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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  Sundays, 2nd and 9th May 2021 | CRÈCHE facilities are suspended until further notice |

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 2nd May 2021

11.00 a.m. Blayze White

No Evening Service.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 9th May 2021

11.00 a.m. Rev. Cleopas Sibanda - Holy Communion

No Evening Service

For those who are unable to come to church, you can join on Zoom, details as follows:

<https://us4web.zoom.us/j/8261176070>

Meeting id: 8261176070 Passcode: 1654

Telephone access: 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240.

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**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

We continue to observe the Covid-19 protocols i.e. wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitizer (provided) and social distancing. Please follow the instructions of the Stewards and observe the one-way system for movement through the church.

We now have a small choir to sing the hymns. Please restrain yourself from singing along with them.

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FLOWERS The flowers on Sunday 2nd May are to commemorate Simon Walsh's birthday.

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

I am sure you are all enjoying the warmth and the beautiful flowers that are common every Spring. The trees that had lost their leaves are now blooming with flowers and greens all over. You may feel like you are losing everything but the many trees around you should teach you that better days are coming.

I want to thank Elizabeth Osborn who has been doing our pew leaflet for up to 50 years. What a legacy. We value her contribution for all these years. I ask that God bless her and family. Thank you/Siyabonga/tinotenda. We welcome Remi who is taking over from Elizabeth and we promise to support him all the time.

Our hybrid services are going on well. We thank God for those who are able to come to church and also thank the Lord for enabling us to connect virtually with our members who are not able to join us for communal worship due to a number of reasons. My key word this week is inclusion. We need to make sure that our church remains a place of Welcome to all and sundry. I am encouraged by Paul when he urges us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received. This includes being humble and gentle, being patient and bearing with one another in love. May you make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Since there is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one faith, one baptism and one God, I encourage you to be united always. (Ephesians 4:4)

As most of the places are now open for business, we pray for protection and observation of covid19 guidelines. May we remember our brothers and sisters in India and other parts of the world that are hard hit by the corona virus pandemic. We also pray for our brothers and sisters on the Caribbean Island of St. Vincent which was affected by a severe volcano which sent up clouds of ash 20,000 feet into the air, blanketing much of the Island in ash and causing water and electricity outages.

The circuit is inviting us to a virtual Global Pentecostal service on the 23rd of May 2021 at 6pm. More details will be availed soon.

***Hoping to see you at church or on Zoom every Sunday.***

In His Grip

Cleopas

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SUNDAY OFFERING Please place your offering in the plate provided at the exit as you leave after the service. Those who are able to may give their offering on line directly into the church account: Sort Code 403807, account no 51375369, Bank HSBC

BENEVOLENT FUND There is a plate at the exit on 9th May for donations to this fund.

OFFERING ENVELOPES Sets of offering envelopes, commencing 4th April, are available from Philip Osborn. We encourage everyone to have a set which keeps your giving regular and confidential.

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 16th MAY

11.00 a.m. Lynn Weaver

No Evening Service

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 16th and 23rd MAY) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 12th MAY.