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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 17 March	10.15 am	Circuit Service at Quorn
Monday 18 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 19 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 20 March	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 2.30 pm 3.15 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cuppa and Chatta Fun@church Ladies Circle
Thursday 21 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup BATS
Friday 22 March	8.45 – 4.00 pm 12.30 pm	Playgroup break up Lent lunches served at Holy Trinity Rooms Proceeds in aid of BACA
Saturday 23 March	10.00 am – 2.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Tabletop Sale – please see separate notice Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 Steward: Heather Coffee:
Sunday 14 April	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Steward: Kate Coffee:
Sunday 21 April	10.15 am	Rev Martin Swan Steward: Sandra Coffee:
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 Steward: Heather Coffee: Bill and Nancy



**Please come along and support our Tabletop sale next Saturday – light refreshments on sale.
Jams and pickles on sale - Any queries see Natalie or Janet**

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Could Group Leaders please submit their annual reports by next Sunday 24th March please. If anyone else has an article that they would like included please let me know this week. Many thanks to those who have already submitted their reports! Janet

CUPPA AND CHATTA

Wednesday 20 March is **Cuppa and Chatta day** between 2.30 & 4.00. in the front coffee bar of the Methodist Church as usual.....We hope to see you there with a friend or on your own ready to meet with old and or new ones. If you have any queries please give us a ring on 01509 413524. Looking forward to seeing you - Sue and Adrian

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord, you are always working even though we might not see it, in difficult times of suffering and pain, walking next to us. You are the light in the darkest of times; the hope when all is lost and the strength when we fall. Help us to trust in your plan and see your treasures in those around us. Amen.

Amen.

Ealish Ayres, 3Gen, Isle of Man