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## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024

### WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 7 January	10.15 am	Covenant Service led by Rev Sandra Marshall Steward: Kate Coffee: Sue and Adrian
Monday 8 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 2.00 pm 6.30 – 9.00 pm	Playgroup New Horizons Guides
Tuesday 9 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 8.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 10 January	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Ladies Circle
Thursday 11 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 1.30 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup Circuit Leadership Team BATS
Friday 12 January	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 13 January	2.00 – 3.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Motion Dance Company Karate

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 January	10.15 am	Rob Newton Steward: Heather
Sunday 21 January	10.15 am	Victor Poon and Colin Lamb Steward: Sandra
Sunday 28 January	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Natalie
Sunday 4 February	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion Steward: Heather
Sunday 11 February	10.15 am	Karen Wormald Steward: Kate
Sunday 18 February	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Sandra
Sunday 25 February	10.15 am	Roger Latham Steward: Natalie

**The first notices for a new year – Happy and healthy new year wishes to everyone!**

### BIBLE READING FOR SUNDAY

Jermiah Chapter 31 verses 31-34

Hebrews Chapter 9 verses 13-15

# CIRCUIT MAGAZINE



Circuit Link  
Winter-Spring 2024.pr

The Circuit Magazine has been revived and you can get an electronic copy by clicking on the link above. If you prefer a paper copy please see one of the Stewards.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CIRCUIT SERVICE OFFERING

The offering for "All we Can" at the Circuit Service on 31 December raised £175.80

## VILLAGE NEWS

As most of you know the Parish Council is hoping to purchase Barbara and Don's house to turn it into the new home of Barrow upon Soar Parish Council. There will be two consultation events in January -

Saturday 6th January 10am - 12pm The Parish Council Office 12 High Street

Thursday 11th January 6pm - 8pm Barrow upon Soar Community Library North Street

So if you want to know what they are planning and perhaps have your say why not go along to one of these and find out more?

## NEWS FROM REV JONATHAN GICHAARA

Tilly and Peter have received news from Rev Jonathan and Elizabeth Gichaara.

Jonathan and Elizabeth are now proud grandparents of Maisha born in January 2023 to Israel and Karishma – Maisha's christening was at Thorne Methodist Church and was a memorable occasion. In June the family visited Crete for a family holiday. The younger members of the family are now spread with Neene and Sam working in Nottingham, Mo has been working in Qatar and Turkmenistan.

Jonathan and Elizabeth's charity work with Kianjai Kenya continues to thrive and to demand more of the financial resources and the prayers of God's people. Currently the work is supporting 8 special units of children living with disability providing porridge and a hot meal every day. Mituntu Vocational Training Centre is being provided with grade cattle for zero grazing, pigs and chickens as well as developing permaculture farming. Elizabeth will be returning in February to Kenya along with friends of the charity. And finally, God willing, the plan is for Jonathan to retire at the end of August 2024 after more than 40 years of "travel".

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, open the eyes of our hearts to recognise your presence in the seemingly hopeless circumstances of life. Help us not to give up hope in the treasures of love, integrity and justice even when the news is dismal; when our institutions seem powerless against the forces of indifference and destruction, when people seem incapable of doing or even imagining goodness. Deep in the darkness of the soil, O Lord, you are feeding the shoots of a new community of hope. Amongst unseen communities, you are inspiring men, women and children to dream of, and make real, a new world that is courageous, gentle and just. Help us to value your way of being that brings true richness to life – the way of Jesus Christ.

Novette Headley, District Chair, Birmingham District

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- Collegium Maius, Jagiellonian University's oldest building
- The Old Bazaar and Temple Synagogues
- Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory
- Eagle Pharmacy and Ghetto Heroes Square
- Site of the former Plaszow Concentration Camp
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