

WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

COVENTRY, CV3 6BE

SUNDAY 27th October 2024

Our service today will be led by Rev. Kathryn Darby

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:

We listened to a very interesting talk last Tuesday when Rev Pauline Warner told us about the history and significance of dates/festivals in autumn. Many thanks to Pauline.

We meet again on **Tuesday, 12th November, at 2pm** when Rev Ian Coates will be giving us a talk. This will be followed, of course, by tea, biscuits and chat! Come and join us!

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, 26th November, at 2pm - PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THIS DATE - come and support the Children's Choir from Stivichall Primary School. This has become a regular visit twice a year and we are always impressed by the high standard of their singing - we have been promised some Christmas songs this time. It would be lovely to fill the church and a lovely start to the Advent season - come and join us and support the children!

Tuesday, 10th December, at 2pm - "Christmas Celebrations!" - we will enjoy music, poetry, readings, a Christmas Quiz, and sing favourite carols. Finishing with mince pies and, of course, a cup of tea!

Please note that our Christmas meeting will be the last one of the year.

We will meet again in the new year on **14th January 2025** for our AGM and listen to the music of Andre Rieu (via CDs).

FLOWERS FOR 2025:

A list is now being prepared for the New Year. Anyone wishing to donate flowers for decorating the Church, especially if you have a preferred occasion to celebrate, contact Mary Grimsey (Tel 02476 411369) or see me at Church. *Thanks, Mary Grimsey*

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

TEA, SCONES AND A CHAT ON THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER: Jill and Clive Marsh would like to invite you to enjoy tea, scones and a chat on Thursday 7th November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10th November:

- a) provide more red poppies – knitted, crocheted or any other medium to add to last year's stock
- b) help to decorate the cross with poppies on Wednesday 6th November at 2.30 pm.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH: SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER AT BAGINTON ROAD URC 12-1.30PM: Always an enjoyable time with friends from other churches.

CAROLS FOR ALL 22nd December at 4.00 pm: Help to decorate the cross on Tuesday 17th December at 11.30 am. Enjoy a simple soup lunch afterwards.

PARISH NURSE MESSAGES:

I will be around on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, with most availability on Tuesday. This week will be knitting and games. **Tuesday 1.30 - 3.** All welcome to chat, bring your own craft project, join ours, play the games we supply or bring your own. we have puzzles and a puzzle role so we could have an ongoing puzzle.

Sue has come up with a great suggestion for the November Walk, so let's meet for Coffee at the Burnt Post **at 1.30 Tuesday 5th November.** Those of us that want to walk on to the park afterwards can do so, but all are welcome. Let me know if you need help to organise a lift.

Health Fayre – Saturday 16th November: 10 – 3pm

Tea and Coffee Makers needed! Tea and coffee makers will be needed for the Health Fayre. It's a long day, so my suggestion would be for each volunteer to just do one hour and then have a wander round the stalls. So, we need 5 people for one hour each. **Saturday 16th November 10-3.** I will put a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. We will also need help to set up on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th November and to return all the chairs when it ends at 3pm

Shoe Box Appeal:



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As usual I will be sending 3 (as I have 3 children, traditionally we have done this since they were small and chose the gifts)

I thought it would be great to see if we can send a couple from church. We need to collect up small gifts e.g. small toys, stationary items, personal care e.g. toothbrush, sponge (no liquids or toothpaste). We can put in a picture and message from the church and let them know that we will be praying for them.

I will place a box at the back of the church to put them in. We will also need shoe boxes! Either covered with Christmas paper or left for me to cover (our family have not bought enough shoes this year for our own to send!) just average size, no huge boot boxes or tiny children's boxes please!

Each box costs £5 to send so we will also need donations for this. The National collection week is 11-18th November, so we don't have that long!

Paula McClenaghan

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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)

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.

Flowers: The flowers this week are in memory of Ella and Eric Davies.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

What a wonderful Harvest we had at Woodside last weekend. Many thanks for all volunteers who assisted in any way, from decoration of the cross to all the beautiful flowers arrangements and the magnificent response to the Coventry Food Bank. Over four crates of food, which also included donations from the Pre-School Group.



Our service next Sunday, 3rd November, will be led by Rev. Dr Stuart Jennings.

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 next week or the whole of November, please contact Sue Davies. susandavies@retire.plus.com or phone 07742 714950