

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

**EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 2026**

Our 8.30am Holy Communion Service will be led by our Minister  
Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams, followed by Easter Breakfast,  
joined by members of Earlsdon Methodist Church

Our 10.30am Holy Communion Service will be led by  
Rev Graham Gee

**Alleluia! Christ is risen**

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

**“FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH”**

**On this Resurrection Day, we transform the Lenten Cross of suffering into the radiancy of  
the new life Christ has won for all who believe.**

We remove from the cross the **bread and wine** , symbols of the body of Christ broken, the blood  
of Christ shed for you and me.

We remove from the cross the **bowl and towel** that remind us that Jesus, the King of heaven and  
earth became a servant to us all.

We remove from the cross the **bag of money** , thirty pieces of silver that remind us that we sold  
Christ for our own ends

We remove from the cross the **purple robe and the crown of thorns** with which we mocked the  
Saviour Jesus

We remove from the cross the **whip** with which we scourged Christ

We remove from the cross the **palm branches** that remind us of the fickleness of people who  
hailed Jesus as king, just a week before they shouted ‘Crucify !’

We remove from the cross the **nails** that held our Saviour to the tree.

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Please remember also 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 and 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.

**COFFEE MORNING:**

The next Coffee morning will be on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, i.e. The **SECOND** Saturday of the month this time,  
and will be to raise funds for **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**. Please put the date in your diary and do

join us to spend a relaxed time together and raise funds for this much needed Methodist Charity.  
Sue Davies

## **PARISH NURSING NEWS:**

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Health Fayre on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We met some interesting people and most of the stall holders have already said they would be interested in doing it next year.

### **This coming week -**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April** is the **walk in the park**. Meet **1.30** in the Memorial Park near the buses . All welcome - let me know if you will need a lift or a wheel chair pushed.

There is **NO Off Balance Dance**- they will be back next week

There **WILL be Qigong Flow - this one is at risk of closing if the next two weeks are not better supported.**

We have 6 small babies starting baby massage on Wednesday

This Month is World [Autism Acceptance Month](#) with the theme **#CelebrateDifferences**.

This month aims to raise awareness and promote acceptance of autistic individuals.

"This initiative encourages communities to move beyond simple awareness to genuine acceptance and support for autistic individuals and their families"

### **A reminder about The Lions Message in a Bottle**

**The Lions Message in a Bottle** initiative is designed to help individuals keep their essential personal and medical details easily accessible in case of an emergency.

- **A Message in a Bottle** kit includes a plastic bottle, a form to fill in with personal and medical information, including allergies and emergency contact details, and 2 green stickers.
- The bottle is stored in the fridge, with one sticker placed on the fridge door and the other inside the front door.
- [This helps emergency services quickly identify individuals and provide appropriate assistance. The initiative is particularly beneficial for older adults or those with health conditions, providing peace of mind and ensuring that necessary information is readily available during emergencies.](#)
- I have some in no.1 vestry, just ask me for them but also, they should be available from Gps and pharmacies.

I hope you all take time to relax and reflect over this Easter time. Keep well.

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***(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 e.g. chest pain call 999)***

## **WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:**

We meet again on **Tuesday, 14th April, at 2pm**, when we will be pleased to welcome **Rev Becki Stennett**. **We look forward to hearing her talk about Susanna Wesley - known as 'The Mother of Methodism'**.

This will be followed, of course, by a refreshing cup of tea and biscuits.

Everyone is welcome - why not bring a friend?

### **FUTURE DATES:**

28th April - a talk by our own Ken Holmes regarding the work of the International Children's Trust

12th May - we welcome the Rev Jill Marsh to speak to us

26th May (Bank Holiday Tuesday) - Open Meeting with music

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Saturday 11th April at 4pm** We hope many of you will join us for the Circuit farewell service for Rev Doreen to be held at **Radford and Holbrooks Methodist Church, Rupert Rd. CV6 3AZ followed by an afternoon Tea**. Rev Doreen has been the Minister there as well, as with Earlsdon and Woodside Churches. Woodside have offered to provide sandwiches for this occasion. These have been ordered and will be taken to the service but if you wish to take your own individual contribution that will also be welcome. Other churches have offered other parts of the buffet, for us to share. If you need a lift please let me know. Sue

**Next Sunday 12th April we welcome Rev Doreen Koffie-Williams to lead our 10.30 am worship. This will be our opportunity to share in Doreen's last service at Woodside, to make a presentation to her, say thank you for her Ministry amongst us and pray for God's blessing for her future Ministry. From 1<sup>st</sup> May Rev Doreen will be on Sabbatical before moving to take up her new appointment.**

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

***If you have anything you would like included on the news sheet next week, and for the whole of April, please contact Sue Davies. Email: [susandavies@retire.plus.com](mailto:susandavies@retire.plus.com) - phone: 07742 714950***