

# **WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH**

**COVENTRY, CV3 6BE**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Welcome to Rev Graham Gee as he leads our worship**

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.00 pm, led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Jill Marsh. This service will include Holy Communion. 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 this date and make it special.

**COFFEE MORNING : Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** The coffee morning to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May is to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. Ben, a dance instructor with Elite Dance who train at Woodside is going to cycle from Lands' End to John o' Groats, a distance of over 1,000 miles to raise money for this important charity. Any money raised at the coffee morning will support his fund raising. Hope to see you there!

**CHURCH GIVING APPEAL :** There was a special Circuit Meeting of Treasurers and Senior Stewards on 22<sup>nd</sup> April to consider the Circuit budget. There is almost certainty of a deficit for 2023-2024 and most likely for 2024-2025. Woodside is one of the churches drawing on reserves and we write to request your review of giving and, where possible, increase your standing order or cash contributions. Your generosity, along with an increase in lettings will make a vital difference. Thank you.

**PARISH NURSE NEWS :** Thank you all for your generous support in funding the baby scales. The final amount is a wonderful £325- pretty much spot on what we needed! and Woodside are now the proud owners of fabulous new scales!

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.

*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 had an interesting meeting last Tuesday thinking about Change and the transformation brought to the world by Pentecost. Ray Williscroft illustrated his talk to us by using his technical/engineering experiences and gave us 'food for thought' - he left us thinking differently about the plugs we put in our electrical sockets! We meet again on **Tuesday, 14th May**, when we will welcome the Rev Jill Marsh, our Superintendent Minister. Followed, of course, by tea and biscuits. Come and join us. A new programme of events, covering a variety of speakers/activities for the summer/autumn is being prepared and will be available soon.

**OUTSIDE DEFIBRILLATOR** : Over 20 people attended the familiarization and training in the use of the defibrillator on Monday evening. Training was given by volunteers from the Godiva Voluntary Medical Responders who will monitor and maintain the unit. Should the need arise, the access code is mounted in the entrance porch, alongside the church postcode.

**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

**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*

*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.*

**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.

Please keep **Margaret and David Hodgkins** in your prayers. Pray for patience and healing, as they each manage their own current health issues.

A happy occasion for our church family .....

Many happy returns, Michael !



**NEXT SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> May, we welcome Alan Bennell 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. ([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 during May, please contact Sue Davies.

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