

DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

21 December	Woodhouse	10.30 am	Mr Andrew Maxfield
24 December	Handsworth	6.00 pm	Rev Debora Marschner (Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight)
25 December	Handsworth	11.00 am	Rev Debora Marschner (Christmas Day Service)
28 December	Handsworth	10.30 am	Rev Sean Adair
4 January	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mr David Andrews Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion)
11 January	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mr Michael Gagan
18 January	Woodhouse	10.30 am	Rev Debora Marschner (Holy Communion/ Covenant Service)
25 January	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mr Greg Unwin
1 February	Woodhouse Handsworth	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mrs Jenny Carpenter Evening Bible Fellowship
8 February	Handsworth	10.30 am	Mrs Faith Magowan

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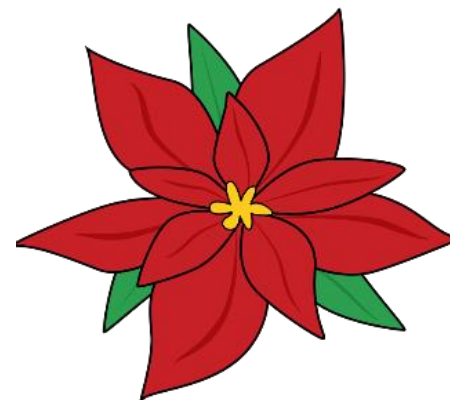
Christ our advent hope,
help us to clear the way for you;
to clear the clutter from our minds,
to sift the silt from our hearts,
to move the boulders that prevent us meeting
you.
Amen.

(Kate McIlhagga, from The Green Heart of the Snowdrop)

HANDSWORTH WOODHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 14 December 2025

The theme for the third Sunday in Advent is
'Give Hope'
and the symbol is a Poinsettia



Service at Handsworth

**10.30 am - Led by Rev Debora Marschner
(Holy Communion)**

Carol Service at Woodhouse

6.00 pm with the Woodhouse Prize Band

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	15 December	10.00 am – 11.30 am	Heart of Knitting at Woodhouse – new knitters or beginners welcome!
Tuesday	16 December	6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade in the garden at Woodhouse
Wednesday	17 December	10.00 am	Cleaning up at Handsworth
Thursday	18 December	3.30 pm – 5.00 pm 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Lego Club at Woodhouse Bereavement Support at Woodhouse
Friday	19 December	6.45 pm	Boys' Brigade
Saturday	20 December	10.00 am – 12.00 pm 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Coffee Morning at Woodhouse Coffee Corner at Handsworth

CAROLS WITH THE PRIZE BAND AT WOODHOUSE: We would like to give Christmas gifts to the young people at Roundabout. If you are able, please bring your gift to the Carol Service tonight. Items such as chocolate, shower gel, soap, shampoo, wrapped and labelled for boy/young man or girl/young woman will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: As in past years 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 local charities.

DAILY DEVOTIONS DURING ADVENT: During advent 2025 each weekday, Daily Devotions are available online for use by any and all who want to participate in them. The devotions are led by ministers, lay workers, preachers, worship leaders, and people connected to the Circuit. The theme is the timely one of the City of Sanctuary (the Circuit nominated charity) and justice seeking. We hope you'll join in and make use of these resources that have been made available for your use. Please see the Sheffield Methodist Circuit website, You Tube channel or Facebook page to access the daily devotions.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Monthly peer support group to talk about life, loss and grief. Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday 18 December. Please contact Rev Debora Marschner for more information. A Book of Remembrance has been opened at Woodhouse for anyone who would like to add a loved one's name to this.

DAILY BREAD: A free copy of the December 2025 to February 2026 issue of Daily Bread is now available at both churches – please take one!

CHURCH CLEANING AT HANDSWORTH: The next cleaning date is next Wednesday 17 December.

SILENT AUCTION: Please remember to save any unwanted Christmas presents for the Silent Auction! Watch this space for more details!

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Meal at the Winter Green on Thursday 29 January 2026. All meet at the Winter Green at 12.00 pm.

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.

ROUNABOUT: The local charity Roundabout is committed to ending youth homelessness in South Yorkshire. The charity's aim is to empower young people, aged between 16 and 25 to break the cycle of homelessness by helping them develop long-term independent living skills.

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

*Wet days
Long nights
Red candles
Old songs*

*Warm us God
Wrap us round with wonder*

*Furl us deep
Into your joy and justice
Love us
Through the moments
Of our nights and days.*

(Ruth Burgess, from Friends and Enemies)