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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 7 JULY 2024

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

| Sunday 7 July | 10.30 am | At Mountsorrel Methodist Church |
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| Monday 8 July | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.30 pm | Playgroup Guides Sharing Scripture |
| Tuesday 9 July | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 – 7.30 pm | Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School |
| Wednesday 10 July | 8.45 am – 1.00 pm | Playgroup |
| Thursday 11 July | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 – 9.30 pm | Playgroup BATS |
| Friday 12 July | 8.45 am – 4.00 pm | Playgroup break up |
| Saturday 13 July | 6.00 – 7.15 pm | Karate |

SUNDAY WORSHIP

| Sunday 14 July | 10.45 am | At Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough |
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| 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: |

Your prayers are asked this week for the family and friends of Graham Bell who passed away on Thursday. Graham was a loyal member of the Men's Supper Group and Cuppa and Chatta and will be missed by all.

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. Any queries please see Sue Speight.

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dear Lord, Thank you for being there when we are down. We thank you for being the light that guides us through our darkest times. You are the sun that shines down on us every day. You are a star that leads us in the darkness. Amen.

Chloe, Year 6, Radcliffe Hall CE/Methodist Primary School

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