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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  SUNDAYS, 12 and 19 SEPTEMBER 2021 | CRÈCHE facilities are suspended until further notice |

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2021

11.00 a.m. (Holy Communion) Rev Cleopas Sibanda

No Evening Service.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

11.00 a.m. Lynn Weaver

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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**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

The government has lifted all legal restrictions on COVID-19 protocols. However, we ask our congregation to continue to observe some of the Covid-19 protocols i.e. wearing of face covering, use of hand sanitizer (provided) and social distancing, although we have now reduced the social distancing to 1.0 meter plus. Please follow the instructions of the Stewards. We have also resumed community singing but we request that you keep your face covering on while singing.

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THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Greetings and a warm welcome to LMC.

A happy new connexional year to you all. It is my hope and prayer that this new year will be loaded with happiness, success, prosperity and an increased zeal for mission and evangelism. We continue to pray for our children and teachers as they begin a new year especially after some disturbances caused by the covid19 pandemic. The Methodist Church family set aside the second Sunday in September as a day to celebrate EDUCATION and this coincides with the start of the school year in England and Wales. I want to thank all those who help our children to learn and grow. As we celebrate our education, let us be reminded that they are a lot of children whose parents and guardians cannot afford to send them to school.

May God be with all our schools, colleges and universities. We bring our learners, teachers and supporters unto God. We also bring those whose education has been distracted by natural disasters, political situations and disease.

I challenge you to do something towards helping someone realise his or her educational dream.

Cleopas

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: 12.12 for 12.30 - LADIES TUESDAY LUNCHEON GROUP resume meeting in the Coffee Pot for lunch on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12.15 for 12.30. All ladies welcome.

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 7.00 pm – Circuit Assembly meet on Zoom

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 7.30 pm – Resources Group meet at church

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 11.00 am – ANNUAL HARVEST CELEBRATION

We would appreciate donation of tins and packets of all kinds of food for harvest. The donations will go to the Food Bank in Cotteridge.

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BROCHURES There will not be a new brochure this year due to COVID uncertainty but if anyone is enquiring as to what normally goes on at the church, there are old brochures in Reception to give them an idea.

PHOTOCOPIER We are expecting delivery of our new photocopier on Tuesday 14th September. If you wish to use it please speak to Philip or Remi.

OFFERINGS The total for the year to August 31st 2021 was £32,445, which is 5% lower than the pre-COVID level. At the same time our Assessment payment to the Circuit is going up a further £1000 from September 1st. So if you can increase your giving we would be most grateful. There is the choice of having a set of envelopes, making a monthly standing order, a regular payment by bank transfer, or cash.

The church account: Sort Code is 403807, account no 51375369, Bank HSBC. Thank you.

GIFT DAY The final total from the July gift day was £2850, the highest ever!

MISSION INCOME 2020/21

World Mission Fund - £2994

Mission in Britain Fund - £592, of which the JMA total was £409.

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RE-OPENING We continue cautiously to re-open some of our activities. The Day Centre has re-opened as well as a number of other user groups. We are working with other user groups to re-start their activities in a safe manner.

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER 11.00 a.m. Harvest Celebration led by Rev Phil Hoar.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 26 SEPTEMBER AND 3 OCTOBER) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurc.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 29 SEPTEMBER.