

**WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
COVENTRY, CV3 6BE**

Sunday 20th April 2025

Today we welcome Rev Doreen to lead our Easter Communion Service

EASTER DAY LENT LITURGY

“FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH”

On this Resurrection Day, we transform the Lenten Cross of suffering into the radiancy of the new life Christ has won for all who believe.

We remove from the cross the **bread and wine**, symbols of the body of Christ broken, the blood of Christ shed for you and me.

We remove from the cross the **bowl and towel** that remind us that Jesus, the King of heaven and earth became a servant to us all.

We remove from the cross the **bag of money**, thirty pieces of silver that remind us that we sold Christ for our own ends.

We remove from the cross the **purple robe and the crown of thorns** with which we mocked the Saviour Jesus.

We remove from the cross the **whip** with which we scourged Christ.

We remove from the cross the **palm branches** that remind us of the fickleness of people who hailed Jesus as king, just a week before they shouted ‘Crucify!’

We remove from the cross the **nails** that held our Saviour to the tree.

Very early on Sunday morning, the women went to the tomb carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly, two men in bright, shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground as the men said to them: ‘WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AMONG THE DEAD FOR HE WHO IS ALIVE? HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS BEEN RAISED ‘.

EASTER SERVICES:

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 Communion Service at **Earlsdon**, led by Rev Doreen.

10.30am Holy Communion at Woodside led by Rev Doreen

EASTER CROSS: Following the Communion Service at 10.30 am at Woodside, 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.

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:

Why not join us this **Easter Tuesday, 22nd April, at 2pm**? We will be sharing together poems, stories, music, pictures, etc, about Easter and Spring. Do you have a favourite? Bring it along and share it with us. But don't worry if you haven't got anything to bring - just come along and enjoy the afternoon. We will finish, as usual, with a refreshing cup of tea, biscuits and Easter cakes.

Make a note of our 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.

MAY COFFEE MORNING:

Woodside Fellowship will be hosting the Church coffee morning on **Saturday 3rd May** in aid of **Myton Hospice in Coventry**. Make a note of this date and come along, bring your friends, and help us to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile local cause.

EDI (EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION) AND UNCONSCIOUS BIAS TRAINING:

The circuit is organising both an EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) and Unconscious Bias Course at both Bedworth and Woodside.

Woodside is on the 26 July with UB at 10am till 11am

EDI part 1 11.30 till 2pm. and part 2 at 2.30pm till 4pm. Bring your own lunch.

If you wish to go to Bedworth on Tuesday 6 May, please let me know and I will let you know the details.

These courses are mandatory for all stewards but are open to anyone.

I have a booking form so if anyone is interested, please let me know so I can book you in, or book yourself in at office@covnunmethodist.org.uk with your email for correspondence.

Some of you have already completed the EDI so just need to do the UB. If you are not sure what you have done, I have a record.

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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 Ganley Crematorium on Thursday 24th April at 1pm. This will be followed by a service at Woodside Church at 2pm led by Rev Doreen, after which tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Next Sunday, 27th April, – the 2nd of Easter - will be an ECO-themed service.

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

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