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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | **LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH**  **SUNDAYS, 3 AND 10 DECEMBER 2023** | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2023**

11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2023**

11.00 a.m. Healing/Confirmation Service (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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**FLOWERS**

The flowers on 3rd Dec are in memory of Irene Price, mother of Wendy.

The flowers on 10th Dec are in memory of Irene Masie Freeman, mother of Val.

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**THE MINISTER'S LETTER**

*Welcome to LMC, a place of welcome. It is that time of the year when we prepare for the birth of Christ. The Methodist church has produced very good material for advent 2023. I have decided to pass the following information from the connexional office to you in preparation of our weekly Thursday Zoom advent course starting from the 7th of December 2023 at 7pm.*

“Out of our ordinary acts, in our ordinary lives, the world-transforming, extraordinary love of God can shine through.

It goes without saying that the Advent-Christmas season is a busy one for churches.

But it is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with people who don’t normally attend church and who might come to a service in this period. These resources are intended to help you engage with the Methodist Church’s Advent and Christmas campaign for 2023, *Out of the Ordinary*, and reach your local community at a key moment in the year.

The campaign for 2023 is *Out of the Ordinary*. Share how the wonder of God’s love is revealed in the ordinary…

* a seemingly ordinary birth becomes God’s out of the ordinary world-saving event through Jesus.
* every day, ordinary acts of kindness can breakthrough to the extraordinary.

We'll be directing people to [our campaign website page](https://www.methodist.org.uk/outoftheordinary/) (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/outoftheordinary/>) during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, where they'll be able to watch our Christmas film, sign up for daily Advent reflections and find their local Methodist Church.”

*Praying for all those who are not feeling well.*

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**SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER pm** – Syrian Church

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER am** – Breakfast with Santa

**SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER pm** – Zimbabwe Church event

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER @ 11.00 am –** Carol and Christingle Service

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER pm –** Syrian Church

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER @ 11.15 pm –** Midnight Communion Service

**MONDAY 25 DECEMBER @ 11.00 am** – Christmas Day Service

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**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Advent Liturgy begins - 3rd December.

Healing / confirmation Service – 10th December

Nativity Service - 17th December

Carol and Christingle Service - 24th December

Midnight service – Joint service with Northfield to be hosted by Longbridge – 11.15pm 24th December

Christmas Day – 25th December 11am

Covenant service – 14th January, 2024

**CONTINUED OVER**

**ZOOM FELLOWSHIP**

There will be three meetings for Advent on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 December at 7.00 pm. For joining details, please see over (same as for Sunday Worship).

**OFFERINGS**

The average for the first quarter of the year was £673 per week.

**LONGBRIDGE PENS**

Once again, our personalized Soft Touch Stylus pens are on sale in the Foyer. This year, due to demand, we have bought 200. First come gets their choice of colour. They make good presents for family or friends.

ONLY £1.50 each (which is the cost price).

**ALL WE CAN**

Donations at the recent collection were £1376. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Gifts received in memory of Barbara Walker were £685 including the remainder of the Wesley Guild funds.

**AN INVITATION**

Please come and join with other Christians in singing carols at Sainsbury’s, Longbridge. Please feel free to invite others to join us too.

**DATE: Wednesday 20th. December**

**TIME: 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

Further details from Ann Smith. Email [Nooey98@gmail.com](mailto:Nooey98@gmail.com) Tel nos 0121 445 1374 & 07946366326

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER** – 11.00 a.m. Nativity Service.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 17 AND 24 DECEMBER) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 13 DECEMBER.