

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

30 November	Woodhouse	10.00 am – 4.00 pm	Quiet Day for Advent
1 December	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Charity Muzundo Own Arrangements
7 December	Woodhouse	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	173 rd Woodhouse Scouts' Christmas Fair
8 December	Handsworth Woodhouse	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion) Carol Service with Woodhouse Prize Band
14 December	Woodhouse	10.00 am	Nativity Exhibition
15 December	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.00 pm	Mrs Bridget Kellett Memorial Service
22 December	Handsworth	10.30 am	Rev Sean Adair
24 December	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
25 December	Woodhouse	11.00 am	Christmas Day Celebration
29 December	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mr David Andrews Own Arrangements

NB: Also available to Live Stream on YouTube when the morning service is at Handsworth.

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Prayer:

Lord our God, we come to you in community of faith and trust, in expectation that you will act. May our hearts be strengthened in all the pain and in all the conflicts of our world. Reveal your will, Almighty God, and protect those you have appointed as our leaders and rulers. Let your will be made plain to them. O Lord God, help your people in these times and give them strength to wait expectantly for what is good, to live and serve in this expectation. Grant your help to all who strive for this. We can all tell of the help that comes from you, for you always support us with your power, also in hard times.

Amen.

HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



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'Christ the King'

Sunday 24 November 2024

**10.30 am – Service at Handsworth*
Led by Mrs Joyce Wiles**

**Also available to Live Stream on You Tube – Search for
'Handsworth Woodhouse Methodist Church'*

**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:			
Monday	25 November	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Knit and Natter at Woodhouse – new knitters or beginners welcome!
Tuesday	26 November	6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Wednesday	27 November	10.00 am	Cleaning at Handsworth
Thursday	28 November	3.30 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse
Friday	29 November	11.30 am – 1.00 pm 6.45 pm	Lunch Club at Handsworth Boys' Brigade at Handsworth
Saturday	30 November	10.00 am – 4.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00pm	Quiet Day for Advent at Woodhouse Coffee Morning at Woodhouse Coffee Corner at Handsworth

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Before you buy your Christmas cards this year will you consider talking to friends, particularly those you see at church, about choosing to donate instead to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice? David Andrews will once again be making 2 Christmas cards so that we can display one in each building. The idea is that we sign one or both of the cards and leave a donation in lieu of money we would have spent on individual Christmas cards that end up in our blue bins after a few days. Somebody commented recently that in the 'olden days' people only sent cards to family and friends they didn't see regularly. As a church we have always supported children's charities at Christmas. As most of you know, Bluebell Wood Hospice provides respite and end of life care for children who are terminally ill. Patients and families are so thankful for the care they receive from this local charity at such a sad and harrowing time. Our gifts to Bluebell Wood are always gratefully received and acknowledged.

MESSAGE FROM DEBORA: Rev Romeo Pedro has had to travel to Namibia to help care for his father whose health continues to deteriorate. Romeo has asked me once again to be the acting superintendent of the Sheffield Circuit during his absence. I will of course continue to minister to you in the best way possible, but there will be less time for pastoral visits and phone calls. Maybe a good opportunity for you all to look out for each other! However, if there is anything urgent that you would like to share with me, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! NATIVITY EXHIBITION: On Saturday 14 December, alongside the coffee morning at Woodhouse, we are planning a Nativity Exhibition. If you have a nativity set that is special to you, then please write a few lines about it (when you first got it, if you used it regularly, what special memories are attached to it etc) and tell a steward that you want to contribute to the exhibition. We will let you know when it'll be needed at Woodhouse Church for setting up in due course.

FOODBANK/CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: This has just been launched to help vulnerable families celebrate Christmas and bring a little hope and light to those who find themselves in difficult situations. The Foodbank is putting together Christmas Dinner Hampers with items of food and some seasonal luxuries to be delivered the week before Christmas. Please see the posters on the noticeboards and Christmas Hamper List if you can help.

CAROL SERVICE WITH WOODHOUSE PRIZE BAND: On Sunday 8 December we will be asking for donations for the food bank (so we could aim to fill as many hampers as possible!) and a retiring collection for HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas) Sheffield in memory of Pat and Pauline Kilner.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH CLEANING: Generally, we will meet from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon on the dates below. This is usually the last Wednesday in the month unless it clashes with school holiday periods, eg in December. The cleaning dates for the rest of this year are: Wednesday 27 November and Wednesday 18 December 2024.

SILENT AUCTION: We are planning to have a Silent Auction at Woodhouse at the beginning of next year. Please save any unwanted gifts that you receive so they can be donated for this event. All items to be donated should be brand new (for example, tags still in clothes). The date of the auction will be announced soon!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Monthly peer support group to talk about life, loss and grief. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at Woodhouse from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The next meeting will be on: Thursday 19 December 2024. Please contact Rev Debora Marschner for more information.

PRAYER TREE: If you would like prayer for anyone or anything in particular, please write them on the Prayer Tree at the back of the church at Handsworth (ask a steward or a church member to point you in the right direction). These items will be brought to God in prayer at the prayer group on Friday mornings.

Our prayers are asked for ALL who are sick, housebound, in community homes or hospitals, those with special needs and the people of Rodger Road, Hannah Road, June Road, Junction Road, Brunswick Retirement Village, John Ward Street, Watch Street, Kirkstead Gardens, Driver Street, Rodman Street and Drive, Horsewood Road and Furnace Lane. We give thanks for Handsworth and all the people who live here, this week we pray for those who live on Holmshaw Grove and Drive, Richmond Road, Avenue and Grove, Holyoake Avenue, Wheatley Grove, Athelstan Road, Close and Athelstan School.

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 or email: lesley_richardson7@btinternet.com