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The Week: commencing 21st September 2008

WELCOME We extend a warm welcome to all new friends with us today. It is our joy and privilege to share worship with you. We hope you will find Christ's peace, love and help in this place. If it is your first visit, we should be pleased if you would introduce yourselves to us whilst refreshments are being served in the Welcome Area (after Morning Service) Please sign our visitors book. **All Church members are encouraged to speak to someone they do not know as yet!!** **May God's blessing be with us all.**

Sunday Activities

Sept 21	9.00 am	Mr Martin Lawford	<i>Organist: Malcolm Bell</i>
	10.30 am	Rev Tony Morling - Baptism	<i>Organist: Mary Howarth</i>
	6.30 pm	Rev Tony Morling - Holy Communion	<i>Pianist: Christine Watts</i>
Book Stewards: Linda Field & Caroline Duke			
Sept 28	9.00 am	Rev Tony Morling - Holy Communion	<i>Organist: Mary Howarth</i>
	10.30 am	Mr David Hobbs	<i>Organist: Jean Fryer</i>
	6.30 pm	Rev Wayne Dulson - Café Worship	<i>Pianist: Michael Hall</i>
Book Stewards: Joyce & Willie Reid			

BAPTISM

Today at the 10.30 am service our minister will conduct the baptism of Elizabeth Grace (d.o.b. 27.3.08), daughter of Mary & Jonathan Knapman. We extend a warm welcome to their friends & family members visiting the church this morning.

CAFÉ WORSHIP - SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
THOUGHTS ON SABBATICAL

Our minister wasn't the only member of the Loughton clergy to benefit from a sabbatical this year. Next Sunday at 6.30 pm Rev Wayne Dulson from Loughton Union Church will visit Café Worship to share with us some reflections on his recent visit to Saddleback Church, California, home of the Purpose Driven Church programme.

We remember those who are house-bound and unable to join us in worship but who are very much part of our church family. We also remember those whose employment makes it difficult for them to attend worship or to meet in fellowship as often as they would like.

Weekday Activities at LMC

Monday	22	1.30 pm	Butterfly Club in Wesley Hall
		8.00 pm	Badminton in Wesley Hall
Tuesday	23	10.00 am	Toddler Church in Worship Area
		8.00 pm	Prayer & Praise at 16 Harwater Drive
		8.00 pm	Finance Committee in the Welcome Area
Wednesday	24	9.00 am	Prayer Meeting in Worship Area
		1.00 pm	Cover to Cover Group at Alderton Hall, Alderton Hill
		2.00 pm	Friendship Club 1 in Church Hall
		8.00 pm	Pastoral Committee Meeting at LMC
Thursday	25	10.00 am	JAM Group at 13 Brooklyn Avenue
		10.30 am	The Girls at St Mary's Church
		12.30 am	Thursday Lunch in Church Hall
		6.00 pm	Girls' Brigade in Wesley Hall
		8.00 pm	Faith & Fellowship Group at 11 Beaconfield Ave, Epping
Friday	26	8.00 pm	LMC Singers Rehearsal in Worship Area

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Friday 26th September, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon at St Michael's Church. Refreshments plus a variety of cakes, scones, jams, marmalades etc. for sale, as well as the St Michael's Church regular Friday market of books, cards, videos/DVDs & gifts. All proceeds to MacMillan.

HOME GROWN VARIETY CONCERT

Saturday 4th October, 6 to 8 pm
Tickets £3, Family Ticket £10, including ploughman's supper.
See Paul Davies or Chris Beament if you would like to contribute a song, short sketch or witty monologue etc.

CDRC NEEDS HELP

A receptionist is needed to work on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 10-1 pm. If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact Andrea on 8508 0258.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Additional volunteers are urgently needed to join the rota of people who count the collection on Monday mornings. If this is something you could offer to the church, please leave your name with the stewards or in the Church Office during the week. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP OUR MINISTER?

Tony needs access to a four-hole paper punch. If you have one and would be willing to lend it to him on a temporary basis, please let him know. Many thanks.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Next Music@LMC: Saturday 8th November at 7.30 pm. The Karrilon Trio (Piano, Oboe, Flute).

'RUN TO THE BEAT' - LONDON HALF MARATHON

Deborah Davies & Cathy Morling are taking part in the above on 5th October. Deborah is running for the charity 'Get Kids Going' - sports and mobility for disabled children. Cathy is running for Havens Hospices (Fair Havens Adult & Little Havens Children's Hospices) If you would like to sponsor either of them, do approach them over the next few weeks.

THURSDAY LUNCHES

The next lunch will be on 25th September at 12.30 pm. Please book & pay in advance by TODAY. Cost £7. Details of the menu can be found on the notice boards.

NAOMI HART'S CHARITY SWIM.

The Lake Windermere swim on Sept 6th was cancelled after 2 hrs due to severe weather conditions. Devastated by this, after training for 9 months, Naomi decided to swim an equivalent distance in Pingewood Lake, Reading last Thursday instead. She swam almost 11 miles in 6 hrs, 39 mins. She is most grateful to friends at LMC who have supported her with prayers, messages & sponsorship. Naomi anticipates raising over £3200 for the Anthony Nolan Trust which supports the treatment of leukaemia. Thank you for your help. J and M Hart

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Churches Together in Loughton present a two-day conference for women at St. Mary's Church. Friday 26th, 1-5pm & 7.30-10pm; Guest speaker - Rachael Hickson. Sat 27th, 9.30am-4.30pm; Guest speaker - Jill Comfort. Day rate £6, Whole Conference £10 For info & booking: 020 8502 2748 or info@vineyardchurch.org.uk

Help Needed:

One of the afternoon workshops will be a Taizé prayer workshop led by Cathy Morling. She is looking for help from any woman attending who could read a bible passage or a prayer in a language other than English. Please speak to Cathy or call her on 020 8508 1834.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 27th September, 10 am to 4 pm at North Chingford Methodist Church. Wide variety of craft stalls, including **Olive Wood from Bethlehem**. Refreshments served all day.

TRIP TO IONA 8-15 AUGUST 2009

There is now just ONE place left for this trip. If anybody is interested in joining us for this holiday, please speak to Heather Hall.

May we ask all those who have prayer requests on our prayer list to let the Office have regular progress updates, particularly for those people who have been on the list for some time. Thank you.

Prayer concerns

Prayer requests received this week

Megan Markham, *who had an operation during the week.*

Lynda Stone *(a visitor to Wesley's café) who is very concerned about her father who has cancer.*

For those in hospital & their families

June Hird, Margaret White.

Those receiving treatment for illness, also remembering their families

Delphine Richardson, June Gould, Stephen Corriette, Gill Newlyn, Susan Ingram, Carole Panting, Becky King, Zimra Elliott, Dudley Daniels and Audrey Johnson.

For those who have been bereaved

The family & friends of Dillon Rattan, a Year 4 pupil at Staples Road Junior School, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

Diana Page & family following the death of her father on Thursday.

The family & friends of Roy Bond, whose funeral was conducted by our minister on Thursday.

Prayers for World Methodism

Today we remember Christians in East Asia: China (President: Cao Shengjie); Hong Kong (President: Lo Lung Kwong).

Prayers for Methodism in Britain and Ireland Down District (Ireland) (Superintendent: Kenneth Todd); N Lancashire District (Chair: Stephen Poxon).

Prayer for the persecuted church

Please continue to pray for Christians in Orissa, India, victims of the worst anti-Christian violence since Independence 60 years ago.

We pray for Churches Together in

Loughton. *This week for Revs Sue Brewster, Tony Morling, Geoffrey Smith, Chris Collingwood & Trinity Church.*

We continue to pray for

Roy Meyer, *walking the camino to Santiago de Compostela.*

Marjorie Bird, *recovering from a viral infection.*

A Prayer for Zimbabwe

Lord of order in chaos,

Bring your peace where there is no peace, bring your sustenance where there is no bread, bring your wisdom where all is in disorder, bring your comfort where there is fear, bring your justice where injustice reigns.

Bless the people and politicians of Zimbabwe and guide them to a just and stable future. Amen.

"Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!"

Matthew 5: 9

Notices for the week commencing 28th September should be left in the Church office by lunchtime on Thursday 25th September at the latest.