

**WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
COVENTRY, CV3 6BE**

**Sunday 4th January 2026
We welcome Rev Jill Marsh to lead our worship**

QUIET TIME: *Please try to observe a few minutes quiet time before our service, as indicated by the screen and quiet music.*

On behalf of our stewarding team, may we wish everyone a Happy New Year, with love, peace and hope. Together, may we seek to grow in faith, service and opportunities to build our Community Church here at Woodside.

Our Covenant Service on Sunday 11th January will challenge us to serve the God we Adore.

Thank you to everyone who has, in any way, contributed to caring for our church and our family of friends. You are all what makes Woodside special.

CHURCH FAMILY:

We pray for every blessing on all our church family in 2026. Some have had a difficult time in 2025 and we pray that health and circumstances will improve in the coming year.

Please remember all our friends and any others that you are aware of who would love to be able to share in our service today but are unable to do so because of ill health or on-going recovery from surgery. We understand how much our prayers are appreciated. Do keep us informed of any we may not be aware of who are in special need, but remember we need their permission.

THANKS :

Last Sunday about 20 of us sat down to a superb (post) Christmas lunch at the beautifully decorated table in the church hall. I will not describe in detail the meal itself as it would take too much space and some of you might become envious, but I can say that it was Dickensian in variety and quality.

So we all want to express our thanks to Paula, the inspiration and organising genius of the event who once again demonstrated her care and concern for the people of Woodside. We are also grateful for those who waited at table and did so many of the other jobs behind the scenes, table, but particularly to her nephew Luke, a professional chef, who came down from his workplace in York to supervise the cooking and also, thanks to the generosity of his workmates, actually covered the cost of the meal. This meant that those of us who were the guests were able to make donations that could be sent to local Christmas charities. I know that all who shared in this wonderful event will want to join me in thanks to Paula and her team. *Michel Harris*

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE: Thank you to all who took part to make this a wonderful event.

For the second year running, it was a great joy to have so many taking part in the Carol Service. In no particular order, we say thank you to Rev Stuart Jennings for his message, the City of Coventry Male Voice Choir, Elite Dance Academy, our guest organist, readers, Advent Liturgy, audio-visual, refreshments. It was delightful occasion. Thank you to each and everyone.

And on to future events

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP :

We start the new year with a short AGM on **Tuesday, 13th January, 2026, at 2pm**, followed by a talk about New Year Traditions Around the World and sharing memories together. Do you have any stories (or poems) you can tell us (funny or serious)? Come along and share them with us. This will be followed, of course, by a refreshing cup of tea (and biscuits). Everyone welcome.

PARISH NURSING: Beat the January Blues

There will be free exercise sessions suitable for ALL abilities (sit or stand) each Wednesday in January. A different one to try each week. Times vary, so please look at the Parish Nurse section of the website for details.

COVENANT SERVICE This very special service in the Methodist Calendar will be held NEXT Sunday, 11th January at our usual time of 10.30 am.

Our services are recorded and are available for viewing on our website later in the day and throughout the week. (woodsidemethodist.org.uk), also via the phone on 024 76932114.

If you have anything you would like included on the news sheet, please contact me, Jenny. email jen.holmes@gmx.com, phone : 07495652347