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| INDUCTION  LOOP is  operating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH  Sundays, 25th November & 2nd December, 2018 | CRÈCHE facilities available |

WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER – SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00 a.m. Rev. Peter Wakefield.

4.00 p.m. CTB45 United Service at Beacon Church Centre including a memorial service called Lights of Love (Primrose Hospice)

6.00 p.m. Rev. Cleopas Sibanda - Holy Communion & Healing Service.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 2nd DECEMBER – 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11.00 a.m. Lynn Weaver

Junior Mission for All Sale after the service

4.00 p.m. Circuit Event at Villa Road 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 today, Sunday, 25th November, are in memory of Gloria and Edson Atwell, parents of Angela and Anthony, and also to celebrate Agnes Ward's birthday.

The flowers in church on Sunday, 2nd December are in memory of Arthur Price and in commemoration of Irene Price's birthday, parents of Wendy.

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THE MINISTER’S LETTER

A big welcome to Longbridge Methodist Church, your place of choice and worship. On the Sunday before Advent, we are reminded of the nature of the one who is to come. We call him 'king' but his kingdom is different from what people expect. The gospel passage (John 18: 33-37) reminds us that God's kingdom is not one of power through violence but it is rather where truth, life, right and just relationships are valued and lived out with love. This Sunday is also dedicated to women against violence. May we value one another and also, as we approach World Aids Day on the first Saturday of December, let us embrace all the people who are affected by this pandemic. As we wait for the birth of Christ at Christmas, we also wait for the second coming of the son of God. Let us prepare our hearts for his birth and second coming.

On a sad note, Dorothy Round who served this church as a steward, Church Council Secretary, flower arranger, Communion Steward and a member of the choir, has joined the church Triumphant and our memories and thoughts are with her family and friends. We will miss her greatly. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Cleopas Sibanda

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LONGBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHOIR presents "JOY TO THE WORLD!” - a Christmas celebration with well-known carols and Christmas music of all kinds as well as seasonal refreshments. This will be held here at Longbridge on Saturday, 15th December at 2.30 p.m.

Admission is free but donations may be made to The Project - our local charity for the homeless. Come and join the celebration!

We are still looking for recruits to the choir. No previous experience or ability to read music is required - just come along on Sundays at 1 p.m. for an hour long rehearsal.

We will also be looking for helpers on the day; if you are willing, please see David or Hazel.

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 7.30 p.m. CTB45 Peace Prayer Group to meet at Our Lady's Church. All welcome.

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER 11.30 a.m. The Bible Study Group will meet in the chapel for an hour. Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 7.30 p.m. House Group at Lenroy & Cassie's home - please note CHANGE OF VENUE*.* First in our new study “Just walk across the room" to be led by Cassie.

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SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER 9.00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast. All welcome.

AN AFTERNOON TEA for anyone over the age of 70 will be held at the Beacon Church Centre from 2.30 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 1st December. The charge is £1. No reservation necessary - just turn up.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES on Sunday, 2nd December, a two course Christmas lunch will be served in the Coffee Pot after the morning service. There will be two sittings - 12.45 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Price £7.50. Please sign the list on the board in the foyer if you are coming.

Christmas lunches will also be served on Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th December; a three course meal with all the trimmings. Price £10.00.

Please place your booking with Cavell Gasteen.

CIRCUIT EVENT AT VILLA ROAD METHODIST CHURCH - On Sunday, 2nd December, we join together as a circuit for an exciting event made up of three parts. A talk on life in the West Bank and Gaza by Rev. John Howard at 4.00 p.m., a bring and share meal at 5.00 p.m. and a circuit service at 6.00 p.m. The service will include feedback from circuit young people about their trip to 3Generate. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER 7.30 p.m. Reflections to meet at Peter and Chris Wakefield's home. All welcome - phone Barry Jones (453 4640) for details.

WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER 5.30 p.m. The Project AGM at the church. Come and hear about the work of preventing homelessness and improving lives.

WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER Craft Club to meet - last time before the New Year,

DOROTHY ROUND Sadly, Dorothy died on Friday, 16th November. The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Monday, 10th December at 3.00 p.m. Thanksgiving service here at church. You may like to bring a small floral tribute to the service, after which it would be taken to the grave. Alternatively any donations will go to The Project (preventing homelessness and improving lives). Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Wednesday, 12th December (date & time to be confirmed) Burial at Weston­Super-Mare. Anyone wishing to go should speak to Cleopas Sibanda regarding transport.

URGENTLY REQUIRED Angie Hems will finish working in the Coffee Pot on Tuesdays and Fridays after Christmas. We need a person to replace her or the Coffee Pot will have to shut on those days.

If you know of someone who is looking for a few hours work, cooking snacks and serving lunches, please contact Cavell Gasteen as soon as possible.

JUNIOR MISSION FOR ALL Lydia would like to collect for JMA. If anyone would like to give a few pence each week, please see Janet Sly.

ALL WE CAN The amount raised at the recent collection was £1,249.35. Thank you for your contributions. The extraordinary Christmas Gift catalogues are on the foyer table.

MEMORIAL BOOK Forms for names to be entered into the Memorial Book (which is kept in the Chapel, the page being turned each day) are available from Elisabeth Osborn. If you wish to know more about the Memorial Book, please speak to Elisabeth. The book will be updated soon.

80th ANNIVERSARY PENS There are just 7 left. So if you have missed out on this memento or want a little present for a friend, then see Philip soon.

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER – 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

No Evening Service.

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 9th& 16th DECEMBER) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ELISABETH OSBORN BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 5th NOVEMBER.