

WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH COVENTRY

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A very warm welcome to all who worship here today. Tea and Coffee are served after the morning services. Please stay and join us. We have a Junior Church Group for young children and a Crèche for the youngest.

Second Sunday in Advent **9th December**

10.30am Morning Worship

Led by Hugh McCready

Steward Asare A-Yeboah
Assistant Mary Grimsey
Creche Duty: Mary Lee

Welcome Stewards
Marjorie Davies, Thelma Gilbert

6.30pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Rev. Jane Braund

Steward Ken Holmes
Welcome Steward Joe Hibbard

Lectionary readings for today: Baruch 5: 1-9 or Malachi 3: 1-4
Benedictus (Luke 1: 68-79), Philipians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

Today's flowers have been given by and
arranged by Mary Grimsey

Liturgy for the Second Sunday in Advent

(Focus: Isaiah 40 1 – 11)

Reader 1 : O God, we light the second candle of advent. (The candle is lit)

Reader 2 : We Seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Reader 1 : Isaiah announced God's coming to a people excited in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd – feeding, leading and cradling the weary flock. This advent we seek such a God.

All : **Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.**

We sing: StF 165 v 2

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The recent **coffee morning** raised £293 towards the defibrillator fund. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day or supported it. The defibrillator fund now stands at £1193.

Women's Own on Tuesday 11th. December at 2.30pm. will be a Christmas members meeting.

Invitation: Kath Hasnip will be 80 on the 21st December and to celebrate this there will be tea and cakes served by the family in the church hall on **Sunday 16th December** between 2.00 and 4.30pm. all are welcome to attend, but please give your name to Kath to help with the catering.

Soup Supper for Action for Children at 2 Woodside Avenue North on Wednesday 19th. December from 6.30pm. Tickets £5 or a donation. Please RSVP to Sue Davies.
Phone 76418313

A Rotary Charity Christmas Concert is taking place in the beautiful setting of Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate Coventry this coming Friday 14th. December at 7pm. The concert will be in the midst of the special festival of Christmas Trees which add sparkle and atmosphere. Three choirs are taking part:

"Silver Lining" chorus, musical director Sarah Jackson, Daughter of Heather Amery.

The President Kennedy school choir.

"Local Vocals" who are conducted by Gareth Withers

Also, a special treat is a performance by Anna Leeson on oboe and accompanied by Joyce Watson. Anna is the granddaughter of Keith and Sue Chapman. Tickets £10, children are free. Concert will finish by 9.30pm.

Obtain your tickets from Keith Chapman, Rod Drew or Ken Holmes, or purchase on the door, subject to capacity. Do please support the concert and worthy Rotary causes including Coventry Peace House, Night Shelter, Coventry Food Bank, The international Children's Trust.

Christmas Carol Service, 4pm on Sunday 23rd. December
Community worship which Jo Hibbard is organising

Christmas Day Service will be at 10 am.

Rhona Caldwell (Parsons) Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all her friends at Woodside.

The new format for **the Plan** is because of the new data protection laws.

3rd Sunday in Advent, 16th December

10am. Messy Church

10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Rev. Pauline Warner

Steward Eileen Kerrigan

Assistant Sue Davies

Welcome Stewards

Sue Chapman, Kath Hasnip

Notices for next week to Gordon Smith
by e-mail at gordonsmith167@gmail.com or phone 76412482 by
Thursday at 5.00pm., please

A Message from the the Superintendent Minister:

In 2008 the Coventry and Nuneaton & Atherstone circuits were amalgamated to form the Coventry & Nuneaton circuit. The membership at that time was 1258 in 27 local churches, large and small. Notwithstanding intensive activities and the emergence of green shoots, the membership declined to 933 in 15 churches in 2018. As Christians, 'We thank God for all that is past and trust him for all that is to come'. In that trust we are determined to implement an 'evangelical growth action plan' EGAP. Rev. Marcus Torchon. Detail forms are at the back of the church. Notices are available to read each week on our website

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