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July 2023



Minister—Rev Judith Lincoln

Service details for July

2nd July

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Rev Judith Lincoln S

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.00 p.m. Circuit Service at Epworth - Rev Joy Langford

9th July

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mrs Judith Nkounkou

Worship Leader: Ian Lay

Duty Stewards: Iris Bown & Ian Lay **Welcome Steward:** Jenny Marsay

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service - Rev Helen Bell

16th July CTiM United Service

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Markfield Congregational Church

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

23rd July

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Mr Roger Whittaker

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Ann Holloway

3.00 p.m. Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Judith Lincoln

30th July

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship led by Rev Helen Bell

Worship Leader: Ian Barrs

Duty Stewards: Kerry Sharpe & Roderick Lay

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
2 nd July	Rebecca Goldring	Sandra	
		Andrews	
9 th July	Rebecca Goldring	Jessie Stock	Linda & William
			Walmsley, Iris Bown
16 th July	United Service		
23 rd July	David Woodward	Betty Flint	Jenny Marsay &
			Roderick Lay
30 th July	Margaret	Janet	
	Silverwood	Forrester	

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

As I write this, it's not long after the terrible attacks in Nottingham, that killed two students and a school caretaker. We are shocked and saddened at lives cut short, families bereaved, and at violence that seems to have no rhyme nor reason. Perhaps some of us feared for, or grieved with, family or friends who live in Nottingham. It is also, as I write this in mid-June, not long after the anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox MP in 2016. A wife, mum and somebody just trying to serve her local community.

Grief and fear are natural reactions to such outrages. While the man arrested in Nottingham for the murders, has mental health issues, we know that those on their own are not an excuse for such violence. Perhaps we also feel despair at a society that allows such things to happen. Perhaps we cry out, "God, where are you?"

And yet... at the same time, there are stories coming in of how the people of Nottingham are coming together to grieve together. Churches are opening their doors as space to pray, reflect and grieve. When Jo Cox was killed, not long after, a call sprang up to "Love like Jo", and the "Great Get Together", connecting lonely people, seeking to improve mental health and build community, was born. We despair at "society", and at the same time, we are a part of society. We are people who can bear the light of Jesus, even in the darkest days. Whether or not we can do much, who we are can make a difference- by our being people of peace, by understanding those who are unlike ourselves, by taking time to listen, by encouraging others.

With love in Christ,

Judíth

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, on 0116 2313957, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

REGULAR MEETINGS

HOME FELLOWSHIP

Our meetings for this month are Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 25th July. Both are at 5.30pm and will be at the home of Sandra Andrews, 64, Bradgate Rd. If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. If you need more information please contact Ann & Ian Lay. Tel: 01530 242166

"COME FOR A CUPPA" Every Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00

Come and meet each other for a cuppa and a chat. There is no charge.

MUSIC CAFÉ - 13th & 27th July from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. We warmly invite you to join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month for an afternoon of music, singing & friendship. Contact Linda Tel. 01530 242607

UPCOMING EVENTS

CTIM CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBERThere will be more information on how you can give your support next month.

HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH - SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER Tickets & more details next month.

IMPORTANT DATES – A REMINDER

JULY 2ND – Judith's last service at our church.

JULY 23RD at 3.00 p.m. – Judith's Farewell Service at Ratby.

AUGUST 27TH at **2.30 p.m.** Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Jimi Kaci at our church.

CAKES!

After Jimi's welcome service at our church on August 27th we will have the pleasure of serving our circuit guests with refreshments. The tradition is to provide homemade cakes. So, if you're able to make a large cake, or small ones, please let Linda know.

Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.