

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

28 January	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mr David Andrews Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion)
Saturday 3 February	Woodhouse	12.00 pm	Holy Communion in the Garden
4 February	Handsworth	10.30 am	Ms Bridget Kellett
11 February	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Debora Marschner Local Arrangement
18 February	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mrs Christine Jackson
25 February	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Faith Magowan Local Arrangement

Prayer:

God of mystery and imagination, help us to see you in both the unexpected and the familiar, for surely you are present in all things.

The stranger who, from nowhere, stops to help; the beloved friend who speaks a word of comfort; the stone when lifted reveals the life beneath; the child who marvels at such a world of tiny beings, unnoticed and essential – all these display the wonders of your love, ever present if not always known.

In these times of uncertainty and doubt, enable us to lift our eyes to heaven.

Remembering the stars are always there but that it takes the darkness to reveal them.

Amen.

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HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday 21 January 2024

**‘Churches Together in Woodhouse’
United Service at
St James’ Church in Woodhouse**

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:			
Tuesday	23 January	6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Wednesday	24 January	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Cleaning at Handsworth
Thursday	25 January	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse
Friday	26 January	11.30 am – 1.00 pm 6.45 pm – 8.30 pm	Lunch Club at Handsworth Boys' Brigade at Handsworth
Saturday	27 January	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee Corner at Handsworth Coffee Morning at Woodhouse

SILENT AUCTION: Please save any unwanted presents you may receive which can be donated to the annual Silent Auction, which will be held at Woodhouse on Saturday 3 February from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Please see Lesley Richardson or Pam Darrington for further details or if you have anything to donate – thank you.

PANCAKES ON SHROVE TUESDAY: On Tuesday 13 February there will be pancakes on sale at Woodhouse Trinity from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm in aid of Action for Children. Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us!

WOODHOUSE PRIZE BAND SPRING CONCERT: At St James' Church, Woodhouse on Sunday 24 March at 2.30 pm. Entry £5.00 with refreshments during the interval.

MARY'S MEALS/HARVEST PROJECT: Please save your loose change over the coming months. It can be handed in at any time to Jean Wild or one of the church stewards. Thanks to those who have already handed in loose change over the last couple of years which together with the proceeds from the Harvest Supper and other monies handed in, we have now raised £461.00.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH CLEANING DATES: We will generally gather on the last Wednesday of every month from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. This may change if there are any clashes with room bookings or holidays etc. Tea and coffee will be provided and there will be jobs to suit a variety of ages and abilities!! The dates for the next few months are below:

Wednesday 24 January Wednesday 28 February

CHURCH LADIES: We shall be having our annual lunch at the Winter Green on Thursday 25 January at 12.00 pm. Hope you can join us!

CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE FUNDING: You may be interested to know that you can choose the Woodhouse Prize Band as your new local community cause.

HANDSWORTH FOODBANK: If you have anything to donate, there is a plastic box at the back of the church at Handsworth. 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.

CHARITY BAGS WANTED: If you have any at home to spare, please give to Alec or one of the stewards. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: Thank you to all who donated to the charities during the Christmas period. £80 was raised for Bluebell Wood from the Church Christmas Card and £277.65 was raised for Action for Children from the offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We can now confirm that £120.00 was also raised for HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas).

Our prayers are asked for ALL who are sick, housebound, in community homes or hospitals, those with special needs and the people of Rodger Road, Hannah Road, June Road, Junction Road, Brunswick Retirement Village, John Ward Street, Watch Street, Kirkstead Gardens, Driver Street, Rodman Street and Drive, Horsewood Road and Furnace Lane. We give thanks for Handsworth and all the people who live here, this week we pray for those who live on Holmshaw Grove and Drive, Richmond Road, Avenue and Grove, Holyoake Avenue, Wheatley Grove, Athelstan Road, Close and Athelstan School.

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 Richardson, tel: 2696954 or email: lesley_richardson7@btinternet.com

BE STRONG
and courageous....
DO NOT BE AFRAID
 do not be discouraged
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
will be with you....
WHEREVER YOU GO
 -JOSHUA 1:9