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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 10 March	10.15 am	Church Stewards Steward: Kate Coffee: Mike and Pauline
Monday 11 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup 1 st Barrow upon Soar Guides Sharing Scripture Bible Study
Tuesday 12 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 13 March	8.45 am – 1.00 pm	Playgroup
Thursday 14 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 1.30 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Circuit Leadership Team BATS Bible Study
Friday 15 March	8.45 – 4.00 pm 12.30 pm	Playgroup Lent lunches served at Holy Trinity Rooms Proceeds in aid of BACA
Saturday 16 March	11.00 am – 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Motion Dance Crochet and Craft Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 March	10.15 am	Circuit Service at Quorn
Palm Sunday Sunday 24 March	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Good Friday 29 March	12.00 pm	Churches Together Good Friday Service Steward: Sandra Followed by Lent lunch
Easter Sunday Sunday 31 March	9.00 am 10.15 am	Communion Breakfast with Rev Sandra Marshall Steward: Natalie Local Arrangement Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 7 April	10.15 am	Karen Wormald
Sunday 14 April	10.15 am	Colin Lamb
Sunday 21 April	10.15 am	Rev Martin Swan
Sunday 28 April	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion We are joined by East Leake, Sileby and Wymeswold Followed by our Annual Meeting and Church Council Meeting

BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4-9
Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 1-10
John Chapter 3 verses 14-21
Psalms 107 verses 1-3, 17-22

REV SANDRA WRITES:

Some of you might be aware that we are struggling to find new stewards at Barrow upon Soar. Last night at the Church Council meeting we discussed a way forward. We must have stewards or the church is unable to function and the final result of not being able to find stewards is sadly that we will have to close. I'm sure none of you wish that to happen and neither did those at the meeting.

We discussed a possible way forward: to split the stewards into vestry stewards and leadership stewards. A vestry steward need not be a church member and is solely responsible for making sure everything is in place for worship to happen. The tasks include contacting the preacher, contacting the readers with the readings for Sunday, opening up in good time, checking that all is in place – is the Bible open, the candle present is there fresh water in the pulpit, is the prayer book out, are there names in it, are the mics available, is the collection plate out, tidying up afterwards, counting the collection and turning out lights and locking up.

This role is not onerous or difficult – if you are able to be on the coffee rota then you have the skills to go on a vestry stewards rota. If we could get a good number of volunteers then it might mean only being on Sunday duty once a month or even less.

Please pray and ask yourself if God might be calling you to be a vestry steward. Feel free to speak to me or any of the existing stewards about the role. It would be fantastic if we could get at least 8 volunteers. Is God speaking to you?

God bless, Sandra

TABLETOP SALE

Our tabletop sale is on Saturday 23 March from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm – all tables are now sold – why not book the date and come along a pick up a bargain. Light refreshments available.

NEWS OF THE FOODBANK COLLECTIONS

As you will be aware, we have been collecting food for the Charwood Food Hub for some time. Recently the items have dwindled, partly because some people are now donating money which we understand is more flexible for the organisers. Maybe some have found other places where they can leave their donations. In view of this it does not seem worth making one or two-weekly trips, so these will end on 1st March. We hope to continue passing on donations for drinks and refreshments at Mini-Mart and on Sunday mornings. This money and any other personal donations will be passed to the treasurer who will send it from the Church account at appropriate times.

We thank you for the gifts you have given up to now, and hope that you will continue if you can, we believe that it is most appreciated - Sue and Adrian

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. If anyone else has an article that they would like included please let me know. Many thanks to those who have already submitted their reports! Janet

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God our Creator, like the collier digging underground and the quarryman chiselling the face of the slate, you are at work to discover treasure in unexpected places. May we produce something beautiful for you, even from the darkness and the coldness, that we may bring glory to your name and for the sake of the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

Jennifer Hurd, District Chair, Wales Synod Cymru

A few funnies this week!



What happened when a tap, a tomato, and some lettuce ran a race together?

The lettuce was ahead, the tap was running, and the tomato was trying to ketchup.

Why did the tomato turn red?

It saw the salad dressing.

Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter. 10 men and 1 woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, Because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to choose that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.

WITHOUT A SINGLE DEGREE, THEY BUILT US
ROADS THAT HAVE LASTED AN ETERNITY...



AND THEN, THE ENGINEERS ARRIVED!!!



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