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## BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term

Sunday 3 September	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Kate Coffee: Sue and Adrian
Monday 4 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 2.00 pm	Playgroup New Horizons
Tuesday 5 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 9.30 am 4.30 – 8.30 pm*	Playgroup Fun@Church planning meeting Cosmic Theatre School – please note new timing
Wednesday 6 September	8.45 am -1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Ladies Circle
Thursday 7 September	8.45 am -4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Barrow Arts Theatre Society
Friday 8 September	8.45 am -4.00 pm 10.00 am	Playgroup Hilltop audio in Worship area
Saturday 9 September	10.00 – 5.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Church open for Ride and Stride registration Karate

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Please note some different times during this quarter

Sunday 10 September	<b>*11.00 am</b>	Churches Together in Barrow upon Soar Open air service at Millenium Park
Sunday 17 September	10.15 am	Eleri Bristow – Harvest Festival Steward: Sandra
Sunday 24 September	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham Steward: Heather
Sunday 1 October	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Natalie
Sunday 8 October	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Sacrament Steward: Sandra
Sunday 15 October	10.15 am	Anne Temple Steward: Heather
Sunday 22 October	10.15 am	Local Arrangement: Steward: Natalie
Sunday 29 October	10.05 am	Rev Martin Swan Steward: Kate

The new Sunday morning Coffee Rota is now ready and waiting for volunteers to sign their name!!  
Many thanks.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

**Exodus Chapter 3 verses 1-5**

**Matthew Chapter 16 verses 21-27**

## **NEW HORIZONS HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

We are giving our contributions to the Food Bank and the Leaders will be coming to our meeting on Monday 4th September 2pm to give a short talk about their work. They have sent a list of the kind of contributions which are helpful. See below:

### **FOOD BANK PARCELS ARE MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Tinned meat-based meals ie Fray Bentos.  
Tinned meat, fish and pasta meals  
ie Ham, Corned Beef, Ravioli, Spaghetti Bolognaise.  
Pasta.  
Sauces for Pasta meals.  
Tinned Fruit, Custard or Rice Pudding.  
Microwave Steamed Puddings.  
Boxes of Breakfast Cereals.  
Tea Bags (small packs).  
Instant Coffee (medium sized jars).  
Toilet Rolls.  
Washing Capsules (we divide boxes into bags of 4 per person per week).  
Biscuits, crisps, snacks.

We will then have time to chat to each other and possibly think about our Christmas Lunch and the programme for next year – Kate

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL 2023**

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September and will be led by Eleri Bristow. We are asking for gifts of non-perishable foods which will then be donated to the local Food Bank. If you look at the list above for New Horizons it will give you an idea what is needed. Items can be brought to church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September after the Village Show or from 4.30 pm so that we can mount a display, or on Sunday morning.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CIRCUIT TREASURER**

The collection from the Welcome Service on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August was £484.03 which will be donated to the local food bank. Thank you.

### **VILLAGE SHOW**

Schedules for the Village Show are now available – see Tilly or Janet, collect one from Taylor's Florists or email [barrowmeths@gmail.com](mailto:barrowmeths@gmail.com)

### **RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at the Ride and Stride registration day – the rota is now complete!

**Peter, Carolyn and Philip and possibly Heather** are walking and are looking for sponsors – if you feel you can help please have a word with them. If you are interested in joining them sponsor forms are available from Peter. Many thanks – Janet

### **THANKS FROM REV ANDREW LOMAX**

Dear Loughborough Circuit Friends,

This is a heartfelt thank you from both of us for the kind and generous gift received at the farewell service and also for your friendship and encouragement over the last eight years. I know that it is a sign of age when time passes so quickly, but it is also a sign that life has been good and that the moments of joy outweigh any times of difficulty. Our time with you in the Loughborough circuit has been a great joy to us, we have learned much from you and been shaped by you on our journey of faith. Thank you for the challenges and for keeping us grounded, for the encouragement and the blessings. It is always difficult to leave behind wonderful people whom you have grown to love, but the time was right for us to move, we are confident that God goes before us in all that we do and we are sure that the Loughborough Circuit will continue to thrive.

Every blessing to you all now and always. God bless, Andrew and Liz

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let your good spirit watch over us, O Lord, your love ever rule in our heart and your mercy and forgiveness  
ever keep us in body, mind and soul. Amen.

John Wesley (1703–1791)



[Mountsorrel Methodist Church Centre](#)  
**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
ORGAN RECITAL**  
**Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**  
**at 7p.m**  
by  
**ANGELA SONES**  
(Lichfield)  
**Admission is FREE**  
followed by Refreshments  
**Donations for the  
Church Development Fund**

## LETTER FROM REV HELEN CAMERON

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The District Executive met on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023 to consider the request to send a representative to the World Methodist Conference. Rather than share representation with other Districts we agreed that as a large and diverse District we would like to invite someone from our District to attend. It may be that neighbouring Districts would like that person to represent them too.

### **World Methodist Conference | August 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden**

The next quinquennial World Methodist Conference will take place next August in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Global Relationships Committee are inviting district representation to the Conference between 14-17 August, up to a maximum of one representative per district. The connexion are able to reimburse the Conference registration fees for district representatives nominated to attend, but not the transport or accommodation costs. The District (or Districts) will cover travel and accommodation costs and your Circuit might also be asked for a contribution.

If you are interested in attending please write a letter to the District Chair by October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 sharing some details of your circumstances and why you would be interested in attending. The Chair and the Synod Secretary will consider all expressions of interest and the District Executive meeting in late October will confirm the choice of representative for our District. We would hope that the person selected will be willing to offer feedback to the District and the Synod about the experience.

We would encourage people, where practicable, to consider travelling to Gothenburg by train but we do not wish that suggestion to limit your expression of interest if you would consider it necessary for you to fly. We encourage everyone, whatever your

age, background and interests to consider being our District representative in Gothenburg.

More information about the Conference can be found [here](#).

With every blessing

*Helen J Cameron*

Reverend Helen Cameron  
Chair of the Northampton District

cc. Paul Spray Synod Secretary