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| INDUCTIONLOOP isoperating | **LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH****SUNDAYS, 25 FEBRUARY & 3 MARCH 2024**  | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2024**

11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 3RDMARCH 2024**

11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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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**THE MINISTER'S LETTER**

Lenten greetings and a big welcome to LMC. I am delighted that the World Day of Prayer is going to be held here on the 1st of March 2024. Let us all come and pray together with our ecumenical brothers and sisters.
This year’s theme is from *Ephesians 4: 1 – 6. “I beg you, bear with one another in love.”* The service was written by a group of Palestinian Christian women before the current conflict and deals with their own personal experiences. Their hope was to encourage and inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in troubled times.

I have decided to share with you the prayers that will be used on the day.

*Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you today to thank You for all volunteers and everyone involved with World Day of Prayer, each driven by a desire to bring peace.*

*We seek your guidance and wisdom over everybody. Bless them with patience and understanding during challenging moments. As they assist and support our organisation, may your gentle presence guide their actions.*

*May your light shine through their words as they continue serving You Father. We Pray This Trusting and Believing in You. Amen
by Magda*

“…Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me…” *Matthew 25:40*

**Prayer for Peace**
Dear Lord Jesus
Today we pray for the women of Palestine whose ancestors walked with you in the desert, shared bread and fish with you on the hillside, waved palms for your entry into Jerusalem and touched the hem of your cloak to receive healing.

Palestinian women today face many difficulties which curtail their freedoms as human beings and make living often dangerous and fearful.

We pray for peace
peace between beliefs,
peace between heritages,
peace between political affiliations and peace between nations.

You have the power to open the eyes of those in authority and make them see that bombs and bullets only bring destruction and never harmony.

In the country of your birth, boyhood, ministry and death many are calling out for your intervention, to bring your peace into their troubled lives and make all things new. Amen
by Maureen Colbert
*Together in Prayer, 2024*

On a sad note, Agnes Ward died peacefully on the 15th of February 2024. May we remember Agnes’ family during this difficult time.

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**SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY @ 12.30 – 2.30 pm –** Warm Space in the Lounge.

**TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY @ 7.30 pm –** Resources Group.

**FRIDAY 1 MARCH @ 2.00 to 3.00 pm** – World Day of Prayer at Longbridge Methodist Church. This is a service for the local churches. We are hosting this year. Cakes needed please and lots of support. All welcome. See Hazel for more details

**SUNDAY 3 MARCH @ 12.30 – 2.30 pm –** Warm Space in the Lounge

**SUNDAY 10 MARCH @ 12.30 – 2.30 pm –** Warm Space in the Lounge

**TUESDAY 12 MARCH @ 7.00 pm** – Worship and Nurture Group

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**OTHER LETTINGS**

**SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY pm** – Syrian Church

**THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY @ 9.30 am** – Circuit Staff Meeting. If you can help serve tea/coffee at 9.30 am please tell the Stewards.

**SATURDAY 9 MARCH (ALL DAY)** – Circuit “Own Arrangement Services” course

**SUNDAY 10 MARCH pm** – Syrian Church

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**LENT GROUP**

This meets at church on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 3.30 pm until 27th March, following the theme “Unbounded Love”.

**ZOOM FELLOWSHIP**

This meets on line or telephone at 7.00 pm each Thursday during Lent following the Lent Group theme. To join please see under Sunday Worship.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

The meeting planned for Tuesday 19th March has been moved to Tuesday 23rd April.

**AGNES WARD**

Agnes passed away on 15th February. Her funeral service will be at Longbridge on Tuesday 26th March at 11.00 am.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday** – 24th March

**Easter for Everyone** – Longbridge Methodist Church

**Maundy Thursday** 28th March – Joint Service with Northfield – to be held at Longbridge

**Good Friday** 29th March – Joint Service with Northfield – to be held at Northfield

**Walk of Witness** Friday 29th March – CTB45 – more information to be shared to be communicated soon.

**Sunrise Service Easter Sunday** – CTB45 – more information to be communicated soon.

**JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL**

Please hand any surplus Christmas presents to Janet Sly to sell in the next JMA sale. Thank you.

**DO YOU NEED HELP** with cleaning, general household duties or shopping? Val Bilborough offers these services in the local area for £10.00 per hour. Call her on 07842022134

**PENS**

We still have plenty of Longbridge soft-tip pens for sale at £1.50 each. Please see Philip to purchase them.

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 10 MARCH** – 11.00 a.m. Sunday Worship (HolyCommunion).

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 10 MARCH AND 17 MARCH) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6 MARCH.