

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

Sunday 5th July 2026

We welcome Rev Dr Stuart Jennings to lead our worship today

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

CHURCH FAMILY:

The flowers this week have been given in memory of **Wendy St Leon**.

Daphne Stone: it is with sadness that we learn of the death of Daphne. She died peacefully in hospital on Wednesday 24th June. The funeral service will be here at Woodside led by Rev Pauline Warner on Friday 10th July at 2.00 pm, followed by the Committal at Canley Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Please offer your love and prayers to her daughter, Diane Lynott and all the family.

Diane hopes that the Woodside family will accept the family's invitation to share in the funeral service.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING: Sunday, 5th July at 12 noon

As a church with such a big heart, interest in this meeting can be disappointing. I do hope, as Senior Steward, that you will feel able to adjust your normal lunch routine and stay for this important meeting, which will be chaired by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Jill Marsh.

Whatever else, please do not go home saying "I wish I had said"

Woodside means such a lot to so many in both worship and service to others. Let's show that commitment. *Ken Holmes*

WOODSIDE CHURCH TREASURER: now is the time to 'step up to the plate'.

We urgently need a treasurer to allow Keith Aldridge to retire from this post. Induction and support will be given in the crossover.

Part of the role is already provided by others, so it's not as daunting and onerous as you might think.

- Collection and cash is paid into the bank by David & Mary Grimsey
- Invoicing of user groups is done by Lorraine Gowing
- Gift Aid is recovered by Terry Proctor
- Attendance and liaison with the Circuit is done by Ken Holmes
- As a safety net we have gone live on Facebook to recruit a Bookkeeper / Treasurer

PARISH NURSING MINISTRIES:

Volunteers needed!

The work of Paula, our Parish Nurse, is growing rapidly and more support is needed to meet the demand – sharing our love for others comes at a cost of time. Can you respond with an hour or two to assist? Share with us on Tuesday at 2.00 pm to learn more at our support group meeting with Paula.

CHURCH EVENT

A wedding is taking place at Woodside on Wednesday 29th July at 12 noon. This is being conducted by Rev Graham Gee. The couple, Tae and Nomatter, have worshipped with us on several occasions over the past few months and thank all who have made them feel very welcome

PARISH NURSE NEWS:

COFFEE MORNING FOR CHRISTIAN AID 10.30 SATURDAY. Please do pop in for cake/toast/ a chat and support Christian Aid. Their resources must be even more stretched in these difficult times.

The week ahead - I will be on holiday for the next 2 weeks. Off Balance Dance and Qigong flow will both running as usual.

I will be back on Tuesday 21st and REFRESH will be on from 1.30-3 please do pop in for a cuppa and a chat and think of someone that may be alone and enjoy the company. We have a small group of local knitters that kindly knit for babies in hospital and are currently helping us with bunting. They are also very friendly and like a chat too! If anyone does want a craft, there will be gift boxes to make and diamond art cards (that's adding little jewels on!). The quiet reflective space is paused until the autumn unless requested.

HELP NEEDED!

There will be a sign-up chart at the back of church we need more help to spread the load that is on a few people. If more people could make teas at an event or give lifts to events for other church members just once a month it would make it easier for everyone.

July is UV safety month, and it looks like we do have high temperatures coming.

Try and cover up with light clothing, use at least factor 40 sun-screen on exposed areas, wear sunglasses if you can and avoid being in the sun in the middle of the day. Do physical activities early or late in the day and drink plenty of water.

A cold wet flannel on the back of your neck, on your forehead or armpits will help to cool you off.

Kind Regards

Paula McClenaghan, Parish Nurse, Woodside Methodist Church, 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 e.g. chest pain call 999).

WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP:

We meet again on Tuesday afternoon, 14th July, at 2pm, when we will be very pleased to welcome our own Roslyn Leng, together with Rev Pauline Warner, when they will tell us about an interesting visit they recently made to Whalley Abbey. We will finish, of course, with a refreshing cup of tea (with biscuits).

FUTURE DATES:

28th July - Rev Ian Coates will give another of his interesting talks

11th August - Keith Chapman will give another illustrated talk (using our screens) regarding ancient caves

25th August - we meet at the home of Sue and Brian Davies to enjoy sunshine, tea and cakes in their lovely garden (indoors if wet)

Copies of the latest Programme (for June to September) are on the tables near the church doors.

Everyone is welcome to join us - why not bring a friend?

CHURCH INVITATION CARDS:

There was a request in last week's news regarding invitation cards and using CANVA to help with the design. We have now received the following information from the Circuit regarding training sessions Interested?

We are keen to encourage and support churches across the Circuit in developing their communications and publicity. To support this, we are pleased to be able to offer in-person Canva training, led by Fiona Fidgin, Digital Communications Officer with the Connexional Team. 'Canva' is a user-friendly design tool that enables you to create clear, engaging and professional posters, newsletters and more. Canva is the tool that we currently use for the Circuit News, latest version is attached as well as a poster that the District have produced using 'Canva'.

We are planning to run two separate half day sessions, morning and afternoon, on the same day at different venues across the circuit, which we hope will make attendance more accessible for a wider group of participants. Only one session needs attending.

We very much hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

There are 2 possible dates on offer: Wednesday 16 September or Thursday 24 September. If you would like to attend, please reply to office@covnunethodist.org.uk by Monday 13th July, confirming your preferred date (16 or 24 September).

Once I have collated responses, I will get back to you with the preferred date, time and venues for the 2 sessions.

Attendees are asked to bring their own laptop if possible, so that can take part in the practical elements of the session.

Dates for your Diary:

Farewell to Rev Novette Headley (Chairman of the District): A Circuit service at Central Hall on Saturday 25th July at 3.00 pm

New Methodist Year: To welcome in the Methodist New Year, Woodside will be hosting a Circuit Service on Sunday 6th September at 3.30 pm Let us make this a 'full house' service

New Calendar Year: the Stewards have proposed that our Church Anniversary Celebration is held on Sunday 14th March 2027

Harvest at Woodside: Sunday 20th September. We welcome Rev Becki Stennett to lead this service.

NEXT SUNDAY: We welcome Tom Baird to Woodside to lead our worship

Our services are usually 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.

However, we are having some difficulty with the recording of our services at the moment, and this facility may not be available at times. This also affects the telephone line which we know several of you rely on to listen to the services, and we apologise if this causes any inconvenience. We are working to establish the cause of this problem and will rectify it as soon as possible.

If you have anything you would like included on the news sheet next week, please contact Sheila Aldridge. sheilaaldrige@btconnect.com 07957862468