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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 4 February	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall - Baptism Steward: Heather Coffee: Adrian and Sue
Monday 5 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 2.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup New Horizons Guides
Tuesday 6 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 8.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 7 February	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 1.00 – 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Alarms check Ladies Circle
Thursday 8 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 1.30 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Circuit Leadership Team BATS Bible Study – please note change of date
Friday 9 February	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 10 February	6.00 – 7.15 pm	Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 February	10.15 am	Karen Wormald Steward: Kate Coffee: Mike and Pauline
Sunday 18 February	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 25 February	10.15 am	Roger Latham Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 3 March	10.15 am	Rob Newton Steward: Coffee: Adrian and Sue
Sunday 10 March	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Coffee: Janet
Sunday 17 March	10.15 am	Circuit Service at Quorn
Sunday 24 March	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham Steward: Coffee:
Sunday 31 March	9.00 am 10.15 am	Holy Communion with Rev Sandra Marshall Local Arrangement Steward: Coffee:



At our Worship service on Sunday morning we are pleased to welcome Libby and Jake Hopgood as they bring their little daughter, OLIVE GRAY HOPGOOD to be baptised. Some of you may remember Libby as a little girl coming to Sunday school with her grandmother, Jean Worthington – this, of course, means that baby Olive is Jean's great granddaughter. We welcome family and friends and look forward in sharing in this special occasion together.

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for the family and friends of IRIS PERKINS who passed away on Wednesday 31 January. Iris was a regular worshipper with us here at Barrow upon Soar Methodist for many years and involved in many village activities. She has spent the last few years living at Huntingdon Court, Loughborough. Iris's funeral service will be here on Thursday 29th February at 12.30 pm followed by cremation at Loughborough. Our love goes out to her daughters Jean and Linda and their families at this sad time.

SOAR VALLEY FOOD HUB - REMINDER

Please remember there are still families and people of all ages that need help to live on their income. The Soar Valley Food Hub is still working to help these folks at Mountsorrel Baptist Church and would be pleased to receive food as well as toiletries and cleaning material. Even with the regular donations it is still necessary to buy hundreds of pounds worth of other items which some of our local stores supply at reduced price. The organisers are also grateful for gifts of money

With the support of the church council we now ask for donations on refreshments we serve and send it to the hub,

We continue to take items and gifts of money (now) about every two weeks and will be happy to take any gifts you are able to send. The crate for food is still in the coffee bar and we can take money, in an envelope if possible. Thank you for your contributions so far. Adrian and Sue

ANNUAL REPORT

It will soon be time for the Annual Report – could Group Leaders please start thinking about this and have their report submitted by Sunday 24th March please. Many thanks! Janet

INVITATION

To join with our Catholic friends for an Open Scripture Sharing Hour (Seven Steps method) which will commence on Monday 19th February at 7.30 pm here in the Welcome Coffee Lounge and continue weekly. If you are interested and want to know please contact Father Anthony Pateman on 07884011261 or email: a.j.pateman@outlook.com.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God we come to you. God of the displaced, who created space for all, God of the refugee, who carved a place for all, God of the poverty-stricken strangled by the cost of living, God of the marginalised and the ignored, You are God of the moon and the sun, the stars and all of creation. We come to you. When our world loses meaning, O God we come to you. When our faith becomes institutionalised and we lose our direction, O God we come to you. When our service through the Church is repetitive and draining, O God we come to depend on you. When our hope is stifled by our fear of the world's wars and greed, O God we come and we trust you. When our vision becomes blurred by the tears of pain, anxiety, lack and loss, Lord God we come to you. Turn our eyes to see in your ways. Open our ears to hear your understanding of life. Breathe your hopefulness into our hearts, so that our hands and feet and heads may think and act only for you, as you help us to come to you. Amen.

Jongikaya Zihle, District Chair, London District