

WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
COVENTRY, CV3 6BE
Sunday 4th MAY 2025

Today we welcome Jo Hibbard to lead our worship

**Let us feel the touch of peace and life, the touch of the risen Lord,
within us, beside us, behind us, and before us all the days of our life. Amen**

PARISH NURSE NEWS:

We had 3 Gorgeous babies at baby massage this week, and they have 4 more weeks of the course . Please pray for these lovely babies and their families .

We have a walk this Tuesday 6 May at 1.30. Meet at the Memorial Park car park near the bus stops . Do get in touch for lifts, and there is likely to be a group going straight to the park café and others that walk further before still ending up at the café! Let's hope we are still having good weather then!

I am around Tuesday and Wednesday and currently have availability Tuesday morning and a little on Wednesday afternoon.

The next REFRESH is on 20 May with knitting, board games, quiet reflective space and also we will be decorating and maybe filling flowerpots .

We have had a generous donation of £50 in for REFRESH. I would like to do something special with this, so if anyone has an idea for a craft they would like us to do, that we can't figure out how to do ourselves please get in touch.

It is Deaf Awareness Week and we have the following from our friend Emily Owen who has previously spoken to us about her own deafness.

“Who are Team XXX Million? You might well find that you are a member of the team. Thank you: [Team XXX Million — Open Ears](#) Many of us, are all too aware of hearing loss.

We live with it, every day. We've had no choice but to become aware of it. The charity, Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID), say that there are over 18 million adults in the UK who are deaf. **The theme for Deaf Awareness Week 2025 is, 'Beyond Silence'**. As well as celebrating the 18 million, let's also celebrate the XXX million represented by my niece. Those who have chosen to walk alongside people with hearing loss, allowing silence to become their world too, and, in doing so, showing that 'Beyond Silence' is possible.

When I lost my hearing, I was terrified. I was stuck in silence, and there was no beyond. Then cracks began to appear in the soundless wall surrounding me. My mum fingerspelling words to me. An audiologist I could understand. My dad speaking clearly for me to lipread. My sisters teasing me (our love language). All these, and many more, helped – and help - me find life beyond silence.

It isn't much fun for one, but two can stick together.

Winnie the Pooh

So, as a deaf person approaching Deaf Awareness Week, I thank and celebrate the XXX million who are deaf-aware.” **Emily Owen**

Let us hold Emily and everyone with hearing problems in our prayers. .

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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 eg chest pain call 999)

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE MORNING

Woodside Fellowship are hosting the **Church coffee morning** this **Saturday 3rd May** in aid of the **Coventry Myton Hospice**. There will also be a **second-hand book sale** with books kindly donated by Finham Library. Please come along, bring your friends, and help us to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile local cause.

We look forward to our next get together on **Tuesday, 13th May at 2pm** when we will be entertained by our **Playgroup children** who will be singing to us. Make a note of the date and come and enjoy their delightful singing, followed, of course, by tea and biscuits.

Future dates:

Tuesday, 27th May - We will listen to a selection of poems (read by Kath Wykes) written by the funny and wonderful Pam Ayres.

Tuesday, 10th June - *Please make a special note of this date* - the **Children's Choir from Stivichall Primary School** will be coming again to sing to us. They have been several times before and we always have an enjoyable afternoon listening to their lovely singing.

Tuesday, 24th June - Our own Margaret Adler will be talking to us about how she came to become skilled in the world of crafts.

GLOBAL CARE an international Christian charity providing relief, development and education for vulnerable children. A message from Jean Foss about a fundraising event on Saturday 10th May: An Evening with Wetwetwet Guitarist Graeme Duffin with Rob Halligan at Queens Road Baptist Church CV1 3EG 7pm : Songs, Stories, Faith, Jazz £7.50 in advance £9 at the door Tel: 07724 0062254: jeanglobalcare@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK will be 11-17 May. In the absence of house to house collections this can easily be overlooked so please take an envelope from the back of the church if you would like to make a donation. Alternatively it is easy to make Online donations.

CHURCH FAMILY:

Please continue to pray for those who would love to be able to join us in church but are unable to do so because of poor health or mobility. With their permission, do keep us informed of any we may not be aware of who are in special need.

Next Sunday, 11th May we welcome Rev Gareth Powell to lead our service.

Because of holidays, there will be no video or audio recording of our Sunday service this week. If you would like anything included in the notices for next week and the rest of May, please contact Sue Davies, susandavies@retire.plus.com or phone 07742 714950.