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| INDUCTIONLOOP isoperating | LONGBRIDGE METHODIST CHURCHSUNDAYS, 26 FEBRUARY AND 5 MARCH 2023  | CRÈCHE facilities are available |

**WORSHIP TODAY - SUNDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 2023**

11.00 a.m. Cassie Jennings

No Evening Service.

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH 2023**

11.00 a.m. Lis Helliar

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**

… From dust you came and to dust you shall return (Genesis 3:19). Lenten greetings from the Manse.

On the 22nd  February, we observed Ash Wednesday, and we were emphasizing on a dual encounter: we are called to confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The service focused on the themes of sin and death in the light of God’s redeeming love through Christ.

I therefore invite you in the name of the Church to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.

May God Almighty be with you throughout these six weeks.

Cleopas

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**SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY** – Syrian Church meets

**TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY @ 7.30 PM** – Resources Group

**FRIDAY 3 MARCH @ 2 PM** – World Day of Prayer

**SUNDAY 5 MARCH @ 12.30 – 2.30 PM** – Warm Space in the Foyer

**SATURDAY 11 MARCH** – Syrian Church event

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

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Everyone is invited to the World Day of Prayer service which takes place on Friday 3rd March at Our Lady’s Church on Leach Green Lane at 2 pm. Please come and join with others from our local area in this global day of prayer.

**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.

**COLLECTION FOR TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE** – There will be a retiring collection for the victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake on Sundays 26th February and 5th March.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Thank you for all of the generous donations which you gave for harvest. We have a list of goods which are particularly needed at the moment, so if you can think about these when you next may be able to donate: baked beans, rice, pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned fruit in juice( no prunes or grapefruit), sweet biscuits( not multi-packs), tinned spaghetti, jam, honey, liquid or bars of soap, nappies( sizes 4,5,6), laundry powder or liquid. Please place any donations in the basket at the back of church. Thanks very much.

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**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.

**WARM SPACE** – 5th, 12th and 19th March from 12.30 to 2.30 pm.

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**OFFERINGS JANUARY 2023**

The average for the first 5 months of the year was £653.91 per week, well below our target of £677. We need your help to get us back on track. You can give by standing order or bank transfer (details from Philip Osborn) or by using a set of envelopes of which the new ones will be available starting April. Thank you.

**BENEVOLENT FUND** – The amount given in January was £10.10.

**SALE OF DAVID ROSSER’S BOOKS** – A total of £108 was raised. Thank you to David and to all who supported this.

**ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

A very big thank you is extended to all who contributed to the Action for Children charity over the past year. A total of £504.50 was sent to the charity in January from the lantern collection boxes and from donations received over the Christmas period. This goes directly to helping vulnerable children in our society and their families. For more information, please see Evelyn Jones.

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**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, 12 MARCH**  11.00 a.m. Rev Cleopas Sibanda

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ALL NOTICES FOR THE NEXT SHEET (SUNDAYS, 12 AND 19 MARCH) SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REMI OLATUNBOSUN OR SENT TO info@longbridgemethodistchurch.org BY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 MARCH.