

# **WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH**

COVENTRY, CV3 6BE

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## *Palm Sunday*

**(The Lent Liturgy for today is shown on page four)**

**We welcome Alison Gee to lead our worship today**

### **EASTER SERVICES:**

**Maundy Thursday** 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 **pm**. We are invited to join with Earlsdon and Radford & Holbrooks for a Communion Service led by Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams.  
Radford & Holbrooks Church is on Rupert Road, CV6 3AZ

**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March **2.00 pm Meditative Service** led by Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

**Easter Day** 31<sup>st</sup> March **8.00 am Holy Communion** led by Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams

9.00 am Breakfast.

**10.30 am Easter Celebration Service.**

Lift your voices high as we celebrate the risen Christ in this family service led by Rev Clive Fowle

This Service will be followed by the Decoration of the Easter Cross. Please bring flowers to make a wonderful display as a reminder of God's love for everyone. This witness is always appreciated in the local community.

If you would like breakfast, please book a place with Jenny or Sheila by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** to enable catering. jen.holmes@gmx.com 07495652347

**WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:** Our next meeting is this **Tuesday, 26th March** at **2pm**. As it is Holy Week, instead of a speaker, we are bringing individual items of interest on the subject of **Spring/Holy Week/Easter**. It will be a mixed bag of contributions - already we have been promised stories, pictures and music and will be having a bible reading. Do you have anything that would be of interest to others? Bring it along. But don't worry if you have not got anything - just come along and enjoy the afternoon. We will be finishing with Hot Cross Buns and a cup of tea.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** remember the special Church Council meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm to consider proposals for the Assessment 2024-2025

## MESSAGES FROM THE PARISH NURSE:

It's been a very busy few weeks in Parish Nursing, but next week appears a lot calmer, so please do phone if anyone you know requires a home visit or you would like to discuss your health or wellbeing.

On Tuesday, we had a lovely afternoon of chatting and knitting. Not everyone does an activity so please feel free to join us if you would just like a cuppa and a chat with friends. This week we were working on daffodils. Hopefully we will be selling some at the craft stall at the coffee morning on 6<sup>th</sup> April



The next session is 16<sup>th</sup> April. Feel free to bring anything you are working on or request games you would like to play.

If anyone has a Jenga they do not want, please let me know. The very large one we had in January was borrowed and has been returned. Any size will do! If not, I will purchase one with Parish Nursing funds (which is where the donations at these events go to)

**First Aid:** You may have noticed there is a new first aid box in the porch. That is there for quick easy access. However please write any accidents in the book in the first aid cupboard opposite the main Kitchen and top up any supplies from there. Please let me know if there are any problems.

There is a defibrillator in the building next to the first aid cupboard opposite the kitchen and the locked one on the outside of the building (999 give anyone that calls the access number). Training is being arranged for this; a date is not confirmed yet.

**Fidget blankets :** The memory group have shown me some lovely fidget blankets that can be soothing for those with dementia . They are available for a donation (suggested £5 or over). The small one is a fidget sleeve they can put their arm through, and the other is a small blanket. Please get in touch if you would like to order one for someone or for any questions..



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

**Margaret Smith:** Thank you all for supporting Andrew, Matt and myself to celebrate Margaret's life. I am so sorry that my emotions overcame me as I had a lot to tell you about my wonderful wife, but that time has now passed and is part of my memories. It was lovely to see so many friends and neighbours there. On the Friday after the life celebrations I had a visit from one of my neighbours, and she was so surprised to hear that Margaret had been ill for so long as she always had a smile and was so positive to talk to.

Andrew and I have had a phone call from the cancer doctor who cared for Margaret at the hospital asking if they can use her case to help improve the palliative care nurses who only work five days a week and not weekends. We have agreed to this, so Margaret is still trying to help others.

*Gordon*

#### **MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER, REV JILL MARSH**

*We have four members of the Circuit Leadership Team leaving their roles this Summer,.... Rev Jane Braund and Mike Hobbs (treasurer), Deacon Sheila Dawson and Andy Pinks (Senior Steward).*

*We know that all the churches have benefitted from their ministries in different ways and we invite you to give any gift of money that you would like to add to a circuit 'farewell' for them.*

There will be a collection plate at the back of the church for any donations. Please mark clearly which collection you would like your donation to go to.

Our services are recorded and will be available for viewing on our website later in the day and throughout the week. ([woodsidemethodist.org.uk](http://woodsidemethodist.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

## **Palm Sunday: Matthew 21.1-11**

**Symbols:** Display green or palm branches, and the plant pot.

### **Prayer**

**P:** Jesus, you ask only for that which we can give. May we willingly take on the bridle of service and embrace the bit of docility, that we may be used by you in whatever way you wish. You give us very clear directions for our lives. Help us to follow the path that you reveal and not run away from the cross, which will bring us new life.

**All: Hosanna to you, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** May we always proclaim the wonders of your unconditional love for all your people in all that we say and all that we do. Let there be no difference between what we proclaim and who we are, so that your name may be honoured, and your love might be revealed in the marketplace of our lives.

**All: Hosanna to you, Lord Jesus. Amen.**