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## NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026 WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time – now on Summer holidays.

|                   |                             |                                              |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 26 July    | 10.15 am                    | Anne Temple<br>Steward: Tilly Coffee:        |
| Monday 27 July    | 9.45 – 11.45 am<br>7.30 pm  | Charnwood Saxs<br>Sharing Scripture          |
| Tuesday 28 July   | 4.30–7.30 pm                | Cosmic Theatre School                        |
| Wednesday 29 July |                             |                                              |
| Thursday 30 July  | 10.00 am<br>6.30 pm         | Bishop Beveridge Club Coffee Morning<br>BATS |
| Friday 31 July    | 10.00 am                    | Minimarket prep                              |
| Saturday 1 August | 10.00 – 11.00 am<br>6.15 pm | Minimarket and Coffee Morning<br>Karate      |

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

|                  |          |                                                              |
|------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 26 July   | 10.15 am | Anne Temple<br>Steward: Tilly Coffee:                        |
| Sunday 2 August  | 10.30 am | Section Service at Mountsorrel                               |
| Sunday 9 August  | 10.15 am | Mick Thompson<br>Steward: Philip Coffee:                     |
| Sunday 16 August | 10.15 am | Local Arrangement<br>Steward: Sandra Coffee:                 |
| Sunday 23 August | 10.15 am | Rev Karen Beecham – Holy Communion<br>Steward: Janet Coffee: |
| Sunday 30 August | 4.00 pm  | At Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough                    |

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

We give thanks that Roger Grew is now home from hospital.

## **BIBLE READINGS FOR SUNDAY**

John Chapter 14 verses 1-7  
1 Peter Chapter 2 verses 2-10

## **HYMN NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY**

51 Great is thy faithfulness  
338 There is a Redeemer  
Trust and Obey  
628 Faithful One  
351 In Christ alone

## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

Many thanks to all who supported our special Action for Children service "Everyone's welcome". We are very grateful to all who have the collecting boxes and those who supported with donations. A total of just over £326 has been sent this week to support their work. This is in addition to the Church gift of £500 sent last month.

You may spot your footsteps of welcome in the display window.

Thanks again - Heather

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Please note that for the next week Bishop Beveridge Club are holding their Thursday morning Coffee Morning here in our rear Coffee Lounge and Hall. This is while they have a new kitchen fitted.

## **SUNFLOWERS**

Remember Mothers' Day earlier this year and we gave out sunflower seeds in the service? How are yours doing?

This is a photo of Bill and Nancy's



## **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Dear Lord, we come to you in prayer, seeking your guidance to help us to continue to make our churches places of welcome and acceptance. We know so many people of all ages are lonely and long to belong. We want to build church families of all ages, who worship together with joy. We need always to put prayer at the heart of all our planning and action. Help us to sing a new song that tells of your love, by always listening and learning to become receptive to new ideas that translate into loving action in our neighbourhoods.

Amen.

Eileen Simmons, Anna Chaplain and local preacher, Leigh on Sea

## **From July's "God for All"**

### **This month's story of hope**

Sileby Methodist Church has seen significant growth through creative community engagement with the help of their hardworking Local Lay Pastor. The congregation of six long-retired people used to open their building for just one hour a fortnight. Rob noticed that a coffee lounge cluttered with junk could be the hub of the building. With the help of his wife, Liz, he cleared out the lost property and old coat racks and started 'the worship lounge', an informal service where people sit in a circle taking turns to say readings and prayers over coffee and biscuits. At first just seven people attended, but the weekly coffee morning brought growth, with unaffiliated people receiving invitations to Sunday worship. Slowly people got to know that the church was there; baptisms and funerals allowed the church to welcome people warmly, with the coffee Lounge open to provide a relaxed opportunity for conversation. Open mic nights with fizzy drinks and hot pasties on offer attract an equal mix of churchgoers and unaffiliated people: some play, some just listen, everyone has a good time. The church has grown to around 20 members now, including some younger people. A man who came in for coffee had his son baptised in the church and is now Church Treasurer,

with a Sunday School created for his boy.

A big 'shop window' at the front of the church was decorated with LED lighting and creative displays devised by Liz. The church asked the local primary school to make butterflies to add to the spring flower display: three days later, the school handed over a bag of 200 butterflies. These were put up all around the church building and the children were invited to come and find their butterfly at 'Butterfly Saturday'. Rob started doing school assemblies off the back of this, going in with his electric guitar to wind up the children. He's now known by the parents as 'Pastor Rob.'

A Borough Councillor friend who comes in for coffee has connected the church with the Mental Health Network – a group who get together to talk about what's going on in the village and how they can better connect up provision. Through this, 'The Joy of Music' began, a group funded by the NHS, Parish Council and a large lottery grant. The group aims to improve people's mental health through music: listening, playing, learning and conversation. A satellite hub of Loughborough Wellbeing Centre also meets in the church building: Rob goes along to help so that he can talk to people, and someone has been baptised through this connection. "Connecting with the community is the best way of doing evangelism in the village," says Rob. "If no one knows you're there, you have no opportunity to talk to people." Future ambitions include setting up a village youth club.



— YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR —  
**SUNDAY EVENING ENCOUNTER**   
*A space to encounter faith together*

 **LIVE MUSIC** |  **THANKSGIVING** |  **A MESSAGE** |  **REFLECTION**

An evening of uplifting music, a short message, thanksgiving and time for reflection.

A welcoming space for everyone – whether you're exploring faith or have been on the journey for years.

Our next evening is on the first Sunday of every month. 

| WHEN?                                     | WHERE?                                                                     | EVERYONE WELCOME                                                                            | WHAT TO EXPECT                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6PM</b><br>FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH | <b>EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>42 BLACKBIRD ROAD<br>LEICESTER, LE4 0FW | This evening is open to everyone, regardless of faith, spiritual beliefs, or understanding. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live Music<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Message<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflection |

**JUST COME AS YOU ARE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** 

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**THE MELTON FOLK FESTIVAL**



**2026**

**ROB NEWTON**  
With **MICK THE BASS**

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd August 2026

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday: 2:40 pm | The Boat Inn       |
| Saturday: 4:00 pm | The Crown          |
| Sunday: 12:40 pm  | The Anne of Cleves |
| Sunday: 3:20 pm   | The White Hart     |



**Methodist Schools**

# Chaplaincy Experience Day

Explore school chaplaincy, Methodist ethos and practical next steps for job shadowing.



**Thursday**  
**20 August 2026**



**10.30am - 3.30pm**



**Methodist Church House,**  
**25 Tavistock Place,**  
**London WC1H 9SF**



## Programme

*Signing in from 10.30am*

- 10.30** ● **Signing in**
- 11.00** ● **Welcome and devotions**  
Aubin de Gruchy, Pastoral Visitor
- 11.15** ● **Fay Pike**  
Director of Methodist State Schools | The Connexional Team
- 11.30** ● **Julie-Ann Hewitt**  
CEO, Epworth Trust
- 11.45** ● **Rob Balfour**  
Methodist Presbyterian in Circuit and Chaplain at Rosehill Methodist Academy
- 12.15** ● **What a Head appreciates in a Chaplain**  
Andrew Gordon Brown | Chaplaincy Coffee Morning - 25 September 2025
- 12.45** ● **Lunch**
- 1.15** ● **Matthew Lovett**  
Methodist Ethos and SERVE - previously head at Truro Prep
- 1.45** ● **Katie Osweiler**  
Chaplain at Kent College Pembury
- 2.15** ● **Questions, reflections and signing up for the possibility of job shadowing in schools**
- 3.30pm** ● **Close**



## What to expect

- ✓ Hear from chaplains and school leaders
- ✓ Explore Methodist ethos and SERVE
- ✓ Reflect on pastoral care and vocation
- ✓ Connect with job-shadowing next steps



## Final session

Questions, reflections and signing up for the possibility of job shadowing in schools.



## Next steps

Use the final session to ask questions, reflect on vocation and register interest in school-based job shadowing.



## Book now

Scan the QR code to book your place.

