

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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| Saturday 9 December | Woodhouse | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm | Nativities Unwrapped – an exhibition of 'our' nativity sets and what they mean to us |
| 10 December | Handsworth Woodhouse | 10.30 am 6.00 pm | Mrs Linda Wells Rev D Marschner (Carol Service with Woodhouse Prize Band) |
| 17 December | Woodhouse Handsworth | 10.30 am 6.00 pm | Mrs Christine Jackson Rev D Marschner (Carol and Memorial Service) |
| 24 December | Handsworth | 6.00 pm | Rev Debora Marschner (Carols by Candlelight) |
| 25 December | Handsworth | 11.00 am | Rev Debora Marschner (Christmas Day Service) |
| 31 December | Woodhouse Handsworth | 10.30 am 6.30 pm | Mr Robert Jackson Local Arrangement |

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those who lived in a land as dark as death. Isaiah 9:2
 God of light, shining strongly, focused on the deep darkness of despair, flooding the inky blackness of isolation, blazing bright on the dark night of our wrongdoing, piercing the shade of the pains of injustice, bathing the world with the sun of renewal, we eagerly wait for the coming of Jesus as the dawning of healing and hope and judgement. Let the light of your presence burst upon us. In the name of Jesus the Light of the World, we pray. Amen

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HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday 3rd December 2023

**Service at Woodhouse at 10.30 am
 Led by Revd Debora Marschner
 This will be a service of Holy Communion
 Retiring Collection for Benevolent fund**

**6.30 p.m. Local arrangements at
 Handsworth**

**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.**

We are saddened by the recent death of Pauline Kilner on 17th November .Pauline's funeral will take place on Friday 15th December 2023 at 10am at St James' Church Woodhouse. Our thoughts and prayers are with Pauline's family and friends.

| Weekly Diary: | | | |
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| Tuesday | 5 December | 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm | Girls' Brigade at Handsworth |
| Thursday | 7 December | 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm | Lego Club at Woodhouse |
| Friday | 8 December | 11.30 am – 1.00 pm 6.45 pm – 8.30 pm | Lunch Club at Handsworth Boys' Brigade at Handsworth |
| Saturday | 9 December | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm | Coffee Morning Woodhouse Coffee Corner Handsworth |

CAROL SERVICE AT WOODHOUSE WITH THE WOODHOUSE PRIZE BAND:

Sunday 10th December at 6 p.m.

Retiring collection for HARC [homeless and roofless at Christmas] in memory of Pat & Pauline Kilner and Action for Children

CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE FUNDING: The official handover of the final total took place last week when a cheque was handed over for £2551.75. Thank you to the Co-Op and all those who participated by using their loyalty card to help raise this amount. As this funding round has now ended for Trinity Woodhouse Church, you may be interested to know that you can choose the Woodhouse Prize Band as your new local community cause.

NATIVITIES UNWRAPPED: At Woodhouse on Saturday 9 December between 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Please bring along your nativity set from home and write a little about why you chose your set, if there is anything special about it and also add your name. Hopefully we will be able to talk 'things nativity' over coffee!

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

Amos Trust. Is a small creative human rights charity committed to challenging injustice, building hope and creating positive change.. There will be a chance to hear about their work with the Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem with special guest performers from PalArt Colectice at St Aidan's church, Manor Lane on Tuesday 5th December from 12.30 to 2 p.m.. A light lunch will be provided. Please book via <https://www.amostrust.org/diary/amos-trust-christmas-tour-2023/>

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; email: lesley_richardson7@btinternet.com

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS: As in past years at Handsworth, we will be displaying a Church Family Christmas Card in both churches together with an offering plate. The idea is that, instead of buying individual cards for our friends at church, we sign one or both of the big cards and put a donation into the plate for a local charity. Our chosen charity is Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. They are always extremely grateful and it seems appropriate at Christmas to support the excellent work they undertake with terminally ill children and their families.

SILENT AUCTION: Please save any unwanted presents you may receive which can be donated to the annual Silent Auction - hopefully to be held early on in the new year.

Our yearly Memorial Carol Service will be held on Sunday 17th Dec at 6pm at Handsworth MC. This is for everyone who misses loved ones and would like to remember them during the festive season. You can light candles in memory of them, their names will be read out during the service which offers space for reflection on grief and loss, as well as giving a hopeful message embedded in the Christmas story and the singing of well-known carols. All are welcome, whether your bereavement was recently or a long time ago. No need to book, just come along on the 17th.

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all the information for the Amos trust can be found here:

<https://www.amostrust.org/diary/amos-trust-christmas-tour-2023/>

just scroll down to Sheffield - booking form seems to go via amos trust.

details for st aidan's are: Tel: 0114 278 0707 Email:

admin@manorparish.co.uk

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!