

### Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for your grace and love for us each day. when challenges seem too difficult remind us of the power of your resurrection and the transforming strength of your love. Help us to believe that the impossible can happen and to live as if it might – today. Amen

*Rev Christine Alsted, Bishop, UMC, Nordic and Baltic Area*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7 p.m. “Song of Christmas” at Trinity Church.

Singers from Pannal Methodist Church are performing a modern Christmas musical, written by Pannal member Mike Butterworth. This received an amazing response last year at Pannal and is returning by popular demand for one night only this year. A wonderful opportunity for church members from around the Circuit to come and hear the Christmas story presented in a contemporary way.

**Friday 21st December** at 2 pm, as school breaks up: **Christmas film** The Muppet Christmas Carol. Drinks and snacks on sale to raise money for the Community garden.

**The return of ... the Caribbean Afternoon!** Save the date now: 4.00 – 6.30 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January. To build on the success of last year's event and strengthen our links with the church in Haiti, we hope to have a bring and share supper, Caribbean fruit tasting, prayer and craft activities, and the circuit Steel band! John and Sharon Harbottle have agreed to do another Skype call so we can find out how they, their community and their church are doing.

**Prayer Tree.** In the Prayer Corner at the back of the Church is a prayer tree, with paper ‘leaves’ provided for prayers to be written on and hung on the branches. All are free to use this at any time. The leaves are gathered together prayerfully before the evening Communion service each month, then presented with the offering during the service.

**Church Notices:** any items to be included need to reach Peter and Linda Phillips by 7.00 pm on the preceding Thursday, in writing, either e-mail to [peter.linda@theinvernet.co.uk](mailto:peter.linda@theinvernet.co.uk) or post/deliver to 50 St Hilda’s Road.



## WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

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### We welcome all those worshipping with us today

If you have recently moved into the area or started attending this church please make yourself known to one of the stewards or leave your name and address on one of the welcome cards to be found in the pews.

### NOTICES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

#### Our worship services today:

10.30 am Rev Christine Gillespie

*Holy Communion & Service of Confirmation.*

*Sunday School meets during this service – see below*

*Refreshments served in the Middle Hall after the service*

6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie

**There is a Loop System** in operation in the church and main hall, for those who use hearing aids. **Large Print** copies of all hymns & songs & the Notices are available. Please ask a Steward for further assistance.

**We include prayers for others in every service.** If you wish someone to be mentioned by name in these prayers, please ask their permission, then pass the name on to the steward on duty.

**Sunday School meets this morning** for children and young people aged 4-16. A crèche is also available for under-4s. The children normally join the congregation for the first 15 minutes of the service and then go to their own session, but are equally welcome to stay in the main service if they prefer. Please speak to a Steward for further information.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 26<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>      8.10 am    **Breakfast Club**  
                         8.30 am    **Church open for prayer**  
                         8.45 am    **Toast**

### Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018 - Advent Sunday

10.30 am    Rev Diane Hicks      *Gift Service – details below*  
6.30 pm     Rev Gillian Houghton

**Thank you** for your offerings on 18<sup>th</sup> November, amounting to £785.35

**Christmas Fair Results.** A big “thank you” to all who helped to make this so successful by their hard work before and at the Fair or supported it by their presence and their spending. The day raised £2,043.69, which brings the total raised over the year by the organizers’ various activities to £6,790.59. A great effort for church funds.

**Fudge and Truffles** If anyone would like to order fudge or truffles for Christmas (proceeds to the Sweet Stall/church funds), please see Marion Munroe or Sylvia Fox. Last date for orders: 9th December.

**Gardening Sunday today 25th November** Last gardening session of the year, to include Christmas-themed crafts and activities – if you can bring a craft to share, please do so.

**Saturday 1 December 2.30 – 4pm Berwick Grange Christmas Fair.** Admission £3 which includes tea/coffee and mince pie. Cakes, tombola, crafts and other stalls. Donations of tombola gifts would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at Berwick Grange at any time.

**Annual Gift Service 10.30 am next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** As usual we will be supporting IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service) who have asked specifically for children's toys and/or monetary donations. Toys: please leave unwrapped and if possible in gift bags. Donations: please (a) make any cheques payable to IDAS or (b) put any cash in clearly marked envelopes (the stewards will count this and the church will send one cheque for the whole sum). Thank you in advance for your continuing support and generosity. More details from Sue Ross

## CHRISTMAS IS APPROACHING.....

- **Sing for Christmas** at our carol service at 6.30 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> December! Rehearsals in the church on Wednesdays 5 Dec (7.30), 12 December (2.30) and Friday 21 December (7.30). The hope is that everyone can manage at least two of these. More details from Peter Phillips

- **Be creative for Christmas** by taking home one or more jam jars and decorating them to hold the candles for our carol service. We need 60 in all: there are some examples in the porch to get you going. Then bring the results back to church at any time from now onwards (please put in the box provided in the vestry). We will provide night lights. Sue Ross has more information if needed.

- **Come carol singing** on Tuesday 18 December: meet at church 5.45 prompt to sing at Berwick Grange (6 pm), Tate House (6.30) and Charlwood (7 pm) then back to church for refreshments

- **Walk off Christmas** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30 pm: a walk suitable for all ages, which will be followed by **refreshments and a Christingle Service**. More details in due course, but book the date now!

**ABOUT HEATING.** Many thanks to all who so generously supported the recent fundraiser at the Manse. The total raised so far (including match funding of £2000 and Gift Aid is **£11,274.25!** If you would like to make a contribution, please place it in an envelope labelled ‘Project and Development Fund’ and pass to a Steward. If you can Gift Aid it, please also enclose either your name or envelope scheme number.

Volunteers are also needed to mobilize raising the rest of the money needed for our **new church heating**. If you could help in any way, perhaps by organizing a fund-raising event or completing a grant application form, please speak to Christine or any of the Church Stewards - thank you.

**Appeal for donations of Christmas food goodies to thank the local Emergency Services this year.** Supported by the Harrogate Advertiser and Stray FM; donations can be taken to the Jennyfields Drive Co-op. Please see poster in the Main Hall for details.