

Prayer for Today

Transforming God, Lord of reversals, as you called the paralysed man, call us. As you challenged the woman at the well, challenge us. As you healed Jairus' daughter, heal us. As you comforted Mary of Bethany, comfort us. Help us to remember that you can turn all things over, under and around. Transform us outside and within, to be reflectors of your light in the world. Amen.

Rev Judith Holliman, Conwy and Prestatyn Circuit

Thanks to everyone who helped with or attended the recent fantastic **Caribbean afternoon**. Steel band, tropical fruit, crafts, the writing of prayers and the highlight of speaking to our Methodist Church mission partners in Haiti. We raised £322 towards the health clinic where John Harbottle works: we'd like to get this up to £500 (the cost of running the clinic for 2 weeks) so watch out for our next fundraising event!

Thank you too for your offerings on 27th January, amounting to £ 676.

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 Leeds Methodist Council & Extension Society. 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.

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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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 3rd February, 2019

Our worship services today – Celebration Sunday:

9.00 am Rev Christine Gillespie : *Holy Communion*
Followed by breakfast in the Middle Hall

10.30 am Café Church led by Sue Ross & Jaynie Kendall

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.

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 ACTIVITIES this week 4th – 9th February

Monday 4th

7.30 pm **Monday House Group** meets at 21 St Ronan's Rd (Delia's). Topic: the letter of James, Ch. 1 Verse 1, 'From James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. Greetings to all people scattered over the whole world'

Thursday 7th

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"; sessions this week and next. Details from Sue: 202532

Friday 8th

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**
8.30 am **Church open for prayer**
8.45 am **Toast**

Saturday 9th

6.30 pm **Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Christine Gillespie.**

Next Sunday 10th February 2019

10.30 am Rev Christine Gillespie : *Holy Communion*
Followed by a 'bring & share' lunch - details opposite
6.30 pm Rev Gillian and Mr Eric Robertson

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!

and on the following day.....

Sunday 10th February: Christine's last morning service at Woodlands, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch here to wish her well. Open to all: if you can provide a savoury or a sweet, please Nicola Pollard know.

Friday 15th February at 7.00 p.m. in the vestry at Church: **Christmas Fair Planning.** A meeting for all stallholders and anyone else who is interested in the Christmas Fair, scheduled this year for 16th November.

Circuit and District information:

- 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 but you are still welcome 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.

- Book early (to avoid disappointment) for the **FLOURISH District Weekend in Scarborough Spa** YO11 2HD to be held 18th - 20th October with the aim "to inspire and encourage local ministry and mission, developing the District Vision of growing Flourishing Missional Communities". Tickets are FREE: please book one for each family member at the website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flourish-the-yorkshire-north-east-district-weekend-tickets-55019533907?aff=eac2>.

And if you wish to book a place in the crèche (Saturday morning only) or on the children's (Saturday morning and evening) or youth programmes (all weekend) please contact the district office directly at admin@yorkshirenemethodist.org. See the latest issue of Contact for further information about accommodation and travel. An outline of events for the weekend is on the Notice Board in the Main Hall.