

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, through your transforming power:
May our doubt and uncertainty become a faith that is strong;
may our ignorance change into a knowledge and understanding of
your word; may our joy at knowing you spill out into a life of
witness and praise; and may our labour for Christ help to build your
kingdom on earth. **Amen.**

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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 30th December, 2018

Our worship service today:

10.30 am Mrs Sue Langley

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

No Evening Service Today

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.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 31st December – 5th January 2019

Friday 4th 8.15 am Community breakfast - details below.

Next Sunday January 6th, 2019 - Epiphany

No 9 am Service this week

10.30 am Mr Andrew Brown *Celebration Sunday*

6.30 pm Rev Christine Gillespie

Thank you for your offerings on 23rd December, amounting to £790.96, and on Christmas Day (for 'Action for Children') £117.40.

Monday 31st December at 11.30 am Funeral service for **Richard Dobson** who died on 18th December. There will be refreshments after the service for all, and a private cremation just for family members. Please keep Joyce and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Friday 4th January at 8.15 am in the Middle Hall. Enjoy Community Breakfast: as this week's session take place during the School holidays, everyone is welcome!

The New Year will bring another edition of our Church magazine "Contact". Please let Caroline Chang or Elizabeth Wearing have material for inclusion by **January 14th** 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, 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.

Church Notices delivered to you! Would you appreciate receiving the Church Notices regularly every week, whether you are able to be present at worship or not? If so, and you have an email address, just send it to Peter and Linda Phillips at the email given overleaf, and we'll add you to the circulation list. Never miss another church event again!

Circuit and District information:

- **Worship: Leading & Preaching. An open forum** at The Bar Convent, York 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.

- **District Lay Synod Sunday 17th March** 10.30 am to 4 pm at Pocklington Methodist Church. All lay people are invited. See Notice in the Main Hall for further details.

- **Tuesday 2nd April 2019 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. More details on the Notice Board in the Main Hall.

- **Methodist Women in Britain - Swanwick 2019 Residential Weekend 5th— 7th April:** "Passions and Palms – Heavy Lifting and Resilient Hope" with Revd Dr Val Ogden. Full board £170 (bursaries available). Crèche and children's programme available. Information and booking forms available from www.mwib.org.uk; admin@mwib.org.uk; or phone 0300 030 1517

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 date 17th January). Details of next meeting and more from Anna or Lizzie: 01423 813090 or email help@harcvs.org.uk.