

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

10 November	Woodhouse (Remembrance)	10.45 am 11.00 am	Indoor Service Outdoor Service in Market Square
17 November	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Ms Charity Muzondo Own Arrangement
23 November	Woodhouse	12.15 pm	Holy Communion in the Garden
24 November	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mrs Joyce Wiles
7 December	Woodhouse	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	173 rd Woodhouse Scouts' Christmas Fair
8 December	Woodhouse	6.00 pm	Carol Service with Woodhouse Prize Band
15 December	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Memorial Service
24 December	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
25 December	Woodhouse	11.00 am	Christmas Day Celebration

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November 1st was All Saints' Day

Lord, we thank you for Christian saints whose ancient voices still resound with truth, whose names we remember, and whose examples challenge and inspire us.

Thank you too for those saints whose names have been left off the pages of history, who were known only to a few and yet were faithful, fulfilling their service to you.

Thanks be to you for all the saints who live beside us, sharing our strengths and weakness and challenging us to change the world with them and with you.

Amen.

HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

*Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength
and love your neighbour as
yourself."*

Sunday 3 November 2024

**10.30 am - Service at Woodhouse
Led by Revd Debora Marschner
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**6.30 pm – Worship at Handsworth
Own Arrangements**

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	4 November	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Knit and Natter at Woodhouse
Tuesday	5 November	6.15 – 7.30 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Thursday	7 November	3.30 – 5 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse
Friday	8 November	11.30 am – 1 pm 6.45 pm	Lunch Club at Handsworth Boys' Brigade at Handsworth
Saturday	9 November	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00am – 12 pm	Coffee Morning at Woodhouse Coffee corner at Handsworth

FUND RAISING: In the last year we as a church have raised the following monies for various charities. Thank you to all who have given so generously.

Mary's Meals	£724.89	Action for Children	£277.65
Bluebell Wood	£ 80.00	Church Benevolent Fund	£162.75

HARVEST: Our Harvest Project for 2024 came to an end in September when we had our Harvest Festival. A total of £724.89 was raised for Mary's Meals. Thank you to everyone who has given 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 in January 2025. 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Before you buy your Christmas cards this year will you consider talking to friends, particularly those you see at church, about choosing to donate instead to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice? David Andrews will once again be making 2 Christmas cards so that we can display one in each building. The idea is that we sign one or both of the cards and leave a donation in lieu of money we would have spent on individual Christmas cards that end up in our blue bins after a few days. Somebody commented recently that in the 'olden days' people only sent cards to family and friends they didn't see regularly. As a church we have always supported children's charities at Christmas. As most of you know, Bluebell Wood Hospice provides respite and end of life care for children who are terminally ill. Patients and families are so thankful for the care they receive from this local charity at such a sad and harrowing time.

Our gifts to Bluebell Wood are always gratefully received and acknowledged.

SILENT AUCTION: We are planning to have a Silent Auction at Woodhouse at the beginning of next year. 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). The date of the auction will be announced soon!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT APPERKNOWLE: Please note that the Service of Thanksgiving at Apperknowle is going to be held on Sunday 17 November at 2.30 pm led Rev James Morley.

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!

NO ONE IS A STRANGER HERE: The Methodist Recorder has published an article by Rev Jonathan Haigh about Victoria Hall, its history and the work that takes place there now. In particular the vision of being a place of safety and sanctuary for all. Jonathan would like to invite all to a service to celebrate the awarding of Church of Sanctuary status for Victoria Hall Methodist Church on Sunday 9 February 2025 at 6.00 pm, followed by food provided by the City of Sanctuary. The President of the Methodist Conference will take part in the service, along with Rev Inderjit Bhogal. It would help with the planning if you can RSVP to Jonathan stating your name and office and how many people will be attending with you. The deadline is Friday 10 January 2025.

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.

Our prayers are asked for ALL who are sick, housebound, in community homes or hospitals, those with special needs and the people of Lambcroft View and Lane, the Salvation Army, Southern Light Community Church, Shirebrook Fields Day Centre, Market Street, Meetinghouse Lane and Croft, Beighton Road and the Oldale Estate. We give thanks for the community in Handsworth and this week we pray for those on Hall Road, Fitzalan Road, Henden Street, Handsworth Road, Handsworth Methodist Church, Oakley Road, Halesworth Road, Finchwell Road, Close, Crescent and Rise, Enfield Place, Shining Bank, Middlepeak Way, Stoneycroft Road, Dene Place and Doveholes Drive, St Joseph's Road, St Joseph's School, Medlock Road, Close, Drive, Crescent, Way and Croft.

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

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 meetings will be on: Thursday 21 November and 19 December 2024. Please contact Rev Debora Marschner for more information.

HANDSWORTH CHURCH CLEANING: Generally, we will meet from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon on the dates below. This is usually the last Wednesday in the month unless it clashes with school holiday periods, eg in December. The cleaning dates for the rest of this year are: Wednesday 27 November and Wednesday 18 December 2024.

The next walk with the Amblers will be on Saturday 9th November – please see notice board for details

Diary items

Quiet day for Advent 30th November at Woodhouse 10 am to 4 pm

23rd November Garden communion followed by soup lunch and discussions about how we implement our vision statement