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BARROW UPON SOAR METHODIST CHURCH

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023 WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 10 December	10.15 am 3.00 pm	Granville Mercy Steward: Kate Coffee: Sandra Barrow upon Soar Churches Together Walking Nativity
Monday 11 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Tuesday 12 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School Men's Supper Group Christmas Meal
Wednesday 13 December	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 1.00 – 3.30 pm 2.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup Christmas Fair Cuppa and Chatta Ladies Circle
Thursday 14 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 – 11.00 am 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup Christmas Singalong in the Worship area Barrow Arts Theatre Society
Friday 15 December	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 16 December	2.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Crochet and Craft Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 December	4.00 pm	Carols and Cake Steward: Natalie Coffee: Bill and Nancy
Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December	10.15 am 6.00 pm	Rev Sandra Marshall Steward: Sandra Coffee: Bill and Nancy Carol Service Steward: Heather
Christmas Day 25 December		No service at Barrow upon Soar See Circuit plan for local services
New Years Eve Sunday 31 December	10.45 am	Circuit Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough
Sunday 7 January	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Covenant Service
Sunday 14 January	10.15 am	Rob Newton
Sunday 21 January	10.15 am	Victor Poon and Colin Lamb
Sunday 28 January	10.15 am	Local Arrangement



BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah Chapter 40 verses 1-11

Mark Chapter 1 verses 1-8

New International Version

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER WALKING NATIVITY

On Sunday afternoon Barrow upon Soar Churches Together are holding a Walking Nativity around part of the village. The walk will begin at 3.00 pm at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church, then process to Holy Trinity Church and the Baptist Church, on to Jerusalem Island and end at the Three Crowns by 4.00 pm and we have a real donkey! Note this event in your diary and come along and and join in the Carols. Folk are welcome in nativity dress !!



We look forward to seeing you at
Christmas Cuppa and Chatta
on
Wednesday, 13th December
from 2.30 to 4.30
Share a warm welcome – bring a friend
If you have any queries please phone Sue 01509 413524

CAROL SERVICE AND TEA

You are invited Our afternoon Carol Service and Tea at 4pm. We hope you can join at this informal service and invite you to contribute to the Bring and Share refreshments.

CHRISTMAS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

4.00 pm CAROL SERVICE & TEA



CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

10.15 am Rev Sandra Marshall

**6.00 pm CAROL SERVICE with
Rev Sandra Marshall**

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

No service at Barrow upon Soar

**10.00 am at Trinity Methodist
Church, Loughborough**

A REMINDER ABOUT THE FOOD HUB

We continue to take regular gifts of both items and money for the Soar Valley Food Hub in Mountsorrel. Thank you to all who continue to contribute from week to week.

The volunteers at the Food Hub provide a valuable service to those in need, offering both food parcels and somewhere that people can drop-in for some warmth, a drink and, if needed, advice about accessing other support and benefits.

As we approach Christmas could we make a good effort with food and other seasonal items so that we can take a good collection after the second Sunday in December? Thank you, Adrian and Sue

CALL FOR ADVENT CANDLE TO REMAIN UNLIT FOR PEACE

Friends joining us on Sunday morning will notice a slight variation when we come to light the Advent Candle. To remember all those who have died in the Israel/Palestine conflict, Methodist churches across the country are being called upon to leave their second Advent candle unlit this year. The call not to light the candle, which represents peace, on the second Sunday in Advent (10th December) and on subsequent Sundays, follows the news that celebrations to mark Christmas in the Holy Land will be subdued this year.

The Rev David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, is currently fulfilling his role from the UK and remains in touch with those living in the Middle East. David explained, "Our Christian colleagues in Bethlehem tell us that this Advent and Christmas the lights that normally adorn the birthplace of Jesus will remain unlit in memory of those who have been killed in the current conflict. We are inviting Methodist Churches in Britain to leave the second candle of Advent unlit to serve as a reminder that we stand in solidarity with all who are suffering in the Holy Land."

The President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Gill Newton, commented, "The events of over 2000 years ago and of now, remind us that sadly, nothing much has changed. We are still caught up in conflict and challenge, fear and uncertainty. This Advent to stand with Palestinian Christians, we invite Methodist Churches to leave the Advent candle on the Second Sunday unlit and for it to remain unlit throughout Advent. "God is still present even in the most difficult places, and in the midst of violent conflict so many people are wishing for and seeking peace!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Great, O God is the power of your glory; great are the wonders of your works and great is the wisdom of your justice and mercy, and for all these we bless you and magnify your holy name, now and for ever.
Amen.

George Wither (1588-1667)



**Come and Join Us
Methodist Church
East Leake**



**To Admire the
Christmas Tree Display
and
Enjoy Coffee & Carols**

Admission Free

Saturday 9th December 2023

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Donations in aid of
Action for Children**

**East Leake
Methodists**



**KNIGHTTHORPE
METHODIST CHURCH
Connects with Community**



**Christmas Carols
Afternoon**

10 DEC (SUN) | 16.00

@ Knightthorpe Methodist Church
(106 Knightthorpe Road, Loughborough LE11 5JU)

**Christmas carols | Peace & joy
Fire pit | Mince pies | Hot drinks**

**This is a free event
All are welcome**

Non-perishable
food donations
accepted for
local food bank



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