

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

12 January	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Own Arrangements Own Arrangements
19 January	Handsworth	10.30 am	Rev Debora Marschner (Covenant Service)
26 January	Woodhouse St James' Church	10.30 am	Churches Together: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	Handsworth	6.30 pm	Own Arrangements
1 February	Woodhouse	10.00 am	Silent Auction
2 February	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mr Peter Edwards
9 February	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Debora Marschner Own Arrangements
15 February	Woodhouse	12.15 pm	Holy Communion in the Garden
16 February	Handsworth	10.30 am	Ms Charity Muzondo
25 February	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Ms Kay Schwartz Own Arrangements
<p>NB: Also available to Live Stream on YouTube when the morning service is at Handsworth. Search for 'Handsworth Woodhouse Methodist Church'</p>			

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Prayer:

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen

HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



Magi from the East

Sunday 5 January 2025
10.30 am – Service at Handsworth*
Led by Mrs Faith Magowan

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Everyone is welcome to worship. We hope that you will enjoy sharing in worship with us and we invite you to join us on other occasions.

Weekly Diary:			
Monday	6 January	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Knit and Natter at Woodhouse – new knitters or beginners welcome!
Tuesday	7 January	6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Thursday	9 January	3.30 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse
Friday	10 January	6.45 pm	Boys' Brigade at Handsworth
Saturday	11 January	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee Morning at Woodhouse
		10.00 am – 12.00pm	Coffee Corner at Handsworth (see notice below)

THANK YOU: To all who donated to our charities this Christmas. We managed to raise £252.84 for Bluebell Wood and £231.10 for Action for Children.

COFFEE CORNER AT HANDSWORTH: A big thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Corner this year. It was good to see people coming in, and we wish everyone a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 11 January. The first Coffee Corner started in 1992!

CHURCH LADIES: We shall be having our annual lunch at the Winter Green on Thursday 16 January at 12.00 pm. Hope you can join us!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Monthly peer support group to talk about life, loss and grief. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at Woodhouse from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. The next meeting will be on: Thursday 16 January 2025. Please contact Rev Debora Marschner for more information.

SILENT AUCTION: This will be held on Saturday 1 February at Woodhouse. Please save any unwanted gifts that you receive so they can be donated for this event. All items to be donated should be **brand new** (for example, tags still in clothes). Please see Lesley Richardson, Pam Darrington or Sue Atkin if you have anything to donate.

PRAYER TREE: If you would like prayer for anyone or anything in particular, please write them on the Prayer Tree at the back of the church at Handsworth (ask a steward or a church member to point you in the right direction). These items will be brought to God in prayer at the prayer group on Friday mornings.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH CLEANING: Generally, we will meet from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm on the last Wednesday of the month unless it clashes with school holidays. The next few dates are Wednesday 29 January and Wednesday 26 February 2025.

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP: This group is on Mondays at Woodhouse from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. If you would like to make new friends whilst knitting items for charity, please come and join us. We will be knitting baby items for the Salvation Army Baby Bank in Woodhouse. If you can't knit, but would like to learn, come and we will teach you! All materials are provided by National Lottery funding. For more information please contact Val on 07748561520, email: heartofknitting@gmail.com or on Facebook: @heartofknitting, or speak to Lesley Richardson.

FOODBANK: If you have anything to donate, there is a plastic box at the back of the church at Handsworth and at Woodhouse. If you are unable to get to church, Chris Turner would be happy to collect. Please contact him on 07742974484. All items donated should be in date. Thank you in advance for all contributions.

HARVEST: Our Harvest Project for 2024 came to an end last September and a total of £724.89 was raised for Mary's Meals. Thank you to everyone who gave generously throughout the year. A number of people faithfully save their loose change week by week in a box or tin and we ask that you continue to do this ready for when we launch our new Harvest Project soon. The church stewards will discuss which charity we will support in 2025 at their next meeting. If anyone in the congregation has a suggestion, please let one of the stewards know. Thanks also to Jean Wild for collecting, counting and banking the Harvest money throughout the year.

Our prayers are asked for ALL who are sick, housebound, in community homes or hospitals, those with special needs and the people of Stacey Avenue and Close, John Calvert Road, Greengate Road and Lane, Bridy Street, Balmoral Road, Balmoral Nursing Home, Station Road, Tilford Road, Torry Court, Brockwood Close, Greenwood Lane and Brunswick School. We give thanks for the community of Handsworth and this week we pray for those who live on Bramley Lane, Drive and Avenue, Bramley Park Road, Bramley Hall Road, Redthorne Road, Sundown Road and Place, Richworth Road, Haigh Moor Walk, Close, and Road.

If you know of any special event, anything of special interest or concern or any new item which you would like added to the greeting, please pass the information to Christine Jackson, tel: 2695263; email: cmj.rhj.42@gmail.com or Lesley Richardso tel: 2696954 or email: lesley_richardson7@btinternet.com

