

Prayer for Today

O God, we praise you for your undeserved and lavish love shown to us in the coming, the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord. We praise you that you call us to love you and to share your love with the world. Grant that our love may be generous and indiscriminate like yours. Amen.

Rev Arthur Windridge, Supernumerary Minister, North Norfolk Circuit

Disability Action Yorkshire are looking for Volunteer Buddies to spend a couple of hours a week with their disabled customers. They are holding an information session for anyone interested in finding out more on Wednesday 27th November from 11 am to 1 pm. Please contact emmi.wainwright@da-y.org.uk or call 01423 855410 for more information.

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

Worship Foundations: 3 sessions for anyone interested in becoming a Worship Leader, or to have some help with local arrangement services - Register at ann.fox@methodist.org.uk to join her & Andrew Brown at **Trinity Methodist Church**, 7.30 - 9 pm on Monday 18th and Thursday 27th November, then Tuesday 3rd December.

Christmas knitted angels: Last year, angels found homes when we went carol-singing, also with families and customers at the local coffee shop. Now we need more knitters, old or young, also suggestions for new places to leave angels. If you can help knit, sew up angels, add Christmas tags or have wool to donate, please speak to Nicola or Violet.

Saturday 14th December, 10.00 – 3.30 at Hampsthwaite Methodist Church: an Advent Quiet Day **introduction to Godly Play**. Further details from Rev Grace Cauldwell.

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 Moses John

Tel: 01423 819663

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 17th November, 2019

Our worship services today

10.30 am Mrs. Claire Webster

*Worship will begin with a **Prayer Focus** on the natural world,
ending with the following words:*

Leader: So let us bless the Lord, as we bring these reminders
of the wonders of creation into our worship today.

Response: THANKS BE TO GOD!

6.30 pm Rev Moses John *Holy Communion*

Sunday School for children and young people aged 4-16 meets today during morning worship. 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.

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.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES from 18th – 23rd November

Thursday 21st

10.00 am **Thursday House Group** meet at the home of Michael & Liz Wearing to reflect on the Advent stories in Luke and Matthew. Details from Sue Ross on 202532.

6 – 7.30 pm **13th Harrogate Brownies** meet in the Middle Hall.

Friday 22nd

8.10 am **Breakfast Club**

8.30 am **Church open for prayer**

8.45 am **Toast**

Saturday 23rd

10.00 am **RNLI Coffee Morning**, here at Woodlands. Details below.

Sunday 24th November, 2019

10.30 am Rev Moses John (*Gift Service – see opposite*)

6.30 pm Rev David Barker

Thank you for your offerings on 10th November, amounting to £851.20.

Prayer Focus For a season, each service at 10.30 am will begin with a reflection on something from the natural world, and a short prayer. Feel free to bring an item along to contribute to this.

Saturday 23rd November here 10 am – noon, an RNLI coffee morning with refreshments; someone from Filey lifeboat; 'Chorus Crew' singing sea shanties at 10.30; raffle and other stalls, plus children's activities.

Gardening Sunday 24th November 2-4 pm - garlic and onion planting, and CHRISTMAS CRAFT PARTY!

Sunday 24th November 6.30 – 9 pm at **Starbeck Methodist Church: GLOW Circuit Youth Gathering**. Join them and Worship Band 3-in-1 for worship, games, fun & food. Info at niddvalleycircuit@btconnect.com.

Saturday 30th November at 7.30 pm Circuit Advent Service of Light here at Woodlands.

Saturday 30th November 2019, 3 pm at St John's Parish Church, Bilton. Music & Mirth for Advent and Christmas with the Wesley Singers from Leeds. Programme/Ticket £5, including Refreshments.

Woodlands' Gift Service at 10.30 on Sunday 1st December will be in aid of IDAS Harrogate (refuge for victims of domestic abuse). Toys, toiletries, small non-perishable luxuries all welcome, while they really need new towel sets, double bedding sets and monetary donations (cheques made payable to IDAS, or cash in a clearly marked envelope). They are always touched by your generosity. Any queries to Sue Ross.

Woodlands Christmas Invitation Cards are here! These are really meant for folk beyond our congregation i.e. not people you see at church every Sunday, so please give them to your friends, family, neighbours and housebound members who don't come to Church for whatever reason, so all can be included in our celebration of Christmas. Would all pastoral visitors please tell Sylvia Fox this week how many cards they need for people on their list who do not come to services.

Singing Group for the Candlelight Carol Service. Rehearsals will start on **Monday 2 December here at 7.30 pm**: later there will also be morning and afternoon practices so everyone can manage some of them, but no-one has to attend all of them! Please see Peter Phillips for full details and/or if you might like to join the Group for this special occasion.

Our Brownies (13th Harrogate) still need more volunteers to help at meetings. More details from Anna Broadbent (Division Secretary) on 07983 458723 or at hgtesouthdivision@girlguidingnyw.org.uk

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission Programme for 2019/20 is available on the Notice Board in the Middle Hall. Sessions are held either at St. Mark's Church Leeds Road, or the Mowbray Community Church, Westmoreland Street from 10 am – 12 noon, with breakfast available from 9.30 am.

Tea & Coffee: We still need more people to take a turn in providing these on Sunday mornings. If you don't have a valid excuse (or even if you do) please see Jackie Spittal as soon as you can.