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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 28 April	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion Followed by our Annual Meeting and Church Council Meeting Steward: Heather Coffee: Bill and Nancy
Monday 29 April	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 - 9.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Guides Sharing Scripture
Tuesday 30 April	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 1 May	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Ladies Circle
Thursday 2 May	6.00 am – 10.30 pm 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm	Election for Leicestershire Police & Crime Commissioner Playgroup BATS
Friday 3 May	8.45 am – 4.00 pm	Playgroup
Saturday 4 May	10.00 – 11.00 am 2.00 – 3.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Minimarket Motion Dance Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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
Sunday 5 May	10.15 am	John Pipet Steward: New Steward + helper Coffee:
Sunday 12 May	10.00 am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Baptist Church
Sunday 19 May	10.15 am	Roger Latham Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 26 May	10.45 am	Circuit Service at Trinity

On Sunday morning we welcome friends from East Leake, Sileby and Wymeswold who join for morning worship with Rev Sandra Marshall
Following refreshments we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and Church Council and everyone is welcome!

BIBLE READING FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

John Chapter 15 VERSES 1-8

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report is now ready for you to collect if you haven't yet received yours then please let me know – there are some on the table in the Welcome Coffee Bar.

MESSAGE FROM REV SANDRA

Dear All,

As you will now be aware I shall be on Sabbatical from May 1st to July 31st 2024.

Sabbaticals are a great gift to Ministers to allow time for reflection, study and for re-charging batteries. Ministers choose to do all manner of things in this time from retreats, academic study, travel, learning new hobbies to just having breathing space and to be able to have time for family and friends.

I shall be spending time in Rome on a pilgrimage and also have some time away with friends. I will be doing some reading around spirituality and worship in the hospice setting and will be trying to catch up with some of my much neglected friends. In between I shall be at home cat sitting!

There will be a message on my answer phone with the number for Josephine on it. Josephine has kindly agreed to field calls and will ensure that all enquiries go to the right people. Please do resist the temptation to ring me as I may well not be here! Emails will receive an automatic reply. Any emails that are received will be deleted when I return so, if your email requires a response, please send it again after July 31st. If you meet me out and about do come and say, "hello".

Thank you for this gift - please continue to pray for me as I pray for you too. God Bless, Sandra

CROCHET AND CRAFT – CAN YOU HELP?

Could anyone help by knitting or crocheting some items for ready for Barrow upon Soar Show in September? We need carrots, tomatoes, beetroot, runner beans, peas etc to decorate the bollards. Want to know more then please have a word with Tilly. TIA Thanks in anticipation!!

Cuppa and Chatta

We will meet again on Wednesday 15 May and continue through the *summer*, when it arrives, on 19 June. 17 July and 21 August.....



We look forward to all these meetings and then into the autumn and would like to remind you that there is an open invitation to anyone who might like to join us. Please share this message with your friends and family, especially those living alone, or give me their name and I will contact them.

Come and join us for the whole time or drop in for a drink and goodies while you're out shopping..... come to meet friends and strangers for a good chat

We will be in the front lounge at the Methodist church on the above dates between 2.30 and 4.30 pm . If you would like to know more please call Sue and Adrian 01509 413524

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week starts on Sunday 12th May. Once again we are helping with the delivery of envelopes round the village. If you are able to help with this please see Heather on Sunday and she will let you know what streets are available.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for those treasures we have from you – the gifts of different resources, wisdom, understanding and compassion. Encourage us to be willing to share those gifts and not to hide them away. As we journey through this connexional year help us to be truly present in the light and dark of our own lives so that we can encounter your presence with us. Through our personal experiences and discipleship may we also be willing to share the light and darkness of those we are called to serve in our different communities. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen

Andrew de Ville, District Chair, Southampton

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 PROGRAMME

Day	Venue	Meeting	Time	Led by
Sunday 12 May	Baptist Church	Churches Together service	10.00 am	Neil Jones and Rev Clive Watts
Monday 13 May	Holy Trinity Church	Prayers	9.30 am	Catholic friends
Tuesday 14 May	Barrow Baptist Church	Prayers	10.30 am	Baptist friends
Wednesday 15 May	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise	10.00 am	Anglican friends
Wednesday 15 May	Zoom (link below)	Prayers	8.00 pm	Baptists
Thursday 16 May	Methodist Church	Prayers	9.30 am	Methodist friends
Friday 17 May	Holy Trinity	Prayers	6.00 pm	Anglican friends

ZOOM DETAILS: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579712475?pwd=aWNmNlVlajJkZHN0ankxeHY4bGRQUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 7971 2475

Passcode: q8vWZ5

When you are too lazy to pull up weeds!!



INVITATION TO GO AND SEE

'Threads through Creation' is an extraordinary, uplifting textile art exhibition at Lichfield Cathedral, on show from 17th April to 2nd June as part of a nationwide tour of 21 cathedrals and great churches.

Yes, it's a bit of a journey for some, but it's right up their street for many church members! In fact we're finding that many people are travelling a surprisingly long way for it – because it's a rare chance now to see the spectacular show.

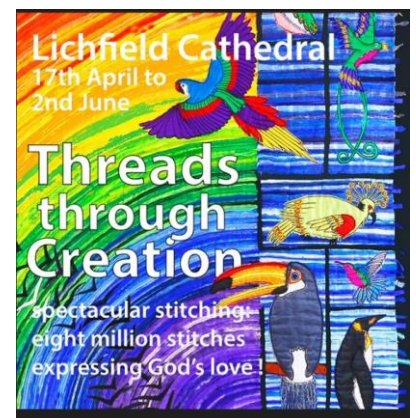
Bringing new colour to Genesis

It consists of twelve beautiful silk panels re-imagining the story of creation from Genesis. You've read it in black and white – now see it in amazing colour! The panels are huge (nearly 3m high) and truly breathtaking.

It took Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches!

(Some members may remember Jacqui in a former life, when she was Jacqui Frost, married to the late Revd Rob Frost.)

Sharing and outreach



We have had some lovely feedback from Methodist churches around the country. It's a great opportunity for sharing – bring along some non-Christians, and there'll be some interesting conversations! Some churches have organised very enjoyable group trips. Everyone comes out buzzing ...

See www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Admission free, donations welcome

More photos at www.creation-threads.co.uk

