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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026

WEEKLY DIARY

Playgroup meets every day during school term time

Sunday 30 August	4.00 pm	At Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough
Bank Holiday Monday 31 August		
Tuesday 1 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30–7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School
Wednesday 2 September	8.45 am – 1.00 pm 10.00-1030 am	Playgroup Autumn Term commences Playgroup using Vestry
Thursday 3 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 – 10.30 am 6.30 – 9.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Playgroup using Vestry BATS Bible Study
Friday 4 September	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.00 pm	Playgroup Minimarket prep
Saturday 5 September	10.00 – 11.00 am 6.15 pm	Minimarket Karate

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 6 September	10.15 am	Anne Temple Steward: Natalie Coffee:
Sunday 13 September	10.15 am	Harvest Festival – Local Arrangement Steward: Tilly Coffee:
Sunday 20 September	10.15 am	Rev Karen Beecham – Holy Communion Steward: Philip Coffee:
Sunday 27 September	10.15 am	Liz Newton Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 4 October	10.15 am	Andy Benbow Steward: Heather Coffee:
Sunday 11 October	10.15 am	Local Arrangement Steward: Janet Coffee:
Sunday 18 October	10.15 am	Colin Lamb Steward: Sandra Coffee:
Sunday 25 October	10.00 am	At Woodhouse Eaves

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

WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK the family and friends of Christine Mosley who passed away on Friday 21 August. She was the wife of Alfred Mosley who were both Local Preachers in the Loughborough Circuit. Our thoughts are with Alfred and family.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 13th September and as in previous years, we are asking that non-perishable items are brought as your harvest gift ie tins, packets, toiletries etc - these will then be donated to the Food Bank. Many thanks

NEWS

As you are aware, we will be without a Minister in the Circuit for a further year, but we have already begun the process for September 2027.

Due to this fact and following discussions at the Circuit Leadership Team, I am pleased to inform you that Eleri Bristow will become our Lay Pastor at Barrow upon Soar Methodist Church for this Connexional year.

This is to assist Karen and also support during Karen's sabbatical (Oct-Dec 2026).

We are very grateful to Eleri for taking on this role and look forward to welcoming her to Barrow.

FROM DAVID BRISTOW, SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD

Dear Friends, We are very fortunate in the Charnwood and Mowbray Circuit in having a significant number of lay employees who contribute to advancing the life and work of the Circuit.

An important part of our obligations in employing the staff is their line management. At the moment the majority of the load in carry this out falls to our ordained staff and we are looking for creative ways in which we can better support them in their ministry and release them for missional activities in the Circuit.

We are asking whether there are any volunteers within the members of the Churches in the Circuit who could offer to take on the responsibility for line managing one or more members of staff. This is a voluntary unpaid role and anyone taking up the post would need to successfully complete the Methodist Church Connexional Reflective Line Management training course. This is a two part course, taking 3 hours per part delivered in a variety of alternative forms (1 day, 2 x half days, online and in person).

If you are interested please contact David Bristow, Senior Circuit Steward, for more information.

Best Wishes David Bristow - Senior Circuit Steward Charnwood and Mowbray Methodist Circuit

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LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

Ride and Stride this year is on the same day as the Barrow show, September 12th, but Carolyn and Philip (and perhaps others) will still be raising money for historic churches (including ours) by walking around the churches in the historic centre of Leicester. If you would like to sponsor one of them, they will be very pleased to hear from you over the next few Sundays.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God, we pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet. Be near to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and to all who wait in uncertainty for news of family and friends.

Hold close those whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been swept away, and all who are shocked, displaced or afraid. Strengthen rescue workers, local communities, churches and all who are searching, serving and offering care in the midst of this crisis. Grant courage and resilience to those waiting for news, facing uncertainty, and fearing the days ahead. As we witness the growing fragility of creation, renew our commitment to care for one another and for the earth of which we are a part. In the name of Christ. Amen

Prayer for Communities Affected by Flooding in Nepal and Tibet

Sorry this is a little late but details of the money raised by the Lent Lunches 2026

We have now completed our year of Churches Together in Barrow upon Soar fundraising events for "The Searchlight Trust" which has raised over £2,600 to help street children in Manila in the Philippines through the work of "Kanlungan" the Philippine charity whose name means "Sanctuary" The sum far exceeds any

previous year of CTiB fundraising, almost certainly because people have been no moved by the plight of the children and the lengths to which Kanlungan goes to support them. Many people have made generous donations.

As you will have heard earlier, of this £2,600, £1,400 was donated at our six Lent lunches at Holy Trinity Church and this letter is to express particular thanks to all of you who made massive contributions to those lunches and made this total possible but which are not directly part of the £1,400; I refer to the soup makers and those who gave money to Sue to buy all the additional items which go along with those soups to make the lunches so enjoyable; the bread, cheese, fruits, pickles etc. Isn't it wonderful that those soups and the £300 which you donated should general £1.400 for The Streetlight Trust?! As you know, this way of doing things was different to previous years when many of you bought and donated the food items. Many thanks for supporting this new initiative and the different ways in which the lunches were organised which Sue thought would be of benefit. I know that many of you would agree that they did help things to move along more smoothly.

I really think that the lunches demonstrate Churches Together in Barrow upon Soar at its best. Over the years, although attendance seems to stay fairly constant, we see a greater sense of "family" and people from all our churches getting to know each other better, often most clearly seen in the length of time they are happy to sit and chat well after the eating and drinking is over. Long may they continue!

Again, many thanks for your continued varied contributions to making the lunches the success which they clearly are!

Richard Hudson - Lent Lunch Co-ordinator



Community Development Worker

Trinity Methodist Church, Loughborough

A new part-time role, requiring a commitment of 18.5 hours per week for three years

The opportunity and the role

Trinity Methodist Church plans to employ a Community Development Worker.

This is a new post and offers an exciting opportunity to support the development and mission of our established church community in the centre of Loughborough.

The crux of the role is to work to develop a sense of community amongst the many and varied users of our building and to increase the weekday usage of our recently refurbished premises.

The person

Are you a Christian who wants to grow Christ's mission in Loughborough?

Are you someone who can work on your own initiative?

Do you enjoy making and building connections with people?

The next steps

The closing date for applications is Monday 31st August 2026.

To request an application pack and/or to find out more, please email: circuitoffice@charnwoodmowbraymethodist.org.uk

Bereavement Support Drop In Café

Meeting at the Methodist Church
Main St. Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8RY
Open to everyone who has experienced loss



On the 2nd Friday of each month. 10-11.30am

Starting: Friday 9th October 2026

For more information Contact: Karen & Chris.
chaplains@charnwoodmowbraymethodist.org.uk

OR Call in on **Friday 25th September**
10-11.30am for coffee and find out more

Free to attend



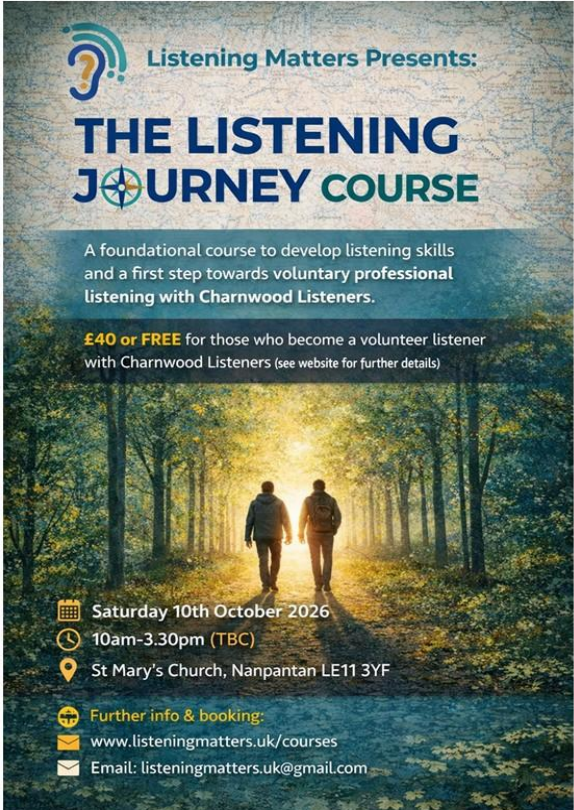
Calling all 11 to 17 year olds!

You are invited to the
Northampton District Synod
Saturday 19th September 2026
10am - 3pm
 (Please bring a packed lunch)

At The Church of the Servant King
33 Dulverton Drive, Furzton
MK4 1NA

The Methodist Church Youth President,
Gracie Silk will be speaking

To book your space (online or in-person)
 Please
[Click this link to book](#)

 **Listening Matters Presents:**

THE LISTENING JOURNEY COURSE

A foundational course to develop listening skills and a first step towards voluntary professional listening with Charnwood Listeners.

£40 or FREE for those who become a volunteer listener with Charnwood Listeners (see website for further details)

 **Saturday 10th October 2026**
 **10am-3.30pm (TBC)**
 **St Mary's Church, Nantant LE11 3YF**

 **Further info & booking:**
 www.listeningmatters.uk/courses
 Email: listeningmatters.uk@gmail.com

"To listen is to love." Charnwood Listeners have been providing a free, confidential, listening service for over 30 years. This has mainly been accessed via people with church contacts but demand for our service is increasing with many referrals also now coming through NHS social prescribers. Listening Matters is therefore offering a new listening course for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer listener and with Charnwood Listeners. We have both male and female listeners from across the LCP churches and our bank system means it's a great way to volunteer on a flexible 'as-and-when' basis.

This is the first step on **the listening journey** for anyone who feels called to this important ministry area.

For further information and bookings see

<https://listeningmatters.uk/courses/>