INDUCTION LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH CRECHE

LOOP is Sundays, 1st and 8th October 2017 facilities

Operating available

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 1st October

11.00 a.m. Pat Rowley.

No Evening Service

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 8th OCTOBER

11.00 a.m. Rev Cleopas Sibanda – Holy Communion

No Evening Service

Everyone is invited to stay after each morning service for coffee/tea and biscuits in the foyer.

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FLOWERS The flowers in church this Sunday, 1st October, are in commemoration of John Ward's birthday, husband of Agnes.

The flowers in church on Sunday, 8th October, are in memory of Vera Spencer-Greywoode, mother of Sefena Olatunbosun.

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Good morning and welcome to Longbridge Methodist Church. Last week, we celebrated harvest and thank you for being part of such a wonderful and Spirit lifting event. This coming week is Prisons Sunday, which marks the beginning of Prisons Week. I therefore encourage you as church to focus your thoughts and prayers upon prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those working for the well-being of prisoners and their families. We also need to embrace those who have served their terms in prison, back into the society. We also need to pray for them as they start on a new page in life. Matthew 25: 31-45 is our text of the week especially verse 43 which says, "For I was a stranger and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked and you did not give me clothing. I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

May God bless you throughout this coming fortnight.

Rev. Cleopas Sibanda

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BEN Copies of the September 2017 to January 2018 Birmingham Ecumenical News are available for borrowing from the table in the foyer.

YOUTH CAKES SALE (AND MILKSHAKES!): Thank you to everyone who supported our sale on 24th September, to raise funds for the youth to attend the 3Generate weekend. We made proceeds of £155 (our target being £150), so,thank you very much.

THURSDAY, 5th OCTOBER: 7.30 p.m. House Group meets at Elisabeth and Philip's home. Continuing our Discipleship Study: 'The Adventure begins – our calling' led by Anthony.

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Lickey Hills Art Exhibition in our Church Hall.

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL Please hand any unwanted gifts to Janet Sly for the next JMA Sale. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE B30 FOOD-BANK During the week ending 23rd September, 2017 the food-bank received 769 kg of food, and gave out 914 kg of food – feeding 126 people, 69 adults and 57 children on 49 vouchers.

We are running short of custard, sugar, tinned fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, jam, whole milk, tinned carrots, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, rice pudding and smash.

This Sunday 1st October, at 6.30 p.m. at The Cotteridge Church, there will be the Annual Dedication Service - entitled Speaking Out - B30 Food-bank - the last 12 months including clients’ stories, food for thought -

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food poverty, austerity Britain and dedication. Thank you for your continuous support. Your donations make life bearable for lots of families in Birmingham. God bless you.

PS - Please DO NOT donate tinned or packet foods that have already passed their best before/use by dates or dates that are about to expire within three (3) months; also please DO NOT donate packaged food that has already been opened. Thank you.

OFFERINGS – SEPTEMBER 2017

3rd – £722.78 17th – £760.27

10th – £451.46 24th – £798.71

The average for the first month of this year was £683.31.

Benevolent Fund The amount given was £9.00

South Asia Flood Appeal We have sent £287.19. Thank you for your support.

MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2.30 p.m.: Church & Community Group meeting.

TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER: 11.30 a.m. The Bible Study Group· will meet in the chapel for an hour.

TUESDAY, 10th OCTOBER: 7.30 p.m. Pastoral Committee meeting.

REFLECTIONS HOUSE GROUP will be meeting at Janet & Simon's home on Wednesday, 11th October - Simon to lead. All welcome.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 6.00 p.m. Sunday, 29th October Forms are available from the trolley for you to fill in with the names you would like read out at the Memorial Service. Please place completed forms in the box provided, which is also on the trolley.

MEMORIAL BOOK: Forms for names to be entered into the Memorial Book (which is kept in the Chapel, the page being turned each day) are available from Elisabeth Osborn. If you wish to know more about the Memorial Book, please speak to Elisabeth. The book will be updated in November.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER

11.00 a.m. Rev. Donald Sampson.

No Evening Service.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER & SUNDAY, 22nd OCTOBER) SHOULD BE HANDED TO ELISABETH OSBORN BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 11th OCTOBER.