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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  Sundays, 10th and 17th February 2019 | CRÈCHE facilities available |

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY - RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

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

No Evening Service .

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 17th February

11.00 a.m. Rev. Anthony McClelland.

4. 00 p.m. Circuit Service at Dorridge Methodist Church. (Details below)

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 on Sunday, 10th February are in memory of George and May Cochrane, parents of Evelyn Jones.

The flowers in church on Sunday, 17th February are to celebrate Phil Bowden’s birthday.

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Welcome to Longbridge Methodist Church, a place of belonging, joy, happiness and abundant blessing. We meet after a wonderful service led by the Youth a fortnight ago.

The Methodist Church has set aside every second Sunday in February as Racial Justice Sunday. We believe that the universe was created by a loving God who chose to become a human being in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to have one another with God's love. All human beings are equally children of God and loved by God. Since none is outside the love of God, none should be outside our love either.

We believe that the diversity of the human race was no mistake on God's part. God deliberately created variety within the human family and wants us to take as much delight in that variety as God does.

We should all be inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, U.N. 1948, which says all human beings are born free and equal in their dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, sex, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

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BENEVOLENT FUND There is a plate at the back of the church this morning (10th Feb.) for donations to this fund.

TODAY (Sunday, 10th Feb.) Some of the books from our lending library will be display in the foyer during coffee time after worship. Do have a look.

TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY - 11.30 a.m. The Bible Study Group will meet in the chapel for an hour. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 7.30 p.m. House Group to meet at Bright & Betty Obeng's home. Study to be led by Lenroy Ryner.

CIRCUIT SERVICE Sunday, 17th February at 4.00 p.m. at Dorridge. Welcome of our ex-Longbridge minister, Nick Jones, as a Circuit Superintendent and commissioning of local preachers and a lay worker. Everyone welcome

SUNDAY MORNINGS Prayers are held in the Chapel before worship from 10.30 am - 10.50 am. All are welcome.

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CONFIRMATION/MEMBERSHIP Will anyone who would like to be confirmed/made a member of the Methodist Church, please speak to Rev. Cleopas Sibanda or Paul Gasteen. The membership classes will be held during the next couple of months and the Confirmation Service will be on Easter Day, Sunday, 21st April, 2019.

Also, anyone who has already been confirmed at a church of another denomination can be transferred into membership of the Methodist Church. Please see Cleopas or Paul if interested in being transferred, which may not necessitate attending classes.

DISHWASHER A replacement dishwasher has now been installed. If you should need to use it, please see Cavell first.

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2.00 p.m. The Book Club will meet in the Garner Room to discuss the book entitled "The epic journey and adventures of William and Klara Churchmouse” by Simon (Jack Walsh). All welcome

MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 7.30 p.m. CTB45 Peace Prayer Group to meet at St Chad’s Church, Rubery. All welcome.

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY 7.30 p.m. Resources Group meeting.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday, 1st March. The local service will be held at 2.00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Edgewood Road. All welcome.

The service has been prepared by Christian women of Slovenia - theme "Come - everything is ready".

REV. CHRIS HUGHES SMITH Sadly, Chris died a week ago. There is to be a Memorial Service to give thanks for, and celebrate the life of Chris, at Selly Oak Methodist Church on Saturday, 2nd March, 2019 at 2.00 p.m. to which everyone is welcome. Chris was the minister at Selly Oak Methodist Church many years ago and then became President of Conference 1985-86.

"RE-IMAGINE CHURCH" DAY - Saturday, 9th March at Carrs Lane Church from 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. with top speakers including Rev. John Bell. Conversations around leadership, mission and church growth.

See Remi Olatunbosun if interested.

OFFERINGS - January 2019

6th - £713.73 20th - £550.94

13th - £678.64 27th - £703.69

The average for the first 5 months of the year was £630.29 against our budget of £680 per week.

Benevolent Fund The amount given in January was £15.00.

The Project thanks the church for the sum of £269.19 raised at the Christmas Community Choir concert and £65.00 donated in memory of Dorothy Round.

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY

11.00 a.m. Rev. Dr. John Dean

6.00 p.m. Rev. Cleopas Sibanda - Holy Communion.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 24th FEBRUARY and 3rd MARCH) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ELISABETH OSBORN BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 20th FEBRUARY.