

Prayer for Today

Loving God, we long for a world transformed, where justice and peace reign, where people live joyfully with variety and difference, where every person is honoured and all are welcomed. renew in us the vision of your kingdom, free us from selfish interests and all that hinders your liberating love, and empower us to pray and work for the new heaven and the new earth

Rev Roger Walton, Chair of West Yorkshire District

- 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.

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.

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 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 27th January, 2019

Our worship services today:

10.30 am Rev Linda Phillips

Sunday School meets during morning service today – details below

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

6.30 pm Rev Peter Whittaker

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.

Thank you for your offerings on 20th January, amounting to £637

CHURCH ACTIVITIES this week 28th January – 2 February

Thursday 31st

10.00 am **Thursday House Group** meets at the home of Neil and Sue Ross to continue discussions based on the book “Jesus the Jew”, each week from now until 14th February. Details from Sue: 202532

Friday 1st

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.45 am **Toast** : see below

7.30 pm **GLOW** at Ashville College – see details opposite

Next Sunday 3rd February 2019

9.00 am Rev Christine Gillespie : Holy Communion

10.30 am Celebration Sunday : Café Church
led by Sue Ross & Jaynie Kendall

6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie

Friday 1st February : **TOAST** runs from 8.45 am to 10.00 am and welcomes anyone on the school run or otherwise out and about early!

CHRISTINE’S FAREWELL :

Saturday 9th February at 6.30 pm: **Circuit farewell service** here at Woodlands - preacher: Rev Michael Wearing. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments afterwards. Please leave the parking spaces at church for those who need them: further parking will be available at Willow Tree School. If you can make a cake for the refreshments, please let Sue Ross know. We are expecting a packed church so need lots of cakes!

Sunday 10th February: Christine’s last morning service at Woodlands, followed by a ‘bring and share’ lunch here to wish Christine well. All are welcome. If you are able to contribute a savoury or a sweet, please let Nicola Pollard know.

The improved heating in the church. Work is almost completed and if you are reading this in Church, you should be feeling the benefit! We went ahead, having raised a massive £17,000 (around £18,000 when gift aid is taken into account) but were left about £5,000 short of the total cost, which for now we have borrowed from the District. This will be interest-free if we can pay it back within 2 years. The commitments that many of you have made to monthly donations should cover the first £1,000, leaving us with £4,000 still to raise. If you can help by setting up a standing order from your bank account please e-mail our treasurer aleccowell@sky.com) and he will let you know our bank account details. One-off gifts are of course just as welcome.

Circuit and District information:

- 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 or 07960 886129. **ALSO** we are looking for stewards to help on the night, ideally between 7pm and 9.30pm or thereabouts. If you can help, please contact Poppy as above.

- Saturday 16th February at 7.15 for 7.30: general knowledge **quiz** evening at **Hampsthwaite Methodist Church**: tickets £4 to include tea and biscuits. Teams up to 4 people: please book in before 12 February by calling Helen Wood 01765 677459 or Pauline Robson 01423 772425.

- 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. Everyone is encouraged to attend: it would help the District if you could please register your intention to come by emailing the District Administrator, Sian, on yorkshirenemethodist@icloud.com. You are still able to attend even if you cannot let Sian know in advance. If you have any questions on what this meeting entails, please speak to our minister.