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BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term

Sunday 12 February	10.00 am 1.00 pm	Chris Watkins Steward: Kate Coffee: Mike Birthday party in the rear Hall
Monday 13 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup 1 st Barrow upon Soar Guides
Tuesday 14 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 15 February	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 2.30 pm	Playgroup Cuppa and Chatta
Thursday 16 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.00 – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Circuit Leadership Team in the Welcome Coffee Bar Barrow Youth Theatre meet in the Hall Bible Study in the Vestry
Friday 17 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 18 February	10.00 am – 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	10p Book Sale Crochet and Craft meet in the Welcome Coffee Bar Karate in the rear Hall

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 February	10.15 am	Nigel Wighton Steward: Sandra Coffee: Heather
Sunday 26 February	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Natalie Coffee: Sandra
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 & Mike
Sunday 26 March	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Steward: Coffee: Trevor & Pauline

CHURCH NEWS

The church Council met on Tuesday 7th February and we carefully considered our response to the decision made at Methodist Conference concerning the Report, "God in love Unites Us." Conference asked all churches and ministers to make a decision as to whether or not they wish to be registered for same sex weddings. We recognise that this an emotive subject and that there are strongly and sincerely held views on

both sides of the debate. In love and prayer, the Church Council heard opinions of members and voted with an overwhelming majority that Barrow Upon Soar Methodist Church would seek to be registered for same sex marriages. There were no votes against and some neutral votes. We appreciate that this might not have been your decision and would like to say that we spoke about the gift of love being for all people, all people being made in God's image and being welcoming and inclusive. We also recognised that we have few weddings and would not expect a stampede as a result of our decision. If you feel you would like to talk to me about this decision, I would welcome a conversation.

Rev'd Sandra

STAMPS FOR RNIB

Thank you everyone for collecting the stamps for RNIB. I have emptied the box and sent it off. It will make about £15 for them. Let's carry on and collect another full box. Please cut the stamps off the envelopes leaving about 1cm of paper around them. Thanks Kate

FUN@CHURCH

In March we will be making "bug houses". Please can you collect any small plastic bottles, jars, containers of any shape. We will fill them with bamboo sticks to encourage the creatures, probably bees, to make them their home.

We had 25 children at Fun@Church in January. It would be super to have that number in March, but it means we need a lot of small bottles etc. Please can you help. Kate, Janet, Heather or Mike would love to receive them or place them in the corner of the Welcome Coffee Bar for us to collect. Thanks Kate

CROCHET AND CRAFT - MYSTERY KNITALONG

Victoria Road Methodist Church in Bristol are hosting another mystery knitalong this Lent!

I have now received the first email detailing the pattern for a practice swatch before we all cast on on 22 February. The proposed scarf will be knitted in double knitting yarn with the needles that you usually use for DK ie UK8/4mm all depending how loosely or tightly you knit!

I have completed the swatch – see photo. The knitting instructions will be sent by email 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. If you want to receive the emails independently the link is learning@vic-methoidst-bristol.org.uk or if you would like me to forward them to you just let me know – Janet



BOOK THE DATES

NEXT 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

Followed by refreshments

Tickets £5 each available from Mike Morley or Janet Thompson



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

CIRCUIT EVENTS

RESOUND WORSHIP
doxecology
CONCERT

Christians in the Forest invite you to an evening with Resound Worship featuring songs of creation, ecology and hope from their groundbreaking album.

Shrove Tuesday 21 February 2023 7.30pm (Doors 7.00pm)
Woodhouse Eaves Baptist Church, Main Street LE12 8RZ
Tickets £5 in advance or on the door (Free for those in full-time education)
The evening will include a collection for the work of environmental charity A Rocha UK.

More information and tickets: www.doxecology.org

Sileby Methodist Church Centre
King Street, Sileby

Pancake Day
Lunch
21st February 2023
12 noon
Tickets £6

Two pancakes per £6 ticket with sweet or savoury filling and a hot drink.
Tickets available from the Church Centre by contacting **Rob Newton**
mobile: 07708856978
Email: SilebyMCC@dpmrob.co.uk
Facebook: [/SilebyMethodistChurchCentre](https://www.facebook.com/SilebyMethodistChurchCentre)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Living God, we bring you our thanks for those whom we love who have died. We thank you for our memories of all the special times we shared together, shared experiences, shared touch, shared laughter – those moments when our shared humanity revealed to us something of your divine love. And the other memories, the regrets, the loose ends we had no time to tie up, the words we wish we'd said, and those we wish we'd left unsaid; the things we wish we'd done or left undone – we let go of them into your hands, knowing that in your heavenly love all is understood, all is forgiven, all is well. Amen.

Elaine Pyrke, Supernumerary Minister, Kendal Circuit