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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  SUNDAYS, 12 AND 19 MARCH 2023 | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 2023**

11.00 a.m. Rev Cleopas Sibanda

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 19TH MARCH 2023**

11.00 a.m. Annette Sampson

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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**THE MINISTER'S LETTER**

Lenten greetings and a big welcome to you.

I am sure you have enjoyed the change of weather coupled with snow. In all this, I see the power of God over nature.

As we journey through Lent, I want to remind you that “from dust you came and to dust you shall return”. May we offer ourselves to God and ask Him to cleanse us from sin. Our Maundy Thursday service will be at 7.30 pm here at the church and our Good Friday Service will be held jointly with Northfield Methodist Church at our church. May we invite our friends and family to these significant services in our journey of faith.

May God of our mothers and fathers be with you during this year’s mothering Sunday which is on the 19th of March 2023. It is that time of the year when we thank those who have mothered and cared for us from birth up to this juncture. They deserve a thank you .

We continue to pray for all those who are not feeling well and ask God to be with them always.

Do want to be a full member of the church? If yes, please see Becky. Hazel or any of our stewards.

Wishing you a blessed week

Cleopas

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**SUNDAYS 12 & 19 MARCH @ 12.30 – 2.30 PM** – Warm Space in the Foyer

**TUESDAY 14 MARCH @ 7.00 PM** – Worship and Nurture Group

**SATURDAY 18 MARCH @ 10.00 AM** – Working Party

**SUNDAY 19TH MARCH** – Sale of novelty crafted Easter eggs at £2.50 each. Cash only, so please come prepared if you would like to purchase.

**TUESDAY 21 MARCH @ 7.00 PM** – Church Council

**FRIDAY 24 MARCH @ 7.30 PM** – Working Party: setting up tables for Circuit Meeting lunch.

**SATURDAY 25 MARCH @ 10.00 AM** – Circuit Meeting. This is the first time we have had a full Birmingham Circuit meeting at our church involving 80 plus representatives. We need help with serving tea/coffee etc. from 9.00-10.00 am and 12.00-1.30 pm. If you can help, please see Hazel Atwell.

**TUESDAY 14 MARCH @ 7.30 PM** – Worship and Nurture Group

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**DAN HOLMES CONCERT**

This is an advance notice that Gospel Music Star, Dan Holmes will be giving a concert at Longbridge Methodist Church on WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL @ 19.30 as part of his UK tour. A night of inspiring Gospel Music awaits you.

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**COLLECTION FOR TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE** – Any further donations should be given to Philip Osborn today (12th March)

**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 18 March from 10.00 am

Friday 24 March, 7.30 pm – setting up tables for Circuit meeting lunch.

**MEMORIAL BOOK**

This is now kept in the foyer, near to the chapel door. It is to be updated soon, so please see Elisabeth Osborn by Sunday 26th March if you would like a name put in the book.

**MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON THURSDAY EVENINGS**

The mid-week devotions on Zoom have re-started after a long break. Everybody is invited to join 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** – There will be no meeting on 14th March. The next lunch is on 28th March. All ladies welcome.

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**OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 2023**

The average for the first half of the year was £656.46 per week, well below our target of £672. We need your help to get us back on track. You can give by using a set of weekly envelopes; these are now available to start in April. Full details from Philip Osborn.

**BENEVOLENT FUND** – The amount given in February was £10.00.

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 26 MARCH**  11.00 a.m. Cassie Jennings

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 26 MARCH AND 2 APRIL) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 22 MARCH.