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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023 WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time – now on holiday

Sunday 24 December	10.15 am 6.00 pm	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion Steward: Sandra Coffee: Nancy and Bill Carol Service with Sandra Marshall Steward: Heather
Monday 25 December		
Tuesday 26 December		
Wednesday 27 December		
Thursday 28 December		
Friday 29 December		
Saturday 30 December	6.00 – 7.15 pm	Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH



CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

No service at Barrow upon Soar

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER

**10.15 am Rev Sandra
Marshall**

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

NEWS

We have received greetings from friends who have moved away!

Margaret and Alistair Riach now living in Bedfordshire have recently moved to a new church in a neighbouring village as their local chapel was closed and sold to the Apostolic Faith Mission. Alistair and son Jamie helped to dismantle the pipe organ and it is now reinstated in a Croydon shopping centre for anyone to play! They report that they have settled down well at Kempstone East Methodist Church quickly making new friends and becoming involved – Kempstone is a much larger church which is quite a change for them. Margaret and Alistair are now proud great grandparents to Franklin James born in May.

A round robin from **Rev Bill Anderson** is detailed below giving news of his 2023!

Dear Friends,

Christmas come around again and I am glad to send my greeting to friends far and wide. My prayer for peace in our world clearly embraces the land many call "Holy Land" but also you and yours.

I have had a good year here in Hornsea. Local travel generally involves a friend on the end of a lead, and we are fortunate in having access to the sea front and the town parks. I owe much of the travelling to my friend Christine and her group of friends in Scarborough. We enjoy local outings to eat and walk (Mckellen particularly votes for the latter!) sometimes meeting friends from further afield. We have enjoyed time away in Middleton in Teesdale, the Lake District and Northumberland. Then there was the new sort of adventure, a cruise down the upper reaches of the river Rhine and exploring settlements along the way. I manage Greenbelt and hope to be there next summer.

Here in Hornsea I find myself variously involved with family and the local church. I really enjoy being able to do all these things on foot and begin to have interesting encounters. I remind you all that I have room for visitors in my little house and you would be welcome.

Peace and love – Bill



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Be to us, O God, our love and our hope; our thoughts flowing from you, our life being in you and our breathing taken with you; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

John Cassian (c. 360-435)



MORE CRACKER JOKES - ENJOY!



1	Who is Rudoph's favourite pop star?
2	Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
3	What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?
4	What's green, covered in tinsel and goes ribbet ribbet?
5	Where does Santa go when he is sick?
6	Why can't Christmas trees knit?
7	What do snowmen wear on their heads?
8	What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
9	Why was the turkey in the pop band?
10	What do frogs wear on their feet?

Answers at the end!

CHRISTMAS MISH MASH QUIZ!!

1	Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas Tree?
2	How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol?"
3	What colour are mistletoe berries?
4	Which king was crowned on Christmas Day?
5	What colour was Elvis' Christmas in the famous song?
6	Which fairytale was the first gingerbread house inspired by?
7	Name a tree that mistletoe grows on

8	Where did the tradition of Christmas stockings come from?
9	True or false: Christmas crackers were invented by a London sweet maker called Tom Smith?
10	What is the name of a male turkey?
11	Which film features the song 'Walking in the Air'?
12	Who sings the first line on the 1984 Band-Aid single, <i>Do They Know It's Christmas?</i>
13	What is the name of the carrot in <u>Aldi's Christmas advert</u> ?
14	How many times does the number 1 appear on an advent calendar with 24 doors?
15	Where does the word 'winter' come from?
16	Traditionally, how long before Christmas should you start making Christmas cake?
17	What is the traditional Christmas meal eaten in Japan?
18	What were Victorian mince pies made from?
19	What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
20	In which US state would you find the town Santa Claus?

Answers at the end

Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?
Because the presents beneath them.

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?
Nothing – it was on the house!

What did the festive Christmas tree say to the sad one?
Lighten up!

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Answers to Cracker jokes

1	Beyon-sleigh
2	A mince spy
3	Frost bite
4	A mistle-toad
5	The elf-centre
6	Because they lose their needles
7	Ice caps
8	The elf-abet
9	Because he was the only one with the drumsticks
10	Open toad sandals

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

1	Germany
2	Four — the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future, and Jacob Marley
3	White
4	King William I of England in 1066
5	Blue
6	Hansel and Gretel
7	Hawthorne, lime, poplar, apple tree
8	According to tradition, the original Saint Nicholas put gold coins in the stockings of three poor sisters
9	True
10	Gobbler
11	The Snowman
12	Paul Young
13	Kevin
14	13 times
15	The word winter comes from the Germanic <i>wintar</i> which in turn is derived from the root <i>wed</i> meaning 'wet' or water'
16	Two to three months before
17	KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken)
18	Minced Beef
19	He played a song on his drums
20	Indiana