

#### Prayer for Today

Loving God, in Christ you offer us a vision of a world transformed, where all are valued, your justice reigns, and hearts are warmed by your grace. Open our hearts and minds that we may catch your vision, and be empowered by your Holy Spirit to work with you, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*Rev Ian Howarth, Birmingham District Chair*

**Woodlands Summer Club** for children aged 5 to 11 will take place on August 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 12.30 pm each day. Our co-ordinator Evelyn Holyland (phone 521734, or e-mail [holylandevelyn@gmail.com](mailto:holylandevelyn@gmail.com)) is looking for people who could

- volunteer to help with a group or any support functions, and/or
- lend us some Lego bricks (which we will give back)
- **donate any empty shoe boxes you may have (a new request)**

And please pass on the details to anyone you know with children or grandchildren who may want to come

**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.

**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.

**Regional Safeguarding Conference, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Boston Spa Methodist Church.** Details on the Notice Board in the Main Hall. Please book by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Job Vacancy – Lay Pastor for Trinity and Pannal Churches. Full details on the Notice Board in the Main Hall and the Vestibule.**

**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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Website:- <https://woodlandsmethodist.church>

**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 TWO WEEKS BEGINNING SUNDAYS 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

#### Our worship services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- 9.00 am Rev Ben Clowes *Holy Communion*  
*Breakfast served in the Middle Hall after the service*
- 10.30 am Rev Linda Phillips *Celebration Sunday – Café Church*
- 3.00 pm Rev Ann Fox *Memorial Service*
- No 6.30 pm Service on this date**

#### Our worship services for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- 10.30 am Rev Ann Brown *Holy Communion*  
*Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service*
- 6.30 pm Rev Ron Hicks

**Sunday School:** Café church on 5<sup>th</sup> May is for all ages. Then our children and young people aged 4-16 will have their own sessions on 12<sup>th</sup> May. A crèche is also available for under-4s. The children normally join the congregation for the first 15 minutes, then go to their own session - but are welcome to stay in the main service if they prefer.

Thank you for your offerings on 28<sup>th</sup> April, amounting to £701.80.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES for 2 weeks 6<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

7.30 pm **Mission in Britain evening.** Details below

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

10 am – 12 noon **Coffee Morning & Plant Sale.** Details below

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

10.30 am Mr Andrew Brown *See note opposite*  
4.00 pm Annual Church Meeting and Gift Day  
6.30 pm Rev Ann Fox

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm: Mission in Britain evening.** Guest Speaker: Carol Bracher (from Harrogate Hub). Come along for an enlightening insight into their work in the town centre. The evening also includes supper provided by the Ladies Circle. All welcome.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00 am – 12 noon:** the Ladies' Circle are holding a **Coffee Morning & Plant Sale** at Woodlands in aid of the Methodist World Mission Fund: coffee & biscuits £1-50. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm – Annual Church General Meeting** followed by a Faith Tea, then Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this event. Papers for the meeting will be available in the vestibule

on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 pm: Harrogate Male Voice Choir** will sing for us, in aid of the Heating Fund. They have recently performed at the Royal Hall with VOCES 8, an international singing ensemble, so it shows how good they are. Please support this event. Tickets (price £5) from Annette Price, or any of the Stewards, or available on the night.

**Our 'Celebration' Service on Sunday 2nd June** is planned as a 'Songs of Praise'. Please contact Andrew Brown with suggestions for hymns or songs that might be included, together with a note of the reason(s) for the choice. That Sunday will also be the **Circuit Day of Prayer**, so for example, hymns that have helped you to understand prayer or that you use as prayers would be particularly appropriate.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm: Ordination of Rev Grace Cauldwell at Coventry Central Hall.** Bilton Church have organised a bus; there are 5 places left, and a few more tickets for the service. If anyone would like to go, please contact Judith Dewhirst ASAP on 563573.

**Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May.** We will be supporting **Christian Aid with an envelope collection in Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** (no house to house collections this year) organized by Caroline Chang. Christian Aid helps communities by tackling the root causes of poverty, making people more resilient, and providing urgent help in disasters. We would be grateful for any donation you feel able to give.

From now until late July the Nidd Valley Circuit is hosting a **Student Minister**, Stephen Spain, who is currently completing his first year of training in Birmingham. He will be working actively alongside the Staff team and/or on his own, and is on the plan to take services. Not everyone will meet him but if you do then please make him welcome. Also, please pray for him as he works among us.

**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](mailto:ron.hicks@methodist.org.uk)) or Rev Diane Hicks (both on 391530) or any of the church stewards.