

WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

COVENTRY, CV3 6BE

Sunday 13th April 2025

Today we welcome Ms Alison Gee to lead our worship

PALM SUNDAY

THE PALM BRANCH

Hymn 287 v 1 When I survey the wondrous cross

Reading: Matthew 21: 1-10

Placing of the symbols: palm branches

Reading: Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives:
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
To have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall. (StF 264)

Hymn 287 v 5 Were the whole realm

PARISH NURSE NEWS:

I will be in on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Tuesday is R.E.F.R.E.S.H. and the craft is Easter cards. There will be a quiet reflective space and the usual knitting and games and chat, coffee and biscuits.

Please contact me if you have any ideas or resources for crafts or would be willing to demonstrate one. Please could you collect any **attractive jars** that we can decorate and put lights in, in one of these sessions. Does anybody have any **smallish terracotta flowerpots**? I am hoping we can decorate them with decopatch.

The Messy Church event is on Wednesday “**Celebrate the Easter Story**, through crafts, fun and chocolate!” this is aimed at 4–11-year-olds. Invitations have gone out via email and social media. 16th April 2-4. Booking Essential. Please pray for this event to reach the community around us

especially as we only have a few children booked in so far and it would be so nice to have some more.

The next **Baby Massage** Course starts on 23rd April – 2 places left

Please do get in touch about anyone you feel would benefit from a visit or if you have health or wellbeing concerns you would like to discuss.

And please continue to knit dishcloths!

There are flyers at the back of the church- please give out to anyone you know, neighbours etc .

Kind Regards

Paula McClenaghan

Parish Nurse

Woodside Methodist Church

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(Please note I only work Tuesdays and either Wednesday or Thursday with this service. It may be a week before I get back to you. If you have an urgent health issue, please see your GP or call 111 or if severe eg chest pain call 999)

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:

We had another enjoyable afternoon last Tuesday, when we listened to a very interesting talk about an early saint, St Catherine, followed by a Bring and Buy.

We meet again on Easter Tuesday, 22nd April, when we will share together favourite poems, stories, music, etc, about Easter and Spring. Finishing, of course, with a refreshing cup of tea and biscuits, lots of chat together and, hopefully, some Easter cakes! Do you have a special memory or item reminding you of Easter and Spring? Come and share it with us. Everyone very welcome.

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, 13th May - Our Playgroup children will be entertaining us with their singing.

Tuesday, 27th May (Bank Holiday) - We will listen to a selection of poems (read by Kath Wykes) written by the funny and wonderful Pam Ayres.

Tuesday, 10th June - **Please make a special note of this date** - the **Children's Choir from Stivichall Primary School** will be coming again to sing to us. They have been several times before and we always have an enjoyable afternoon listening to their lovely singing.

A new Programme for the summer months is in preparation and will be available soon.

RECENT COFFEE MORNING FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN:

Thank you so much for your generous donations and support for Action for Children. We raised £188 most of which is Gift Aided which increases donations by 25%. Thanks too to our men who did an excellent job serving toast, crumpets and hot cross Buns. Sue D and Sue C.

Circuit News items:

Saturday 17th May 2025 Accreditation Service. 3pm at Woodside Avenue Methodist Church. Woodside Avenue South, Coventry, CV73 6BE Accreditation service for Jo Hibbard including reaffirmation of vows for Local Preachers

Sunday 1st June 2025 Easter Offering Service. 4.15 pm to share tea and cake, 5pm service to start. Earlsdon Methodist Church, 227 Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV5 6NF

LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER:

Good Friday: 2.00 pm Our service will be led by Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

Easter Day: 8.00 am We are invited to a Service of Holy Communion at **Earlsdon**, led by Rev Doreen. Breakfast will follow. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church (or see Jenny Holmes) if you would like breakfast – essential for catering purposes.

EASTER CROSS:

Once again, we will decorate the Easter Cross with masses of beautiful flowers as a witness to our RISEN LORD.

Please bring flowers of any variety to decorate the cross following our Easter morning worship.

Would you also volunteer to visit the cross during the Easter week to replenish any wilting flowers. Please sign the rota at the back of the church.

THE EASTER CROSS IN 2024



CHURCH FAMILY:

Please continue to pray for those who would love to be able to join us in church but are unable to do so because of poor health or mobility. With their permission, do keep us informed of any we may not be aware of who are in special need.

Bob Bruce: The funeral of Bob Bruce will be at Canley Crematorium on Thursday 24th April at 1pm.

Celia Oakes: The funeral service for Celia Oakes will be at Woodside on Monday 14th April at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Amyloidosis Research Fund, via Henry Ison's website, in tributes section.

Our **Easter Communion Service at 10.30** next Sunday, 20th April, will be led by our minister, Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

Our services are recorded and are available for viewing on our website later in the day and throughout the week. (woodsidesmethodist.org.uk), also via the phone on 024 76932114.

If you would like anything included in the notices for the whole of April, please contact Sheila Aldridge. sheilaaldrige@btconnect.com 024 76304853 07957862468