

Prayer for Today

Loving Father, what meaningful words can I say to you when you have heard them all so many times before? What can I offer you when every gift I have is already yours? So I bow my head in reverence and silence, and strive to meet with you, shutting out the noise and clamour of everyday life. And in the stillness I wait to hear your word so that by your grace I may journey on my way as your loyal, humble servant. Amen.

Nancy Davis, Emmanuel Church, Eastbourne

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.

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

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

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 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.

Advance Warning! Please note that the Church Notices for Sunday 9th June will be a double issue also covering the 16th June, and items for inclusion in this issue must reach us by Wednesday 5th June.



WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

Wetherby Road, Harrogate, HG2 7SG

Minister: Rev Ann Fox (881116)
until 31st 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 WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th May, 2019

Our worship services today

10.30 am	Mr Andrew Brown
4.00 pm	Annual Church Meeting <i>followed by a Faith Tea</i>
6.30 pm	Rev Ann Fox

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.

Thank you for your offerings on 5th May of £546.40 and on 12th May of £883.90

CHURCH ACTIVITIES for the week 20th – 25th May

Tuesday 21st May

7.30 pm **Harrogate Male Voice Choir concert** here: see below

Wednesday 22nd May

7.30 pm **Ladies' Circle.** Everybody welcome (not just ladies) for an evening of Sea Songs & Shanties with "The Chorus Crew"

Friday 24th May

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.30 am **Church open for prayer**

8.45 am **Toast**

1.30 pm **Funeral service for Jack Thomson**

Sunday 26th May 2019

10.30 am Rev Diane Hicks

6.30 pm Rev Steve Barlow *Holy Communion*

Sunday 19th 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 from Sunday 12th May.

Tuesday 21st May at 7.30 pm: Harrogate Male Voice Choir will sing for us at Woodlands, in aid of the Heating Fund. They 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.

Friday 24th May at 1.30 pm: Funeral Service at Woodlands for Jack Thomson, to be conducted by Rev Anne Brown. Please remember Jack's family and friends in your prayers at this difficult time

Thank you to all who supported the recent Coffee Morning & Plant Sale which raised £155.75 for World Mission.

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May. If you missed the chance to give via the envelope collection in Church last Sunday, but would still like to support this good cause tackling the root causes of poverty and providing urgent help in disasters, please place your envelope in the collection plate today, or pass your donation to Caroline.

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.

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.

On Saturday 6th July at 7.30 pm you are invited to **The Call**, a Circuit Event in the Wesley Centre for an evening of music and celebration led by musician/worship leader Matt Beckingham. Tickets £7.50. And, if you would like to join The Call choir, Matt is holding a workshop on Wednesday 26th June at 6.30 pm in the Wesley Centre (choir workshop costs £10, including a rehearsal CD and music book. Tickets and information: Sharon Wright (01423 869588) or at www.thecalltour.com

Woodlands Summer Club for children aged 5 to 11 will take place on August 7th - 9th from 10 am until 12.30 pm each day. Our co-ordinator Evelyn Holyland (phone 521734, or e-mail 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

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