

Prayer for Today

God of the journey, from wasteland to a place of riches, from the darkest of nights to a piercing light, travel with us so that the kernels of love may become the flourishing of undying love. Amen

Rev Graham Thompson, Plymouth & Exeter District Chair.

-and the **Toast Group** is also looking for two or more replacements to fill gaps on the rota. Toast meets on Friday mornings in term time (straight after Breakfast Club) to make tea, coffee, toast and juice for mums on the school run with their pre-school children, and to offer a listening ear when needed. Helpers start at 8.30am to get the room & kitchen ready, then are serving from 8.45 and finish with a tidy up (just toys, crockery and cutlery – no shifting of tables or chairs). If you can help, please speak to Nicola Pollard or e-mail njapollard@ntlworld.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.

Sunday 14 April (Palm Sunday) at 3 pm as part of **Spring Harvest at the Harrogate Convention Centre: "The People's Passion"**. Everyone is invited to join in a powerful piece of theatre and worship in which a chorus of voices tell the Easter story. All can take part (including children so long as they can read). The event is led by the renowned Riding Lights Theatre Company from York, who will be the resident drama team for Spring Harvest. Tickets are **free** for this afternoon as a way of marking Palm Sunday together, and are already available on the booking site at www.springharvest.org.

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

Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SG

Minister: Rev Ann Fox (881116)
until 31st August 2019

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 24th March, 2019

Our worship services today:

10.30 am Rev Diane Hicks

Sunday School meets during morning service today – details below

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

6.30 pm Rev Grace Cauldwell

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.

Pastoral arrangements for Woodlands

From now until the end of August, the Minister supervising Woodlands is Rev Ann Fox (881116), while for all pastoral matters, please contact Rev Ron Hicks (ron.hicks@methodist.org.uk) or Rev Diane Hicks (both on 391530) or any of the church stewards.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES this week 25th – 30th March

Monday 25th

7.15 pm **WoW Group meet** at the 'Woodlands' (not the church): details below

Thursday 28th

10.00 am **Lent Study Group** in the Middle Hall: details below

Friday 29th

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.30 am **Church open for prayer**

8.45 am **Toast**

Next Sunday 31st March 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Rev Ann Fox

6.30 pm Rev Colin Lake

Thank you for your offerings on 17th March, amounting to £733.90.

Lent Study Group continues this Thursday morning at 10 am in the Middle Hall, and runs until 11th April, looking at the cycle of plays written by Dorothy Sayers based on the life of Christ, entitled ***"The Man Born to be King"***. Everyone is welcome, whether a play-reader or not!

Easter invitation cards available next week! Our Pastoral Visitors will deliver these to all Woodlands folk – would you all be sure to collect your set next Sunday and distribute ASAP. **But also everyone** is invited to take a few extras and give these to family, friends and neighbours.

Looking ahead:

Monday 25 March: WoW group will meet at the Woodlands at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, at community bingo. All women over the age of 18 are invited to join us. Please contact Nicola, ideally at coffee time today, if you would like to come.

Friday 29th March 12.30 - 2.30pm: Gardening Lunch. Come and have

lunch and do some gardening afterwards as part of a small team. Everyone welcome: just let Catherine know (551728) so we cook enough food for you!

Gardening Saturday 30th March 2.30 - 4.30pm (in place of Gardening Sunday this month). Hope to have the pizza oven in use, seed sowing, compost shifting ... bring a barrow if you have one!

Saturday 30th March 10 am – 4 pm "How to Go Greener" A Study Day organised by the Beverley Circuit to learn about and honour God's Creation. See poster in the Main Hall for details.

Sunday 31 March at 6.30pm: Songs of Praise in the Soothill Hall, Ashville College FREE ENTRY. A joyful celebration of music, hymns and readings led by Ashville choirs & the Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band.

Saturday 6th April 2.30 to 4pm: MHA Berwick Grange "Spring Fling" - Tombola, Raffle, Tea and Hot Cross Buns. Please come. All welcome.

Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 pm: Ladies' Circle Easter Service led by Rev Anne Brown

Maundy Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm: Supper, Holy Communion and Service of Tenebrae. A quiet and informal evening, reflecting on the events around the Last Supper: a simple meal, followed by Holy Communion and a service of Tenebrae – the Passion narrative, read as candles are extinguished while the shadows gather around Jesus. Sign-up sheets for catering purposes are now up in the vestibule and the corridor, or contact Linda Phillips (details on back page.) All welcome.

Envelope Scheme If you use the scheme, the envelopes for the new tax year 2019/20 (as from 7 April) are ready for collection from the vestibule if you haven't already picked them up. If you have any questions, please speak to Chris Reilly or Alec Cowell.

Volunteers are needed - could you help?

-we'd like two grandparent-aged adults to come and enjoy our friendly breakfast club 8.00 to 8.45 every Friday in term time (with holidays off!)

-and we'd also really like two washer-uppers for our lunch club rota (ideally once a month) 12.30 - 2pm on Fridays; lunch is provided!