

Prayer for Today

Lord, forgive us when we listen but do not hear; when we look but do not see; and when we feel but do not act; and by your mercy and grace draw us into the righteous deeds of your kingdom of justice and peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Maria Hare (1798 -1870)

- 18th - 20th October: **FLOURISH District Weekend in Scarborough**

An event for all ages and in a range of styles. See the forthcoming issue of Contact for further information about accommodation and travel.

Oaks and Acorns Social Group – a new activity organised by local charity HELP, bringing together children from Woodlands Nursery and over-65s in the local area to enjoy crafts, games and other activities together. Meets monthly on a Thursday here at Woodlands 10.30 am – 12 noon, (next meeting this Thursday 17th January). Details from Anna or Lizzie: phone 813090 or email help@harcvs.org.uk.

A local vacancy if you are quick (closing date is Tuesday 15th January). St Peter's Church seeks a part-time worker to help groups using the church facilities, also some cleaning tasks and manual handling. Hours 2.00-6.00 pm on Saturdays. Enhanced DBS check will be needed. Job description / application forms from The Parish Office, St Peter's Church Harrogate (01423 568218) or email stpeters.office@ntlbusiness.com.

Our 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.

Thank you for your offerings on 6th January, amounting to £715.

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 or post/deliver to 50 St Hilda's Road.



WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Christine Gillespie

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Website:-

<https://woodlandsmethodistchurch.wordpress.com>

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 13th January, 2019

Our worship services today:

10.30 am Rev Christine Gillespie

Covenant Service and Holy Communion

Sunday School meets during morning service today – details below

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

6.30 pm Rev Gordon Hay

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.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES this week 14th – 19th January 2019

Thursday 17th

10.00 am **Thursday House Group** meets at the home of Neil and Sue Ross to begin a study on “Jesus the Jew”, each week from now until Feb 14th. Details from Sue: 202532

Friday 18th

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.45 am **Toast**

Saturday 19th

4.00 – 6.30 pm **Caribbean Afternoon** Details below.

Next Sunday January 20th, 2019

10.30 am Rev Ben Clowes

6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie *Holy Communion*

Please note that on Sundays 13th and 20th January, morning services are due to be held in the Main Hall and evening services in the Middle Hall, while work is carried out on the church heating system. (Latest news is that the work might be finished before 20th January). Refreshments after morning service will be served in the Middle Hall as usual.

The next edition of our Church magazine "Contact" will be out soon! Please let Caroline Chang or Elizabeth Wearing have material for inclusion by Monday 14th January at the latest.

The return of ... the Caribbean Afternoon! Saturday 19th January 4.00 – 6.30 pm. To build on last year's event and strengthen our links with the church in Haiti, we plan a 'bring and share' supper, Caribbean fruit tasting, prayer and craft activities, with music by 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.

The Church Stewards are pleased to welcome **Rob Bergh** onto the stewards' team.

Richard Dobson. Joyce, Nicki and Oliver 'would like to thank you all most sincerely for your prayers and messages of sympathy during our recent sad loss of Richard. We are most grateful for all the good wishes and appreciate the continuous support of friends and Church'.

Coffee does not make itself! If you appreciate coffee or tea after service on Sunday morning, please will **YOU** help to provide this service, even if you can only offer the odd week. Full training will be provided. We particularly need help on Sundays 20th and 27th January! Please speak to Jackie Spittal, or sign up on the list outside the kitchen.

Sunday 10th February: There will be a bring and share lunch to wish Christine well after her last morning service here at Woodlands. All are welcome. If you are able to contribute a savoury or a sweet, please can you let Nicola Pollard know.

Circuit and District information:

- **Worship: Leading & Preaching. An open forum** at The Bar Convent, York this week on Thursday 17th January, 7 – 9 pm for all who are interested in learning more about this. See Notice in the Main Hall for more details.

- **Called to Ordained Ministry?** Anyone thinking of exploring this possibility is invited to a meeting at the Leeds Church Institute on Saturday 19th January 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. See Notice in the Main Hall for further details.

- Friday 1 February: **GLOW District Youth Gathering at Ashville College 7.30 pm.** President of the Methodist Conference Rev. Michaela Youngson will be speaking on this year's Presidential theme, which is "Radical Grace: Transforming Hope". Worship band, fun and food. Open to all ages, although youth oriented. More details from Poppy Winks at poppywinks.niddvalley@hotmail.com.

- Tuesday 2nd April **7.30 pm at Wesley Methodist Church; a local meeting to discuss issues about marriage and relationships** ahead of the Methodist Conference debate next year.