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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023 WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term – Playgroup now on half term

Sunday 28 May	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall Steward: Heather Coffee: Pauline and Janet
Bank Holiday Monday 29 May		
Tuesday 30 May	4.30 – 7.30 pm	Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 31 May	5.00 pm	Ladies Circle Evening River Cruise
Thursday 1 June	6.30 – 9.30 pm	Barrow Arts Theatre Society
Friday 2 June		Minimarket prep
Saturday 3 June	10.00 – 11.00 am 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Minimarket Karate

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Church meeting is on Sunday 4th June after morning service and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. There is a list in the Coffee Bar and we would be grateful if you could sign to let us know what you are bringing to help with catering. Any queries please see one of the Stewards.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Please note some different times during this quarter

Sunday 4 June	10.15 am	John Pipet Steward: Kate Coffee: Sue and Adrian
Sunday 11 June	9.45 am	Rev Andrew Lomax Steward: Sandra Coffee: Pauline and Trevor
Sunday 18 June	4.00 pm	Cat Jenkins Steward: Natalie
Sunday 25 June	10.15 am	Granville Mercy Steward: Heather Coffee: Soo and Janet
Sunday 2 July	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall Steward: Kate Coffee: Mike and Pauline
Sunday 9 July	10.15 am	Local arrangement Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 16 July	10.15 am	Hutton (Baptism) Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 23 July	9.45 am	Rev Andrew Lomax Steward: Heather Coffee: Nancy and Bill
Sunday 30 July	10.45 am	Circuit Service at Trinity Methodist Church Loughborough

The Sunday morning Coffee Rota has some blanks – please have a look and see if you can help

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY ARE:

Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-21

John Chapter 20 verses 19-23

NEW CHURCH STEWARDS REQUIRED

Sandra Webb and Heather Doda are due to retire as stewards and so we are looking for two new stewards to replace them. Could God be calling you to be a steward?

What does it involve?

Stewards are responsible for ensuring worship happens. This usually means contacting the preacher and seeing what they need, what hymns are requested, if they want readers. Then liaising with Natalie to get the hymns on the screen and contacting a reader from the rota.



On Sundays the stewards open up, set up for worship, help count the collection and do a welcome. As a team, the stewards meet with me 3 or 4 times a year to make plans for worship, talk through ideas and issues.

Additionally, stewards organise local arrangement services – this doesn't mean doing them!

It really isn't onerous, and Sundays are shared out on a rota between the stewards. We are a happy group, and the job is very rewarding.

If you are interested, please talk to me or one of the stewards to find out more. God bless, Rev Sandra

THANKS

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Bumper Plant Sale last Saturday morning. We had hundreds of plants set out on tables in the driveway and the amount raised for church funds was £1,470.

Our very grateful thanks go to Yvonne who as well as growing some plants herself, made several journeys to Lincolnshire to purchase plants from nursery owner Bridgit who gives us a very good deal!

Thanks to everyone else who donated plants or who came along and supported us



Friday - Some of the plants!



8.00 am Soo, Janet and Kathryn setting up

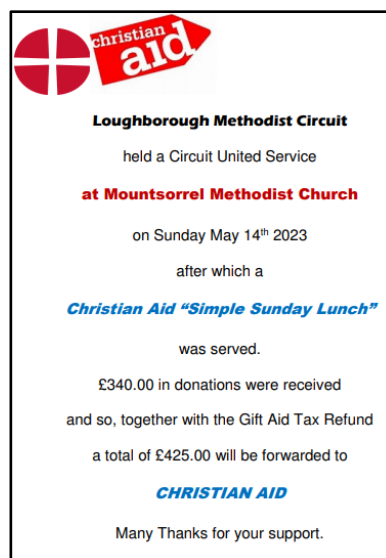


Happy customers, Les and Gloria from Mountsorrel

DONATIONS TO FOOD BANK

As you may be aware there is a crate just inside the Coffee Bar area for donations to the local food hub, based at Mountsorrel Baptist Church. We have been collecting these and taking them to Mountsorrel as they fill up. Although there is sometimes a queue around the car park dropping off food we have been told that in addition many hundreds of £'s has to be spent to provide enough for all those who need food in our area.

Some time ago it was agreed that donations for drinks etc in the coffee bar would be given to a charity..... the present charity is Charnwood Food Bank – so please support this as you drink and chat and in any other way that you are able, (If you would like to make a personal donation please give in an envelope to Sue, Adrian or Peter the Church Treasurer)



FROM THE DISTRICT

Subject: Take the Veg Pledge

My name is Phoebe and I currently volunteer as the Secretary for the Young Christian Climate Network, a group of Christians aged 18-30 who are passionate about climate justice.

We are currently running our latest campaign, Take the Veg Pledge. This is encouraging Christians to commit to being vegetarian between 5-11 June 2023. Alternatively, if you are planning on attending a Christian festival this summer, then we'd love for you to commit to eating a vegetarian diet for the duration of the festival.

We understand that food represents so much more than a meal on a plate - it is part of our identity and culture. But it is for this reason that we would love for you to consider signing up for our campaign - diet is one of the key changes one can make to help tackle climate justice.

You can find out more about the campaign, including resources, FAQs, and details about the science behind our campaign [here](#). We'd really encourage you to share this with the churches in your district, as well as committing yourself.

As a fellow Methodist, I am enthusiastic about our identity as a justice-seeking church and hope you will see how this small act can be part of that calling.

Finally, if there is anyone aged 18-30 in your district who is interested in climate justice, please do encourage them to [contact](#) YCCN - we are a very friendly bunch and would love to have them join! Thank you for taking the time to read this email. Every blessing, Phoebe Parkin

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, forgive us for all that prevents us from showing love to you, our neighbours and ourselves. May our faith be lived out in acts of love, kindness and justice that enable others to be drawn to you. Amen.

Gillian Newton, Sheffield District Chair