

Prayer for Today

Lord, forgive our hesitations in life. Give us courage to walk through open doors and to step over new thresholds into the unknown. Help us to embrace new experiences.

Thank you that when we walk in step with you, our anxieties are shed, our trust deepens and our world is transformed.

Thank you for your loving grace. Amen.

Julia Cutting, Brandesburton Community Church, Yorkshire

- **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

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 6th January, 2019 - Epiphany

Our worship services today:

No 9 am Service this week

10.30 am Mr Andrew Brown *Celebration Sunday*
Refreshments will be 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.

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 ACTIVITIES this week 7th – 12th January 2019

Monday 7th

7.30 pm **Monday House Group** meets at the home of Nicola Pollard to consider "New Beginnings". New members always welcome: further details from Nicola on 886228.

Thursday 10th

10.00 am **Thursday House Group** meets at the home of Neil and Sue Ross. New members always welcome here too: further details from Sue on 202532.

Friday 11th

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.45 am **Toast**

Next Sunday January 13th, 2019

10.30 am Rev Christine Gillespie
Covenant Service and Holy Communion

6.30 pm Rev Gordon Hay

Thank you for your offerings on 30th December, amounting to £614.98

Please note that on Sundays 13th and 20th January morning services will be held in the Main Hall, and evening services in the Middle Hall, while work is carried out in the church to the heating system. Refreshments after morning service will continue to be served in the Middle Hall as usual.

Mary Sample. We are sorry to announce the recent death of Mary Sample. Her funeral will be held at Stonefall Crematorium at 1.40 pm on Wednesday 9th January, after which refreshments will be served here at Woodlands. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time.

Richard Dobson. A message from Joyce, Nicki and Oliver, who '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'.

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, 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.

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.

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.