

# **WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH**

**COVENTRY, CV3 6BE**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams will lead our service at 10.30am  
including Holy Communion**

**Theme: Power and Influence.**

*Please stay for coffee/tea after the service. There will be a special treat of cake, following the 'significant' birthday which Michael celebrated recently.*

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE :** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm, led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Jill Marsh. Woodside is believed to be the only church in the Circuit to hold an Ascension Day Service and therefore the whole Circuit has been invited to share this occasion. Do reserve tis date and make it special.

**PARISH NURSE NEWS :** Exciting news this week; the baby scales are being ordered! Thank you to all of you who have supported raising funds.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will be hosting a drop in/stay and play/catch up with other parents and carers. 11.30-1.00. This time has been chosen as there are families passing the doors to and from preschool at that time but anyone with babies or small children will be welcome to attend. It's a space to just relax and chat and have a cuppa, and also, I will be available for health and well being advice but also to chat about what families would like from the church and Parish Nursing. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested. If anyone is available on any of those days to make tea, coffee, and toast, please get in contact.

April 1-30 is Sjögren's Awareness Month, as many of you will know, a well-loved member of our Church suffered from this for many years. Amongst many other things it can cause severe pain and tiredness, sore eyes and mouth. Please pray for people that have this severe condition and for the awareness and research for early diagnosis and better treatments.

*Paula McClenaghan*

*Parish Nurse*

*Tel 07869715659*

**(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:** We meet again this coming Tuesday, 23rd April, when we look forward to a talk by Ray Williscroft on the subject of "Change". Followed, of course, by tea and biscuits (and chat!). Come and join us!

**DATA PROTECTION:** The circuit has requested that we complete a GDPR by the end of May. This means that you all have to sign a consent form for the church to hold your details on the church directory. Over the next few weeks I will be giving you all a consent form to fill in and return to me so I can complete the form and return to the circuit office. You only need to complete the form if you are happy for the church to hold your details. If you would like your details removed from the church directory please let me know so your details can be removed and I am not chasing you for the completed form. I will adapt the consent form as it is three pages long and some details are not necessary for our records. *Gordon smith*

*PS: please lighten Gordon's load by actively co-operating with this request. For the church to be connected as one family, we really do need your consent, otherwise we will be isolated.*

**WOODSIDE DEFIBRILLATOR: Professional Demonstration - Monday 22nd April 7.00 pm in the church** The Woodside Community Group has arranged a demonstration session on the use of our defibrillator as above. You are welcome to attend so that you have confidence in its use should the need arise. Some of you may have done this training some years ago, but even so, a refresher could be very useful. Please let Ken Holmes know if you would like to come.

**TRIP TO TISSINGTON WELL : Ascension Day, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Rev Pauline Warner is arranging a visit to Tissington and to the Ockbrook Moravian Church and settlement, where we are going to hold a short service and hear something of how the Moravian Christians inspired John and Charles Wesley. The Moravians were the first church to ordain a black woman (a former slave) and have recently had a significant impact on young Christians around the world. The Ockbrook service will be held at 11.00 am and the visit to Tissington will follow in the afternoon. Transport will be by car. For further details and to offer or ask for lifts, please contact Pauline. 07907893739 [warnerpauline86@gmail.com](mailto:warnerpauline86@gmail.com)

**CHURCH FAMILY :** As always, we continue to remember those who are unwell, house bound and unable to join us in Church. With their permission, please let us know of any we may not be aware of who are in special need.

**Carol Jennings :** You can find out more about Carol's life within the Circuit News sent out last week, There is a very interesting short film produced by the BBC regarding Carol. entitled "How one woman transformed Alzheimer's research". Do have a look [.https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-one-woman-transformed-alzheimers-research/p05wy4bw](https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-one-woman-transformed-alzheimers-research/p05wy4bw)

The arrangements for Carol's funeral have now been made. There will be a service here at Woodside on Friday 26 April 2024 at 12:00 noon followed by Cremation at 1:30pm. Following the cremation there will be refreshments and a chance to share at the Phantom Coach Pub (opposite the crematorium).

Parking for this funeral will present some challenges. We have 20 spaces, six of which will be reserved for family and ministers. Those going to the committal need spaces, also those with mobility problems require priority parking. Please register for these spaces at the back of the

church. Would all other attendees please use street parking or the Burnt Post car park. Do allow ample time as it is expected we will have a full church.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, we are delighted to welcome Rev Graham Gee back to Woodside to lead our worship.

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

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