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| INDUCTIONLOOP isoperating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCHSUNDAYS, 9 APRIL AND 16 APRIL 2023  | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL 2023**

11.00 a.m. Rev Alison Geary

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 16th APRIL 2023**

11.00 a.m. Rev Caroline Homan

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 in church on April 9 are are in memory of our dear friend Marion Barker who sadly died five years ago.

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**THE MINISTER'S LETTER**

We are number one! The greatest, strongest. prettiest…. Champions! Daily, such proclamations boldly assert claims of supremacy. Everyone wants to be associated with the winner. Losers are those who finish less than first. In direct contrast are the words of Jesus: “And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”. (Mark 10:44-45). Jesus is the greatest, God incarnate, our Messiah but he entered history as a servant.

Mark reveals Jesus not only by what he says but by what he did. As we come to the end of the Lent season, let us be ready for action, be open for God’s move in our lives and be challenged to move into the world to serve with love and compassion.

Musician Dan Holmes is going to be playing at our church on the 26th of April 2023 starting from 7pm and you are all invited.

If you wish to be a full member of the Methodist Church, please see Becky, Hazel, or any of the stewards.

We continue to pray for those who are not feeling well.

I will end with a prayer from Sarah Crosby, Methodist Preacher (1729–1804)

*Let our souls rejoice in your power, O God, and our hearts in your love. As our mouths are filled with your praise, may our lives testify to your grace. Amen!*

Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed.

Have a blessed month.

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**SUNDAY 9 APRIL @ 11.00 AM** – Easter Sunday Service (Holy Communion, all age worship)

**SUNDAY 9 APRIL @ 12.30 PM** – Easter for Everyone (in the Car Park). Games, Crafts, Music and Refreshments. Everyone is invited!!

**SATURDAY 22 APRIL @ 10.00 AM** – District Synod at Ledbury

**SUNDAY 14 MAY** – General Church Meeting

**SATURDAY 15 JULY** – Church Vision Day

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**DAN HOLMES CONCERT**

Gospel Music Star, Dan Holmes will be giving a concert at Longbridge Methodist Church on WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL @ 7.00 pm as part of his UK tour. A night of inspiring Gospel Music awaits you.

**THE MEMORIAL BOOK**, which is now kept in the Foyer, has recently been updated. If you wish to view an entry in it, please speak to Elisabeth Osborn.

**OFFERINGS MARCH 2023**

The average for the first seven months of the year was £653.93 per week, against our target of £672. Envelopes are available from Philip Osborn for use each week.

**BENEVOLENT FUND** – The amount given in March was £8.00.

**WORKING PARTIES**

We hold these from time to time to carry out minor repairs and keep our premises spick and span. We could do with more help! Can you spare an hour or so? Please see Anthony Atwell for more details.

Saturday 15 April from 10.00 am.

**MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS**

Everybody is invited to join us for the mid-week devotions every Thursday as we explore various aspects of our faith and worship God every Thursday at 7.00 pm for one hour only. The Zoom joining instructions are as follows:

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**WHATSAPP GROUP** – We have a Church WhatsApp Group for sharing news, prayers and matters relating to the church. If you would like to join the group please send a request to Remi on 07970147862.

**LADIES’ TUESDAY LUNCHEON GROUP** will meet on 11th April but not on 25th April. We meet at 12.30 until around 2.00 in the coffee pot. There are dinners which must be ordered, plus soup, sandwiches or toast. All ladies welcome.

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 23 APRIL**  11.00 a.m. Cassie Jennings

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 23 APRIL AND 30 APRIL) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 19 APRIL.