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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | **LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH**  **SUNDAYS, 17 AND 24 DECEMBER 2023** | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 17TH DECEMBER 2023**

11.00 a.m. Nativity Service

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 24TH DECEMBER 2023**

11.00 a.m. Carols and Christingle Service

11.15 p.m. Midnight Communion Service with Northfield (hosted by Longbridge)

For those who are unable to come to church, you can join on Zoom, details as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/8261176070?pwd=WHh2WlRPaWpvK2JHaWc5dUFJMkhyQT09&omn=92257119284>

Meeting id: 8261176070 Passcode: 1654

Telephone access: 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240.

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**FLOWERS**

The flowers on December 17th are in memory of Gladys Walsh, mother of Simon.

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**THE MINISTER'S LETTER**

Greetings and welcome to LMC, a place of welcome!

As we prepare for the extra ordinary coming out of the ordinary, I have decided to give you our connexional material on changing your mind.

Background notes

John the Baptist called the people out of their ordinary places into the wilderness for transformation. He preached ‘metanoia’ – literally changing the mind. New encounters and experiences cause us to rethink. Our brains literally re-wire themselves when we learn new things.

Questions for discussion

• Can you remember a time when you learned something; what did the process feel like?

• Jesus challenged people to change their minds. Do you find change easy or hard?

• What does ‘being Christlike’ mean to you?

Prayer ideas

• Offer a time of quiet reflection and invite the Holy Spirit to work in us.

• Offer yourself for change.

The good news to get across

We are daily presented with new opportunities to change, rethink and grow to become more Christlike. Don’t be stubborn and stuck.

Find out more/follow up with one of the church leaders.

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**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER @ 11.00 am –** Carol and Christingle Service

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER pm –** Syrian Church

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER @ 11.15 pm –** Midnight Communion Service

**MONDAY 25 DECEMBER @ 11.00 am** – Christmas Day Service

**SATURDAY 30 DECEMBER** – Syrian Church Children’s Event

**SUNDAY 14 JANUARY @11.00 am** – Covenant Service (Holy Communion)

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**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Nativity Service - 17th December

Carol and Christingle Service - 24th December

Midnight service – Joint service with Northfield to be hosted by Longbridge – 11.15pm 24th December.

Christmas Day – 25th December 11am

Covenant service – 14th January 2024

**CONTINUED OVER**

**ZOOM FELLOWSHIP**

The third session of our Advent Course is on Thursday 21 December at 7.00 pm. For joining details, please see over (same as for Sunday Worship).

**LONGBRIDGE PENS**

Once again, our personalized Soft Touch Stylus pens are on sale in the Foyer. This year, due to demand, we have bought 200. First come gets their choice of colour. They make good presents for family or friends.

ONLY £1.50 each (which is the cost price).

**AN INVITATION**

Please come and join with other Christians in singing carols at Sainsbury’s, Longbridge. Please feel free to invite others to join us too.

**DATE: Wednesday 20th. December**

**TIME: 5.00pm to 6.00pm**

Further details from Ann Smith. Email [Nooey98@gmail.com](mailto:Nooey98@gmail.com) Tel nos 0121 445 1374 & 07946366326

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER** – 11.00 a.m. Nativity Service.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 7 AND 14 JANUARY) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO [info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org](mailto:info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org) BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3 JANUARY.