

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

13 April	Woodhouse	12.15 pm	Holy Communion in the Garden
21 April	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Faith Magowan Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion)
28 April	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mr Greg Unwin
5 May	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Debora Marschner Local Arrangement
12 May	Handsworth	10.30 am	Local Arrangement
18 May	Woodhouse	12.15 pm	Holy Communion in the Garden
19 May	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Jenny Carpenter Local Arrangement
26 May	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mrs Alison Trezise

Prayer:

When darkness fills our horizons, help us to remember what Jesus taught about the hidden treasures of God's love – how a traveller to Jericho, left beaten unconscious by the roadside, was unexpectedly rescued by a marginalised stranger; how a son who had ruined his life was welcomed home through a parent's unconditional love; and how a sheep, lost on a lonely hillside, was brought to safety by the faithful care of the shepherd. So may we, whatever our needs, find help and support – sometimes where we least expect – and when human resources fail, discover the riches of God's grace and the depth of his love, holding us safe forever.

Amen.

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HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday 14 April 2024

**10.30 am – Service at Handsworth
led by Rev Debora Marschner**

**This service will include the baptism of Noah Azhari
son of Renuka Fernando and Hador Ashari**

**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	16 April	6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade at Handsworth
Thursday	18 April	3.30 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse
Friday	19 April	11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Lunch Club at Handsworth
Saturday	20 April	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee Corner at Handsworth Coffee Morning at Woodhouse
NB: Boys' Brigade at Handsworth restarts on Friday 26 April at 6.45 pm			

BAPTISM SERVICE: Today we're celebrating Noah's baptism in our service. Noah and his mum Renuka would like to invite you to stay for refreshments and (Sri Lankan) food after the service.

HILARY'S HOUSE: Is a talking café on Handsworth Road. Please see flyers on the notice board for more details.

FOODBANK - URGENT: Stocks are currently **very** low. If you have anything to donate, there is a plastic box at the back of the church at Handsworth AND there is now also a collection box 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. Suggested items to donate: UHT milk, tinned meat or fish, tinned fruit, sponge/rice puddings, coffee (small jars), long life juice, pasta sauce, tinned veg, tinned meals, tinned soups, jam and spreads, spaghetti in sauce, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry detergent pods. Thank you.

THE BABY BANK: A new initiative by the Woodhouse Salvation Army collecting items to be donated to families in need in the S13 area by health workers and midwives. Can you help by donating any of the following? Sheets for Moses baskets, newborn baby clothes in neutral colours (for example vests, babygrows, socks, scratch mitts), toiletries for baby and mum (newborn nappies, nappy sacks, baby wipes, top-to-toe wash, baby lotion, breast pads, sanitary pads, cotton wool), baby towels, flannel, bottles and teats, bottle brushes, muslins/bibs, toys suitable for newborn, gift for mum (for example hand cream). Or if you prefer, Gwen Chapman would be happy to accept donations in order to purchase suitable supplies.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Meetings will be held at Woodhouse Trinity every second Thursday of each month from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. These meetings offer a space to share personal experiences of loss and bereavement in a non-judgemental environment. You can share as much or as little as you would like. The group is open to anyone with or without faith. Just drop by when it suits! The next meetings will be on Thursday 9 May, Thursday 13 June and Thursday 11 July.

DISTRICT GATHERING: Saturday 20 April from 9.30 am at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. A reminder that the deadline to register for the District Gathering (including District Synod) is on Monday 15 April. A full day is planned around the theme of *'with God's help I will care for myself whilst supporting others.'* Rev Nel Shallow, a pioneer presbyter in the Yorkshire West District, will lead us in learning more about the importance of caring for ourselves. We will be exploring different ways of engaging our senses for wellbeing, sharing stories from around the district, plus four workshops are available to take part in after lunch. Find out more - why not book a place for a friend too:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheffieldmethodistdistrict/1181516>

If you miss the deadline, you are welcome to still come along, but please bring your own lunch, and there may not be space in all the workshops.

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 May, October and December. There is no cleaning day in August. The cleaning dates for the rest of this year are on: Wednesday 24 April, Wednesday 22 May, Wednesday 26 June, Wednesday 31 July, Wednesday 25 September, Wednesday 23 October, Wednesday 27 November and Wednesday 18 December.

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

Prayer:

O Father, I see that Christ's victory on the cross is my victory too. He won it by conquering; I enter into it by just trusting. It sounds too good to be true. But also, too good not to be true. Amen.