

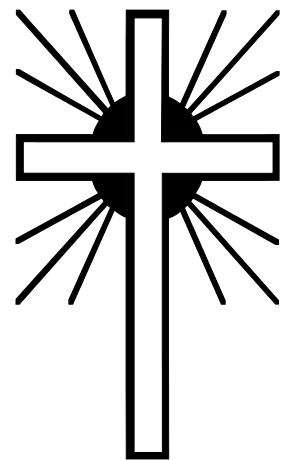
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Dear Readers,

It was great to hear some good news, with the announcement of the lifting of most of the rules relating to Covid in its various forms. The legal requirements have been lifted but of course the virus has not gone away. We are, in a much better place with well over 88% of the population now having received one dose of the vaccine and almost 70% now having had two jabs. We can begin to reclaim our normal everyday lives and activities, in the belief that things are improving.

We still need to be cautious as the new Delta version seems to be spreading more quickly but fortunately it does not seem to be taking the same toll on us and with the initial strains, there are less deaths and serious cases than previously.

All this news has an impact upon Church life and the Leadership team have been consulting via email as to if or when we could take some careful steps to remove some of the precautions at Church and I am pleased to confirm the agreed timetable for the changes to take place. It should be noted that we will continue to review the position, should the situation change with new advice by the Government and the Methodist Church. The measures initially include removing the one-way system and the social distancing in the Church. A little later we will remove the need for face masks to be compulsory, but if you feel safer with one on then you may continue to do so. Then in September we will hopefully get back to being able to sing in Church again. Alleluia.

May God be with you all in this difficult time, as we pray the relaxation allows us more freedom hopefully without the need to go back into lockdown. We must all keep praying that that is the case.

God Bless you all

Mike Holt

See the agreed changes on the following page.

If you would like to have an event, anniversary, birthday or a thank you etc. mentioned in the Beacon this can be placed in the named letter rack in the Church corridor see the Beacon editor. Note that the Minister, Senior Steward, Treasurer, Beacon Editor and Leaders of User Groups all now have a letter rack for their incoming mail. Please use it. Thank you!
Deadline is August 20th!

Stories of Change: Hope, Faith and Love

Saturday 4 September to Sunday 3 October 2021

The Methodist Modern Art Collection will be displayed as an Art Trail across churches in Coventry and Nuneaton for City of Culture. The trail exists of carefully selected works, providing unique moments of healing and contemplation. You can view the Art Trail on selected days from Saturday 4 September to Sunday 3 October 2021. For more information and timings for each church, please visit <https://www.methodist.org.uk/cityofculture/>

Barwell Methodist Church Lifting Covid restrictions plan

Following the latest Government announcement regarding the lifting of all rules regarding Covid, and bearing in mind the continuing upsurge in cases , hospitalisation, and deaths, we have decided to be cautious in our approach to lifting the protocols that apply to Church services etc.

We are proposing the following, bearing in mind that if Government advice changes or that some restrictions are re-imposed, we might have to reconsider our position.

From Sunday 25th July

Remove the one-way system and crosses on seats.

From Sunday August 15th

Face Masks will no longer be required but individual members of the congregation may continue wearing one if they feel more comfortable. To be reviewed one week before if cases continue to rise. The Church is not considered a busy place in the context of Public Transport and shops.

From Sunday 5th September

Communal singing to be allowed but words will only be on the screen only no Church hymn books will be issued but members who wish to bring their own can do so. Up to a maximum of three hymns can be sung.

The Following protocols will remain in place for some time

NHS Track and Trace QR code to remain, booking in for the same purpose also to remain. Hand Sanitiser to remain.

Cleaning protocol to remain. Good ventilation.
Offering to remain as it is by the doors when entering.
No use of communal hymn books.

The shaking of hands, hugging, gathering, and talking in small groups at the end of service should still be discouraged at this time.

Barwell Church Leadership Team -July 2021

Church News August 2021

Congratulations to Jan and Paul Whitmore who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 31st. The whole Church Family sends their best wishes and hopes that you had a great time!

More congratulations on August 26th Rev. Dave and Sarah Haseldine and Mike & Sue Holt, both couples celebrate their Anniversaries. Congratulations.

We wish Pauline Ward our Senior Steward all the best as she and John self- isolate prior to her second hip operation in August. We pray all goes well Pauline.

Volunteers!

We are looking for a couple of people to offer a commitment of one Sunday per month to act as collection counters (Finance Stewards), to work with one other person to count and verify the collection on Sundays. If you would like to help, please speak to Pauline. Thanks

Greetings from Churston and Thornbury!

David and I recently had a few days away in the Southwest and spent a very pleasant couple of days in the company of Jean and Jerry Cook. They are both well - Jean having recovered from surgery earlier in the year - and send their very best wishes to everyone in Barwell. Jerry is keeping up the walking (about 10 miles per day) whilst Jean enjoys a more relaxed approach to life, letting him get on with it! They look forward to a trip to Barwell for next year's Harvest Festival service, which Jerry will be leading.

We also called on Sylvia Bruce in Thornbury on the way home, and it is good to be able to report that Sylvia is very happy with her new flat and pleased to be close by her daughter who visits her every day. She says she does miss all her friends but hopes people will keep in touch and asked that we remember her to everyone. Do speak to me if you would like her contact details.

Tricia and David.

Sunday Worship

Aug 1st	10.45 am	Gwen Coley
Aug 8th	10.45 am	Michael Holt
Aug 15th	10.45 am	Rev. Michael Haighton
Aug 22nd	10.45 am	Rev. Dave Haseldine - Holy Communion
Aug 29th	10.30 am	Cluster Zoom Service – Rev. Dave Haseldine

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Wednesday Prayer Service

Aug 4th	10.00 am	Tricia Attenborough
Aug 11th	10.00 am	Rev. Dave Haseldine
Aug 18th	10.00 am	David Overton
Aug 25th	10.00 am	Michael Holt

Church Flower Rota -August Provide

Deliver

August 1st	Jan Whitmore	Jan Whitmore
August 8th	Linda Hallam	June Hall
August 15th	Susan Mapp	Susan Mapp
August 22nd	Sue Holt	Sue Holt
August 29th	No Service at Barwell	
Sept 5th	Margaret Williams	Mandy Prosser

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School at 10.45 a.m. where they will be welcomed by our Sunday School staff. A crèche is also provided for children too young for Sunday School, where they will be lovingly looked after by the crèche ladies while their parents share our morning worship. Should you want anyone in need to be included in the prayers of intercession, you will find a “Prayer Tree” in the welcome area. Please fill in the Prayer Leaf including the date and place on the Prayer Tree. The Leaf will stay on the tree for 2 Sundays. If after the 2 Sundays, you still require a Leaf on the Prayer Tree please make out a new Leaf including date and replace on Prayer Tree or see any Church Steward.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY OFFICERS

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THE WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is welcome for this half-hour midweek time of reflection.

Foodbank Vouchers- Rev. Dave Haseldine can now issue Foodbank vouchers for eligible families. Please contact him on 01455 846335 for more information.

Blokes Breakfast Club

The next BBC will be on Saturday August 7th at 8.30am. The venue will be the George Ward Centre. This informal men's group meet to share, good, humoured banter, also to put the world to rights and to enjoy a famous Crusty's breakfast bap and a hot drink. The cost is just £4.50 per person. To book your place and order your bap, egg & tomato, bacon, or sausage, text your order and name to – 07902078120. Dates for rest of the year – Sept 4th, Oct 2nd, Nov 6th & Dec 4th.

Events Team News

Results of recent fundraising events :

We are pleased to update the results of the following:-

Church Gift Day total £3145.00 with Gift Aid to be added.

Mind Special Coffee Event £544.50

Thank you all so much.

A-Z CHARITY QUIZ ANSWERS

Thanks to all those who bought a quiz sheet to support the recent Charity Coffee Morning held in aid of MIND, and congratulations to Mike Holt for winning. Answers are as follows:

Alabama; Bob Geldof; California; Demi Moore; Evelyn Waugh; Florence Nightingale; George Michael; Heartbeat; Idaho; Jericho; Ken Livingstone; Little; Moving On Up; Nigeria; Oprah Winfrey; Pop; Quaver; Roald Dahl; Snoop Dog; Telecommunications; USA; Val Kilmer; Winnipeg; Xenophobia; Yard Bird; Zucchini.

Treasure Hunt - we are excited to invite you to our walking treasure hunt on Saturday 21st August 2021. If you are interested in joining us, then can you please contact John Hall either by email johnhall1042@gmail.com or telephone 01455 847876 so that he can register your interest and he will let you know details of where to start and the time. The cost is £2 per person, and we normally have teams of 4 people. Don't worry if you are on your own, tell John and he will team you up with others to make up the

foursome. Hopefully, if things get back to normal, we will finish off the event with a meal at a local pub. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Saturday coffee mornings – we have decided to delay the re-opening of the Saturday coffee mornings until the first Saturday in September, and we hope you will join us for a cup of coffee and a cake (or biscuit). We will be open from 10.30am to 12noon.

Sunday coffee – after much deliberation and assessing the logistics of serving coffee after morning worship Pauline has decided to delay offering this until September in line with the Saturday coffee mornings, as we will, hopefully, be free from restrictions and able to queue to be served coffee as we did prior to covid.



Prayers for August 2021-Compiled by Tricia Attenborough
'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' *Philippians 4: 6-7*

Sun 1 Aug – We pray for Gwen Coley as she leads our worship this morning and for everyone attending. May we be uplifted by the joy of sharing together in prayer and praise and may our worship be fitting and pleasing to God.

Mon 2 Aug – We thank God for all our children, and we pray that the summer holidays will be a time of fun and refreshment for them. We pray too that their teachers will be able to recharge their batteries over the summer.

Tue 3 Aug – Praise be to you, Lord our God – King of creation; maker of heaven and earth, the very breath of life within us; giver of life, lighting our way and guiding our lives.

Wed 4 Aug – We pray for our government and all those in positions of authority and power, that under their leadership there may be mutual respect, integrity, and justice.

Thu 5 Aug – We pray for all parents and for families suffering poverty or financial difficulties, that they may be able to access support and guidance.

Fri 6 Aug – Father God, you created each one of us and you love each of us the same. Help us to love as you love and may we always be kind to one other and bear with one another's failings.

Sat 7 Aug – We pray for the weak and vulnerable in our world, the oppressed, the exploited, the abused, the tortured. Lord, even against the odds, we commit ourselves to a vision of a society based on justice for all

Sun 8 Aug – This is the day that that Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it! We pray for Mike Holt as he leads our worship this morning

Mon 9 Aug – We remember with thankfulness our elderly friends and relatives and celebrate the way their lives enrich our community. We pray for all those who are housebound and unable to get out at all.

Tue 10 Aug – We pray for our local community in Barwell: shopkeepers, the community house, George Ward Centre, residential homes, doctors and nurses, schools – everywhere that makes up our community. Unite us in a common bond of friendship and may your love be known as we live our day to day lives.

Wed 11 Aug – Creator God, we thank you for the beauty and wonder of creation. May we play our part in caring for your world and be good stewards of the resources you have given us, mindful to use only what we need and to share with others.

Thu 12 Aug– We pray for all our relationships which need your transforming love; we pray for those we irritate and upset and those who have hurt and upset us. May we learn to live together in harmony.

Fri 13 Aug – We pray for all those who would love to believe but cannot yet trust in the living God. We pray for those who have rejected God because of the unloving behaviour of his followers.

Sat 14 Aug – Spirit of God, come as the wind to drive us forward; come as the dove to launch us heavenward; come as water to cleanse, as dew to refresh and as fire to purge.

Sun 15 Aug – Worship the Lord in gladness; enter his presence with joyful songs. We pray for Rev Michael Haighton leading our worship today and as we worship may we be filled with the Holy Spirit and built up in love.

Mon 16 Aug – We bring before you the sick and suffering of our world, all those wrestling with illness in body, mind, or spirit. We thank you for all who work to bring help, wholeness, and healing.

Tue 17 Aug – We pray for all our Pastoral Visitors and thank God for their dedicated love and care. We remember the members of our Prayer line and the people for whom they pray.

Wed 18 Aug – We pray for our Wednesday morning services, for all who lead our worship and all who attend. May we know your Spirit in us and amongst us as we come before you in praise and prayer.

Thu 19 Aug – We pray for all those who are wrestling with problems which seem too big to cope with; for those who have received news which has stunned or appalled them and are in a state of shock. Help them to put their trust in you.

Fri 20 Aug - Gracious God, we thank you that you are always with us, in the bad times as well as the good, the difficult as well as the easy. We thank you for the assurance that your steadfast love never fails and we can depend on you.

Sat 21 Aug - Loving God, we praise and thank you for our church family and the fellowship we share, for all the ways it enriches our lives and enlarges our experience. We remember all those who are no longer able to worship regularly and pray that they may know that they are still loved and valued.

Sun 22 Aug – We ask your blessing on Rev Dave as he leads our worship this morning. We bring all that we are, our different hopes and expectations, and pray that in your mercy you will touch each one of us and accept our praise and thanksgiving.

Mon 23 Aug – For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; friends on earth and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled: We praise and thank you, Lord, for the bonds of family and friendship which bind us together.

Tue 24 Aug – We pray and give thanks for our National Health Service and for our emergency services, all those who work tirelessly for the needs of others, at times putting their own lives in danger to assist. We give thanks for their dedication and selflessness during these difficult times.

Wed 25 Aug – We pray for those who mourn and who are striving to come to terms with the emptiness and heartbreak they feel. May they find consolation and peace, and the strength to face tomorrow.

Thu 26 Aug – Lord God, fill us afresh with the joy of knowing you, loving you, following you, that we might walk eternally in your path. May we show God's gracious and generous love to all those we meet.

Fri 27 Aug – God of beauty and power, healing, and silence; haven of stillness in a world of noise, we rest in your quietness and calm. Teach us to listen for your voice, that we may recognise what you would have us do and the people you would have us be.

Sat 28 Aug – What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! May we know the blessing and power of prayer – its ability to teach, comfort and strengthen, to challenge, encourage and to transform all of life.

Sun 29 Aug – We lift our hearts and minds to you as we join with our Circuit Zoom Service to worship you this day. Fill each one of us afresh with your Holy Spirit and transform us, that we might be a people of worship and service.

Mon 30 Aug – God of wholeness, speak into the despair and loneliness of all who struggle with life and its troubles and who have lost hope. Reassure, affirm, and encourage them and show us where we can help.

Tue 31 Aug - Living God, you call us to take up our cross and deny ourselves. Touch our hearts through all Jesus Christ has done for us, that we may be more ready to live as his people, to give and to go on giving, that people may glimpse in us a little of the love we have seen in Christ.





Reflections- by Jenny Rowe

Have you ever lain through a long, long, night? Sleepless and wondering why?

Waiting for the first sign of welcome light, for dawn breaking over the sky.

Have you ever thought what you'll do for hours, that this day will bring?

For great are your chances, and great are your powers, as each hour passes through.

A fair Day's work done cheerfully, is that what you intend?

A kind word here, to be helpful there, do your utmost to help a friend?

Or will you speak with a tongue that's barbed, sneering, biting, untrue.

Hurting your fellows, doing a wrong, is it what you will do?

You can always break a person's day, by uttering words unkind.

Can you go blithely on when you've done your wrong, but what have you left behind?

You can lighten the heart of a comrade here, by giving a helping hand.

And doing so they will lighten your day. And friendship will form its band.

As you do to others, so are you judged, this day and every day.

Will you go to bed this evening, with thoughts of work well done?

Or will you be vaguely dissatisfied, and know you could do better?

And find you do not like yourself; you wish you could start anew?

Do you ever think at all, of these things? For if you do not, you should.

The whole world would be a much better place, if all of us tried to be good.

We'd do more of the giving and less of the taking, and find contentment, my brother.

When we think less of self, then we'll find new wealth. In just being kind to each other.

Monthly Quick Quiz AUGUST 2021. NAME:

This month we will CHANGE to the letter **B**. The number in brackets is the number of letters in the answer.

1. Strength of character in the body? (8)
2. A child of North Britain? (5)
3. A gem of a loaf? (8)
4. Harass a nocturnal animal? (6)
5. Reversal of route or opinion. (9)
6. Blunt speaking older man's head? (4)
7. Equilibrium of body, emotions, finance. (7)
8. No originality here (5)
9. Harmony, or haircut? (U.S.A.) (10)
10. I do a lot of this, jokingly. (6)

Email replies to johnhall1042@gmail.com.

Monthly Quick Quiz JULY 2021. NAME:

ANSWERS

1. AWKWARD, 2. AVIATION. 3. AVAIL,
4.AUTOMATIC. 5.AUTHENTIC.

6AURAL / AUDIO. 7.AUDITION. 8.ATTACK,
9.ATTACH. 10.ATONE



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