|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  Sundays, 4th and 11th July 2021 | CRÈCHE facilities are suspended until further notice |

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 4th July 2021

11.00 a.m. Anne Day

No Evening Service.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 11th July 2021

11.00 a.m. Circuit Youth service led by the Connexion Youth President

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.

-------------------------------------------------------------------

**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.

---------------------------------------------------------------

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This Sunday is the first ever national thank you day. It was proposed by Emma who is an explorer scout and supported by Together Coalition. It is a day set aside to say thank you to the NHS staff and all the key workers and all those who have helped throughout this challenging year. It is also time to say thank you to Anne Day who has worked with us so well since she Joined us beginning of June, our Stewards and the leaders who have kept us well looked after and all our members for keeping our church going even under such difficult circumstances. Our church has been clean throughout and I want to say thank you to those who are looking after our property so well.

The church at its just ended conference voted in favour of the changes proposed in the marriage and relationship reports. I urge you all to work together and support one another during this transitional period. Our President and Vice President are encouraging us to respect our differences and never allow them to impair our communion with one another. This is cemented by their presidential theme: God’s table: An Invitation for All. So let us build a house where all are welcome.

The second Sunday of July is dedicated to Action for Children. Let us help make dreams of a safe and happy childhood come true by donating towards this worthy cause.

We are praying for all our members who are not feeling well. On Friday the 1st of July we celebrated the life of one of our most illustrious members of the church, Gloria Wilberforce. May her Soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

I urge you to continue following the covid19 guidelines provided by the government and the church.

All the blessings

Cleopas

Cleopas

-------------------------------------------------------------

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

MEMORIAL BOOK The memorial book cabinet is now situated by the chapel door in the foyer. The book was updated last November so if you would like to view an entry, please speak to Elisabeth Osborn.

(CONTINUED OVER)

SUNDAY 4 JULY Our Gift Day. Your gift towards the maintenance of our church building will be gratefully received. You can make a physical donation using the envelope attached to the letter from the Church Treasurer (cheques to: Longbridge Methodist Church) or electronically:

Sort code: 403807

Account: 51375369

Bank: HSBC

Name: Longbridge Methodist Church

WORKING PARTY Saturday 10 July at 10.00 am. We need your help to tackle the 30 small repair / decorating / gardening jobs around the church. If you could come for an hour or so it would be much appreciated.

COVID We are all hoping the lockdown will be further eased on 19 July. Subject to this, the Day Centre hopes to re-start soon after and other activities are in the pipeline.

St MODWEN’S DEVELOPMENT An outline planning application has been made for up to 395 homes and landscaping along the River Rea on the Longbridge West Works site almost opposite the church. Find out more at [www.regeneratinglongbridge.co.uk](http://www.regeneratinglongbridge.co.uk) or make comments on 0800 298 7040.

-------------------------------------------------------------------

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 18th JULY 11.00 a.m. Church Anniversary. Preacher – Rev Neil Johnson

No Evening Service

--------------------------------------------------------------------

ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 18 and 25 JULY) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 14 JULY.