for your continued commitment to our work. Quite simply, we couldn't do what we do without you. I'll share with you the results of our fundraising over the Christmas period next month, but this is just to acknowledge and thank each and every one of our Methodist supporters for what you have done for us and for what we hope you will do this coming year.

I'm looking forward to supporting you in the coming months. Thank you for all your feedback so far - keep it coming! Best wishes - Anna

#### **Time to step out of your comfort zone? Our top challenge events for 2023 are here**

Are you looking for a way to challenge yourself in 2023? Why not do it while fundraising to improve the lives of UK children and families? You can take part in events across the UK. There are thousands of different fundraising sports events to choose from. Join #TeamActionForChildren. Find an event near you [here](#).

#### **A call for regular giving to support families with the cost of living crisis**

With over 3.9 million children living in poverty, it is no surprise that our staff have already seen an increase in families being impacted by the cost of living crisis, struggling to afford the essentials like heating, food and clothing. You can make a difference in 2023 by committing to regular giving from as little as £3 per month. Read about how we are supporting families such as Mum of two, Leanne, who is struggling to make ends meet. Find out more and how to donate [here](#).

#### **Announcing our new CEO, Paul Carberry**

Paul Carberry, who is currently our National Director for Scotland, will become the next Chief Executive of Action for Children, following a rigorous recruitment process. Paul has been with the charity for almost 30 years starting as a project leader, and he has built up a wealth of experience across Children's Services, particularly as National Director for Scotland and latterly covering as National Director for England as well. The Board felt that Paul was well placed to take the organisation forward. He will take over from Melanie Armstrong, our current CEO, who announced earlier this year that she would be stepping down.

#### **Young Ambassadors Board**

Are you passionate about making positive changes to the lives of children and young people in the UK? We are looking for 15 young people to join our mission to make sure the voices of children and young people are always heard. Find more information and how to apply [here](#). The deadline for applications is Monday 13th February.

#### **Count your blessings this Lent**

As we look towards Lent, we're preparing our own take on forty ways to count your blessings. We hope this will offer a positive boost to each day, and, if you're able to, help you to use this important and reflective time of the year to support our cause. This resource will be sent to our Methodist supporters and be posted on our website in February

#### **News from the Districts**

The congregation at Sculthorp and Fakenham Methodist Church held their December Carol Service in aid of Action for Children. Their beautiful Christmas tree proudly displayed our gift aid envelopes. Thank you so much for this creative initiative!

Brown Lane Methodist Church in Cheadle have been in touch with a tip to raise community awareness of our work. They mount an exhibition on their notice boards and doors for Action for Children Sunday detailing the work we do and thanking everyone for the funds raised. They noticed that this resulted in quite a few contributions from outside the Church. Last year they raised over £1000. Thank you so much for sharing our work to your local community!

Share your stories with us and we can share and inspire others.