

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, in a world where corruption, deceit, suspicion and 'fake news' regularly fill the headlines, we are full of gratitude for the gospel of Christ, which brings light, hope, truth and 'good news' into our lives.

May the confidence that we have new life in Christ make a difference to how we respond to the people and circumstances we encounter, so that our words and actions become 'good news' for others. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Rev Gillian Newton, Sheffield 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.

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://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 25th August, 2019

Our worship services today

10.30 am Rev Ron Hicks

Refreshments will be served in the Middle Hall after the service

6.30 pm Mrs. Sue Langley

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 18th August, amounting to £ 753.30.

Pastoral arrangements for Woodlands

For just one more week, 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) or Rev Diane Hicks (both on 391530) or any of the church stewards.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 26th – 31st August

Friday 30th August

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

Saturday 31st August

6.30 pm **Welcome Service** for Rev Moses John and his family. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards. See more below

Sunday 1st September, 2019 – Celebration Sunday

***No** 9 am Service of Holy Communion today.*

10.30 am Rev Moses John *Holy Communion*

6.30 pm Mr. Martin Lightfoot

The **Circuit Welcome service for Rev Moses John** will be held here at 6.30 pm on **Saturday 31 August:** everyone welcome!

Please note that if you are coming to the service by car, you are asked to park at Willowtree School or in surrounding roads, as the Church Car Park will be reserved for special guests and those requiring closer access to the church because of limited mobility.

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.

Next Sunday 1st September. Please note that, as mentioned above, there will be **NO** 9.00 am Communion Service, but the 10.30 am service **will** be a Communion Service, led by our new Minister.

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.

Community Garden: details coming soon about the Harrogate in Bloom awards presentation ceremony on Sunday 6 October

Harrogate Food Bank needs more volunteers! For details, please see the posters in the church vestibule and the Main Hall.

Also, 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.

18th- 20th 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>

A caretaker is sought by St Andrew’s Parish Church, Starbeck: someone to look after the halls who has practical/organisational skills and is sympathetic to the aims of the church: 6 hours per week throughout the year or 8 hours per week in school term time only. Pay £9.00 per hour. Closing date for applications 7th September, with interviews in the week beginning 9th September. More details/application forms from Judith Coleman : judithcolemanjc@outlook.com or 07870 627618.