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NOTICES FOR EASTER SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2026

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time = playgroup now on holiday

Easter Sunday 5 April	10.15 am	Holy Communion with Rev Karen Beecham Steward: Tilly Coffee: Breakfast Team
Monday 6 April		
Tuesday 7 April	4.30–7.30 pm	Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 8 April		
Thursday 9 April	6.30 pm 7.30 pm	BATS Bible Study
Friday 10 April	9.45 – 11.45 am	Charnwood Saxes
Saturday 11 April	6.15 pm	Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 April	10.15 am	Victor Poon Steward: Sandra Coffee: Nancy and Bill
Sunday 19 April	10.30 am	Circuit Service at Melton Mowbray
Sunday 26 April	10.15 am	Rev Martin Swan Steward: Natalie Coffee: Sandra
Sunday 3 May	10.15 am	Carol Scarborough Steward: Janet Coffee:
Sunday 10 May	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham – Holy Communion Followed by Annual Meeting and Church Council Steward: Philip Coffee:
Sunday 17 May	10.00 am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity CTIB United Service at Barrow upon Soar Baptist Church
Pentecost Sunday 24 May	10.15 am	Sharon Guy Steward: Heather Coffee
Sunday 31 May	10.45 am	Circuit Service at Christchurch, Shephed

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with anyone in need.



BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

John Chapter 20 verses 1-18

HYMNS

- 302 He has risen
- 309 See, what a morning
- 305 Low in the grave
- 252 Jesus said I am the bread
- 313 Thine be the glory

FLOWERS FOR EASTER CROSS

We will, as usual, be decorating the Easter Cross at morning worship on Easter Day so if you could bring along a few flowers it would be appreciated. The cross will then be displayed for the village to see.

ANNUAL REPORT

It is almost time to prepare the Annual Report (how does it come round so quickly?) so could all group leaders please start thinking and let me have their reports on what they have been doing over the past 12 months by Sunday 12th April please. Either via email janetmthompson13@gmail.com or hard copy. If anyone else has got an article, poem or even joke that you think others might like then please submit it. Many thanks – Janet

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God, In all the stories that we tell of our yesterdays, remind us that your grace was always sufficient. In all that we face today, remind us each step of the way that your grace is always sufficient. In all that our tomorrows will bring, reassure us that your grace will always be sufficient. In the familiar and in the unexpected; in the predictable and in the unknown; in the welcome and in the unwelcome; may we look for your grace, see your power perfected in our weakness and go on our way rejoicing. Amen.

Rachel Deigh, Chair, West Midlands District

It's not about a bunny – but The Lamb

It wasn't a bunny that died for me
That day long ago on Calvary
It wasn't a chick all fluffy and sweet
That the people mocked and the soldiers beat
And the chocolate eggs piled in a bowl
Did not save my guilty soul
It was no bonnet that day worn
On the head of a man bloody and torn
It was The Lamb who suffered and cried
'Father forgive them' before He died
It was The Lamb who paid for my sin
So I could get close to God again
And from deaths hold He broke the cord
No ordinary lamb
But
The Lamb of God.

John 3v16



Lamb Poetry by Georgina Smith

Easter Message from the Rev Sonia Hicks, Chair of the District

Easter 2026

Dear Beloved in Christ,

I love this time of year as we shake off the remnants of Winter and Spring beckons. It is wonderful to see the golden daffodils and the blossoms on the trees. Spring heralds warmer days, brighter mornings. There is so much that looks promising in the garden – new life is palpable.

And yet, the media is full of death, hatred, old ways of settling differences in the human family. Once again, dialogue takes second place to cluster bombs and missiles. Once again, the toxic rhetoric grows hour by hour and the voice of peace seems a mere whisper. The promise we see in nature is not echoed in our human discourses.

How bleak things must have seemed to the women hurrying to the tomb on that first Easter day! The person whom they loved and had followed faithfully had been cruelly executed. All their hopes, all their dreams had disappeared in an instant. They must have thought "Ah well, nothing will change. God has forgotten us – God has abandoned us." It is easy for us to think that too as communities are reduced to rubble and lives are torn apart in the Middle East, in Africa, and in every other conflict that rages unabated. But God had neither forgotten nor abandoned the forlorn group of women mourning the crucified Jesus. Death did not have the last word and neither does war.

Easter is a constant light as we long for a world where discourses do not always end in conflict. Where women and girls can know freedom from sexual exploitation. Where the Good News isn't an aspiration but a reality which Christians seek to nurture in their lives and in their communities. What does the Good News look like in our churches and Circuits? What does Good News mean in our workplaces and neighbourhoods? It is possible to glimpse that reality people gather to seek common ground. We can see that reality when a community lunch becomes the place of reconciliation.

I wonder if going to the tomb, on that first Easter day, was in itself more real, more in keeping with God's ways than those women could ever have imagined. A prayerful act of defiance in the face of all the cruelty of the Roman Empire and the powers that be. What does prayerful defiance look like for us?

The hope for a better world is part of the Easter message. God has not forgotten us – God, in Jesus, has not abandoned us.

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*
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May God's peace be a reality for you this Easter.

BARROW GREENER LIVING Festival!
9TH MAY 2026 11AM - 3PM

Repair Shop
Bring your broken items and if we can help fix them we will!

Clothes Swap Giveaway
Our stocks are looking good so we'll be giving away clothes this time

Free Café
Enjoy a hot or cold drink and a chat

Seedling Giveaway
including childrens activities & grow your own vegetable

Come along to our first festival where we will be celebrating sustainability and greener living
9TH MAY 2026 → 11AM - 3PM

At Barrow Baptist Church
Beveridge Street

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