

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

26 November	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mr D Andrews
Saturday 2 December	Woodhouse	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Scouts' Christmas Fair
3 December	Woodhouse	10.30 am	Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion)
	Handsworth	6.30 pm	Local Arrangement
Saturday 9 December	Woodhouse	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Nativities Unwrapped – an exhibition of 'our' nativity sets and what they mean to us
10 December	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mrs Linda Wells
	Woodhouse	6.00 pm	Rev D Marschner (Carol Service with Woodhouse Prize Band)
17 December	Woodhouse	10.30 am	Mrs Christine Jackson
	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Rev D Marschner (Carol and Memorial Service)
24 December	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Rev Debora Marschner (Carols by Candlelight)
25 December	Handsworth	11.00 am	Rev Debora Marschner (Christmas Day Service)
31 December	Woodhouse	10.30 am	Mr Robert Jackson
	Handsworth	6.30 pm	Local Arrangement

Lord, you love to bless:

To bless the world and all its people, each and every one of us.

May we in turn be the people who bless others:

Our neighbors, our families, our friends,

Our communities, our enemies and your world.

Loving God, bless us and make us a blessing,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



The parable of the talents Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Sunday 19th November 2023

Woodhouse

10.30 a.m. Mr Robert Jackson

Handsworth

6.30 p.m. Local Arrangements

Everyone is welcome to worship. We hope that you will enjoy sharing in worship with us and we invite you to join us on other occasions.

Weekly Diary:			
Tuesday	21 November	6.15 pm – 7.30 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Thursday	23 November	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse Bereavement Support Group at Woodhouse
Friday	24 November	11.30 am – 1.00 pm 6.45 pm – 8.30 pm	Lunch Club at Handsworth Boys' Brigade at Handsworth
Saturday	25 November	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee Morning Woodhouse Coffee Corner Handsworth

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND: We have re-introduced a retiring collection for the church benevolent fund (usually used to top up charity donations that we collect throughout the year) at all services with Holy Communion.

MARY'S MEALS/HARVEST PROJECT: Please save your loose change over the coming months. It can be handed in at any time to Jean Wild or one of the church stewards. Thanks to those who have already handed in loose change over the last couple of years which together with the proceeds from the Harvest Supper and other monies handed in, we have now raised £461.00.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH CLEANING DATES: We will generally gather on the last Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. This may change if there are any clashes with room bookings or holidays etc. Tea and coffee will be provided and there will be jobs to suit a variety of ages and abilities!! The dates for the next few months are below:

Wednesday 29 November (please note that we have had to change this date again from the 6 December as we now have a room booking!)

Wednesday 24 January

Wednesday 28 February

ACTION FOR CHILDREN: As Advent and the busy Christmas season approaches, can I remind you that I shall be emptying collection boxes and asking for donations for our Methodist Children's Society, Action for Children, in January. This year we have handed in £233.55; thanks to your boxes, Shrove Tuesday and our 're-made cards'. Thank you all! From Julia.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: As in past years at Handsworth, we will be displaying a Church Family Christmas Card in both churches together with an offering plate. The idea is that, instead of buying individual cards for our friends at church, we sign one or both of the big cards and put a donation into the plate for a local charity. Our chosen charity is Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. They are always extremely grateful and it seems appropriate at Christmas to support the excellent work they undertake with terminally ill children and their families.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: For anyone who has encountered a significant loss, recently or at any time in their life. Everyone experiences grief and loss in their own personal way and as we are all different, we all have our own preferences as to which type of support we find helpful. Sharing the pain of grief and loss with others, re-telling our stories and experiences is often seen as an important and helpful part of our individual bereavement journey. This group will be facilitated by Rev Debora Marschner and Rev June Fox. Next session on Thursdays 23rd and 30th November from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm at Trinity Woodhouse Methodist Church. This group is open to anyone with or without faith.

SILENT AUCTION: Please save any unwanted presents you may receive which can be donated to the annual Silent Auction - hopefully to be held early on in the new year.

WOODHOUSE PRIZE BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Will take place at St James' Church, Woodhouse on Friday 1 December at 7.30 pm. Entry £5.00.

HANDSWORTH FOODBANK: If you have anything to donate, there is a plastic box at the back of the church at Handsworth. If you are unable to get to church, Chris Turner would be happy to collect. Please contact him on 07742974484. All items donated should be in date. Thank you.

Our prayers are asked for ALL who are sick, housebound, in community homes or hospitals, those with special needs and the people of Normanton Spring Road, Court and Grove, Haxby Street, Close and Place, Carlin Street, Hessey Street, Coisley Hill, Ashpool Fold and Close, Woodhouse West School, Waterslacks Esatate, the Skeltons, Tannery and Spa Lane. We give thanks for the community in Handsworth and this week we pray for those who live on Ballifield Rise, Close, Crescent, Drive, Road, Way and Place, Ballifield School, Handsworth Grange School, Handsworth Grange Way, Drive, Crescent and Road, Beaver Close, Avenue and Drive, Shubert Close, Old Retford Road, Flockton Crescent, Drive, Avenue and Road.

If you know of any special event, anything of special interest or concern or any new item which you would like added to the greeting, please pass the information to Christine Jackson, tel: 2695263; email: cmj.rhj.42@gmail.com or Lesley Richardson, tel: 2696954; email: lesley_richardson7@btinternet.com

WEEKLY OFFERING: It would be really appreciated if donations could be made directly from the bank by standing order. If you feel that you are able to do this, the details are as follows:

- Bank Name: Handsworth Methodist Church, Sort Code: 40-41-08, Account Number: 90414298.
- Bank Name: Woodhouse Trinity Methodist Church, Sort Code: 40-41-43, Account Number: 61017705.

Thank you from the stewards.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Will start meeting again from Tuesday 10 October at Woodhouse. We meet from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. This group is open to anyone who has been bereaved at any time in their lives. Come for a friendly welcome, a cuppa and a time to talk or listen.

FOODBANK/FOODWORKS CLARIFIED: To those people who donate food to the trolley in Asda, please be aware that the trolley labelled 'Woodhouse Foodbank' is collected by the Now Church in Woodhouse. This food is used as part of the Now Church Food Pantry, where people on very low (or no) income can buy food and produce that they would otherwise not be able to afford. The trolley which is labelled 'Handsworth Foodbank' goes to the foodbank at Grace Church. Foodbank parcels are designed to get people over a maximum period of three weeks, then they can no longer access them. The Food Pantry provides access to healthy food following Food Bank parcels; it enables people to learn to budget, become less dependent on handouts and take responsibility for their families.

HOPE FOR LIFE MINISTRIES APPEAL FOR THE UKRAINE: Due to the bombing of a major dam around Kherson, thousands of people have been left homeless. They urgently need our help for them to purchase food, baby supplies, bottled water, blankets, toiletries, and other urgent needs. If you are willing to help, please send your generous financial donations to:
Hope for Life Ministries, Pamela and Les Gratton, The Homestead, 53 Sutton Spring Wood, Calow, Chesterfield, S44 5XF. Tel: 01246 851703.