

### Prayer for Today

God of grace and love, the future seems uncertain and dangerous, so we become distrustful and obdurate. We are willing to believe only those who agree with us, and are fearful of difference. We become angry and defensive, hurting others before they can hurt us, regardless of the consequences.

In responding to the gospel of your love for us in Christ, help us to remember that, although you were announced by angels, you came to us vulnerable as a new-born child. May all that we offer in your name be filled with compassion and kindness. Amen.

*Rev Sheryl Anderson, Liverpool District Chair*

**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.

**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

**Sunday School** for children and young people aged 4-16 will resume with the start of the new school term: watch out for further announcements. 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. Also, a crèche is available for children under 4. Please speak to a Steward for further information.

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**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 WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

#### Our worship services today

10.30 am Rev Diane Hicks

*60-minute makeover, followed by Holy Communion*

6.30 pm Rev Ben Clowes

**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

Until the end of August, the Minister supervising Woodlands is Rev Ann Fox (881116), while for all pastoral matters, please contact either of 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.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

9.00 am                      **Community Breakfast:** see details opposite.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

10.30 am    Rev Ron Hicks

6.30 pm    Mrs. Sue Langley

No details of your **offerings** on 11<sup>th</sup> August were available at the time of going to press, but thank you for your contributions.

**A reminder** that the **Circuit Welcome service for Rev Moses John** will be held here at 6.30 pm on **Saturday 31 August:** everyone welcome! Also, Woodlands and Harlow Hill churches are tasked with providing refreshments after the service, and we need lots of cakes – please let Sue Ross know if you can help.

**Advance Notice: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.** Please note that there will be NO 9.00 am Communion Service that day, but the 10.30 am service will be a Communion Service, led by our new Minister.

**Can you help to give our church premises an extra clean?** The halls and other areas (including any parts of the church itself that have yet to receive attention) can be cleaned at any time this week until 23<sup>rd</sup> August, at whatever time suits you. A clip board & list have been placed at the church end of the corridor - please tick any area you have cleaned. If you need further information then please ring Joan Wood on 884053

**Breakfast Club:** Throughout the school holidays Breakfast Club will run at 9.00 am every Friday, open to everyone who wants to attend. There will always be toast and cereal available, plus any other treats we may collect from the supermarkets. Do come and join us for a relaxed start to Friday mornings.

At Breakfast Club there is also a “pay as you feel” table with any spare food. Any items left over after Club will go to Fairfax Community Centre, where they can be collected from 10.00 am each Friday by anybody for free (donations to Harrogate Homeless Project welcomed).

Since January 2019, donations at Breakfast Club and Lunch Club have raised £249.84 for our community garden; £196.99 for The Happy Wanderers Ambulance and £140.21 for Breakfast Club itself. Thank you to all who have contributed.

### **Harrogate District Food Bank**

Firstly, they need more volunteers! For details, please see the posters in the church vestibule and the Main Hall.

Secondly, a reminder that there is a box for donations of food etc. in the church vestibule. The Food Bank ask particularly for: long-life fruit juice, long-life milk, pasta sauces (but not pasta itself), sponge puddings, sugar, washing-up liquid, shower gel, shaving foam and razors: please do NOT give tea, pulses, jam or toilet rolls, as they have plenty of these.

The concern is that if or when Universal Credit is introduced in Harrogate (due shortly) this will only increase the number of clients needing the help of the Food Bank.

**18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> October: FLOURISH District Weekend in Scarborough.** A reminder to book now (it's FREE, but you do need a ticket): the aim is to encourage local churches in ministry and mission. Tickets are available on-line from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flourish-the-yorkshire-north-east-district-weekend-tickets-55019533907?aff=eac2>