

# WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

COVENTRY CV3 6BE

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024

**Our service today will be led by Alison Gee**

*Everywhere and always, O Christ, let us feel your presence, the gift of grace upholding us,  
the gift of faith strengthening us, our hope fortified and our love reborn. Amen*

*Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1879)*

**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.

## **Congratulations to Rev Stuart Jennings and family repeated in case you missed it!**

Stuart Jennings and family have been honoured recipients of the Grierson Trust Award for 'Best Science Documentary 2024' based on dementia research, led by Prof John Hardy and team, which has led to a scientific breakthrough in Alzheimer's Disease, through Carol's incredible contribution made during her lifetime. **The documentary, Jennings vs Alzheimer's was screened on BBC.** Professor Sir John Hardy states that this research, 'would change the course of Alzheimer's forever' Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Stuart, John and Emily.

## **A letter from Prisca**

Dear Ken (and brothers and sisters at Woodside), Peace be with you.

Thanks be to God, as the end of the semester approaches, I have been occupied by my assignments lately. When I opened my mailbox yesterday, I saw your message, which was to me a blessing from God to cheer me up, for He has made us one in Jesus Christ so that we could love one another. God has always been watching over our family. My grandfather turned 90 yesterday and he is still fit. My brother can manage all the schoolwork and prepare for the upcoming public exam. My parents continue serving God in Poland as missionaries, being sustained by the grace of our Lord from day to day. I am going to complete the first half of my final year within a month. Our heavenly father, our Lord Jesus Christ is always faithful. His grace is more than abundant.

It has indeed been a long time since I left Woodside and Coventry but I feel like I never truly left (at least my laptop is still located in Coventry). Whenever I reminisce about my time in the UK and the fellowship with brothers and sisters at Woodside, I am always grateful and will continue to remember Woodside in my prayers (and write regularly too). Praise be to our Heavenly Father for adding to Woodside's number. Please send my greetings and love to the church!

'Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.' Act 2:46-47

'May "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."' Psalm 6:24-26

**In Christ,**

**Prisca**

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported the health fayre.** Carol from **Memory Lane** commented "We had a good steady flow of visitors during our time and were able to pass on lots of information"

**Godiva voluntary medical responders** said on Facebook "lovely friendly people and some amazing charity groups we look forward to supporting in the future" It was definitely a success and will repeat it next October. **THANKYOU!**

There are still a few beautiful **cross-stitched cards, kindly sewn and donated by Jean Pardon for sale.** I will take any left to St Helens Christmas Fayre in Solihull on 30<sup>th</sup> November, where I will be hosting a stall.

**The knitting and Games group all made cards** this week. We all enjoyed it and there were requests to have another session, which we will do next month. **So, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December after decorating the cross and soup lunch, do stay to make cards.** But if you would rather play a game or knit, that's fine too.

**3rd December Festive Walk in the Park! Coffee at the Burnt Post meet at 1.30 followed by a walk.** All welcome, even if just for a coffee. Ruby and I will be wearing our Christmas jumpers, so do join in if you have one! If you are walking or not, maybe think of bringing someone else that might enjoy a coffee and chat as well.

We had some people from **baby massage** at the stay and play group as well as some new mums we had not met before.

Things have been a little hectic but so far should be calmer this week, so do get in touch if you need a visit or a chat (Tuesday or Wednesday)

Enjoying making Christmas cards this Tuesday.



**The Coventry Cyrenian's charity,** are again providing a Christmas lunch at Central Hall, for the homeless but also people who would be alone at Christmas . Please could we gather gifts such as toiletries, food e.g. mince pies, chocolates and biscuits, clothes e.g. scarves, hats and gloves. I will put a box at the back of the church. I have just found some cheap but pretty Christmas tree biscuits and a tin of biscuits, both with long life, in Aldi.

Kind regards, Paula McClenaghan Tel 07869715659 [nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk](mailto:nurse@covnunmethodist.org.uk)

(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:

**THIS Tuesday, 26th November, at 2pm - please make a special note of this date**

Come and support the Children's large Choir from Stivichall Primary School **this Tuesday afternoon** - a lovely start to the Advent/Christmas season and lovely to have re-established links with our local primary school. This has become a regular visit and we are always impressed by the high standard of their singing. We have been promised a variety of songs, including some Christmas ones. Everyone welcome - come and join us!

**Tuesday, 10th December, at 2pm - "Christmas Celebrations!"**

The children from our Playgroup will start our celebrations by entertaining us with songs from their Nativity Play - it will be lovely to hear the little ones singing! This will be followed by a Christmas Quiz, readings and singing our favourite carols. Finishing with mince pies and a cup of tea! Everyone welcome.

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).

A programme is being prepared for the early months of 2025 which will be available soon.

**The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 7th December** at the usual time of 10.30 until 12 noon. Previously this has been the Christmas Fayre, raising money for our own church funds. This has now been toned down from the big event, but there will still be a flavour of Christmas. Please support the event if you are able to and support our church. ***These coffee mornings are so enjoyable given the relaxed time to enjoy and chat with friends as we don't always have this opportunity following busy times after church services.***

**CAROLS FOR ALL 22nd December at 4.00 pm:** Please note the date and come to help **decorate the cross on Tuesday 17 December at 11.30 am** then join us to enjoy a simple soup lunch afterwards.

**Next Sunday 1 December is the First Sunday in Advent, will be led by Rev Stuart Jennings and not as printed on the Circuit Plan.**

We were sad to learn that Barbara Bailey is unable to take this service as planned, due to family health issues. Please remember them in your prayers and many thanks to Stuart for leading our worship.

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

If you would like anything included in the notices for next week and the rest of December please contact Jenny Holmes, email [jen.holmes@gmx.com](mailto:jen.holmes@gmx.com), Tel 024 76307539 or 07495652347