

# **WOODSIDE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH**

**COVENTRY, CV3 6BE**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Our service today will be led by Michael Harris**

**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.

**David Hodgkins :** Funeral arrangements have now been made for David. This will be held at Canley Crematorium on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15 pm. Please continue to remember Margaret, John, Paul and Sarah and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Rev Alun Burke :** Woodside friends will be sorry to learn that Alun Burke who was our minister here at Woodside from 1980-89, died in a nursing home at Leamington on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. He had been in declining health for many months and suffered from both Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. He will be remembered by many of us old enough to recollect his ministry for the excellence of his preaching and his great love of the hymns of Charles Wesley. Many of us were pleased that his ministry also coincided with the teenage years of our children which were shared with Karen and Rachel. I will ensure that the sympathies and love of those of us who knew Alun will be passed on to Valerie and her family. *Michael Harris*

## **WOODSIDE FELLOWSHIP**

Many thanks to Ray Williscroft last Tuesday, when he stepped in at the last minute because our speaker was unable to join us - Ray gave us a thoughtful and interesting talk.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on **Tuesday 8th October at 2pm**, when we will be entertained again by Margaret Oliver with her keyboard. Margaret and her friend, Karen, have been many times before and we know that we will be listening to, and joining in with, a variety of songs and music. Followed by a refreshing cup of tea (and biscuits, of course).

Date for Diary: On Tuesday, 26th November, we will be welcoming the children's choir from Stivichall Primary School again. This has become a regular visit twice a year and we are always impressed by the high standard of their singing. Make a note of the date and come and enjoy a lovely start to the Christmas season - we have been promised a variety of songs, including some Christmas ones. Please tell your friends and family, and any groups you are involved with - we are aiming to fill the church this time - the children are well worth listening to!

**COFFEE MORNING :** **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am-12 noon.** Our monthly coffee morning will be for Action for Children, previously known as National Children's Homes. We value your support and look forward to seeing you. Thanks to Lorraine for hosting this Methodist event.

## PARISH NURSE MESSAGES:

This week I have been at the annual **Parish Nursing Symposium**. It was so interesting hearing what other services are doing ! It was great to spend time with a lot of nurses, all with a strong faith and shared vision. It was both refreshing and exhausting!

This coming week 1st and 2nd October is pretty full already so please do let me know if you would like to book an appointment to see me in advance as things are rather busy. Please do keep in contact though, and let me know how you, and those you care about, are doing and we will catch up when we can!

Please have **Baby Massage** in your prayers, it starts on Wednesday, and I am still working on it! It can truly make a lifetime of difference to the parent/carer and baby by supporting creating a strong bond affecting the way the baby copes with future relationships, including empathy and understanding.

**Coffee in the park**- due to a tight diary we are shaking it up a bit this time! Meet 3pm in the café (or 2.50 to walk down together ) Tuesday 1st October and we will walk on round the park afterwards. I hope this will suit the short walkers/ long walkers and coffee drinkers all in one go! (Its torrential rain as I write this. If its drizzle, we will go ahead, but torrential rain – stay home warm and safe!)

The Next **Knitting and Games** is 15<sup>th</sup> October, why not come and make poppies or Christmas chains or come for a cuppa or game of scrabble. We are thinking of making **Christmas cards** on 19<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome of course and if anyone has any supplies they won't be needing, please leave in the vestry.

### **Do you have emergency information in your fridge?!    Lions message in a bottle scheme**

This scheme ensures the emergency services have information easily accessible about you. The pot (see photo) comes with a form for all your details including health issues and allergies . Once complete, just pop your pot on the shelf in the fridge door. It also comes with 2 stickers, one to put on the inside of your door and the other on the fridge door. This easily alerts emergency services that information is available.

You can collect them from pharmacies and GP surgeries, or I can source one for you. I can also help you to fill out the form if you would like.



We are coming to the end of **World Alzheimer's Month** and **Pain Awareness Month**, please do continue to hold people with these debilitating conditions in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, September was cholesterol awareness month. If you have not had your cholesterol checked, at all, or for a long time, please request it to be checked by phoning the GP surgery

October 1<sup>st</sup> is **International Day of Older Persons**- lets celebrate the experience and knowledge of older people. Do our best to keep ourselves active and fit both physically and mentally and remember to support those older people for which life can be a struggle.

*Paula McClenaghan*

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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)

**CALL TO ACTION :** Read the letter from James Ch 1 and Ch 2 v 14-17

### **HARVEST 20<sup>th</sup> October**

- a) help to decorate the cross on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm, using flowers, autumn leaves, fresh food items etc
- b) support the decoration of the church (details later)
- c) as we celebrate God's good gifts to us, will you express that love by bringing donations for the Food Bank ?

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November**

- a) provide more red poppies – knitted, crocheted or any other medium to add to last year's stock
- b) help to decorate the cross with poppies on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 pm

### **CAROLS FOR ALL 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 4.00 pm**

Help to decorate the cross on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30 am. Enjoy a simple soup lunch afterwards.

**There are lots of possibilities for volunteers. Will you be one ?**

**Put the dates in your diaries !**

**Our service next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

We are delighted to welcome back **Rev Richard Wilde** to lead our worship

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

**If you would like anything included in the notices for next week, please contact Sheila Aldridge.**

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