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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time – Playgroup on summer holidays

Sunday 14 July	10.30 am	At Mountsorrel Methodist Church
Monday 15 July	7.30 pm	Sharing Scripture
Tuesday 16 July	4.30 – 7.30 pm	Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 17 July	2.30 pm	Cuppa and Chatta
Thursday 18 July	6.30 – 9.30 pm	BATS
Friday 19 July		
Saturday 20 July	2.00 pm 6.00 – 7.15 pm	Crochet and Craft Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 July	10.15 am	Songs of Praise Steward: Janet/Natalie Coffee: Nancy and Bill
Sunday 28 July	10.15 am	John Pipet Steward: Soo/Heather Coffee: Janet
Sunday 4 August	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham Steward: Philip Coffee: Adrian and Sue
Sunday 11 August	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Holy Communion Steward: Tilly/Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 18 August	10.15 am	Eleri Bristow Steward: Simon/Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 25 August	10.15 am	Wilhelmina Tan/Liz Newton Steward: Natalie Coffee:

Please see below letter from Rev Sandra

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to write this message.

There is no easy way to let you know that I have come to the decision that I am seeking to “Sit Down” next year ie in the Summer of 2025. For those of you who didn't know (and this isn't a strap line on a mug but really is true) Ministers do not retire but sit down.

I have experienced some health issues and feel that to be fair to my churches, colleagues and to the wider Circuit, I need to allow myself not to limp on in ministry nor fizzle out but to make the difficult decision to sit down and thus allow time for plans to be made, for the Circuit to consider what work is to be done and who can best do that work. Hopefully, making this decision now, it means that all options will be open to the Circuit including going into stationing to look for a new minister. Or indeed to follow God's plan whatever that might be!

I am truly very sorry to be writing this and have wrestled long and hard with making this decision. I value the love and care I have experienced among you, your willingness to be open to new ideas and to revisit old ideas. I value your prayers, and I am humbled in being allowed to care for you and pray for you too. My prayers, love and care for you all will continue. I will continue to work with you to seek God in our midst and to make God known to our communities too.

With warmest love and care,

God bless, Sandra

MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024

During morning worship on Sunday 21 July there will a short time included for the dedication of the Action for Children collecting boxes. Envelopes will be available for donations on the day. If you still have an Action for Children box that you would like emptying please let Sue have it as soon as possible. Thank you." Any queries please see Sue Speight.

CIRCUIT SERVICE COLLECTION SUNDAY 7 JULY

The collection amounted to £270.00 and after GASDS is added the total of £337.50 will be forward to the Methodist Charity - "ALL WE CAN".

CIRCUIT LINK SUMMER ISSUE

The Summer issue of the Circuit Link is now available and we have a few paper copies on the table in the Welcome Coffee Bar, You can read this by clicking below:



Circuit Link Summer -
Autumn 2024.pdf

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

When darkness fills our horizons, help us to remember what Jesus taught about the hidden treasures of God's love – how a traveller to Jericho, left beaten unconscious by the roadside, was unexpectedly rescued by a marginalised stranger; how a son who had ruined his life was welcomed home through a parent's unconditional love; and how a sheep, lost on a lonely hillside, was brought to safety by the faithful care of the shepherd. So may we, whatever our needs, find help and support – sometimes where we least expect – and when human resources fail, discover the riches of God's grace and the depth of his love, holding us safe forever.
Amen.

Rachel Larkinson, supernumerary presbyter, Kennet and Test Valley Circuit