

Welcome to
WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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An Official Fair Trade Church

Loving God

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Sunday 16th December – Advent 3

10.45am **Revd Martin Dawes - Baptism of Jack Peter Plummer**

Organist: Jean Crossley

Service followed by tea, coffee and conversation

7.30pm AA, Octagon

Monday 17th 12noon – 1.30pm AA, Rooms A&B
6.30 – 8.00pm Yoga, Rooms A&B

Tuesday 18th 7.45 - 9.15am AA, Wesley Room
9.30 – 11.00am Yoga, Octagon
12.15 – 1.30pm CoDA, Wesley Room

Wednesday 19th 10.00am Church Coffee Walk – see over
9.30am – 1.30pm Baby Sensory, Octagon
2.15pm Ladies Forum, Rooms A&B
7.30 – 8.30pm AA, Room A

Thursday 20th 10.00 – 11.00am Toddle Talk, Room B
12.00noon - 1.30pm AA, Rooms A&B

Friday 21st 8.00pm AA, Octagon
8.00pm Town Pastors, Rooms A&B

Saturday 15th 8.45 – 10.15am AA, Rooms A&B
10.00am – 12noon Cuppa and a Chat, Octagon

Sunday 23rd December – Advent 4

10.45am **Local Arrangement – The Stewards**

5.00pm **Revd Martin Dawes - Carol Service**
7.30pm AA, Octagon

Monday 24th – Christmas Eve

11.15pm **Revd Martin Dawes – Communion**

Christmas Day

10.30am **Revd Margaret Millar**

Advance Notices

Collections for Lighthouse: In December we are collecting gifts of money for the Lighthouse (formerly the Women's Refuge). This offers them the flexibility to buy gifts suited to the ages of the children and also presents during the year. There will be a retiring collection after the Carol Service on 23rd December and on Christmas Day for this worthy local cause. Gift aid envelopes will be available. *Freddie*

Advent Communion Table Cloth. Well over 12 months ago the stewards decided to use a bequest left to the church by the late Harold Rayment to purchase a new table covering to be used during Advent. Louise Gibbs (nee Caley) was commissioned to produce designs for the stewards to consider and the end result is now on display in the Sanctuary. *Anne*

Church Coffee Walk Wednesday 19th December. After months of dedicated walking and lunches we have now reached the end of the walking year. I invite you to join me in the traditional end of year coffee walk. We meet at Notcutts entrance at 10am and take a leisurely stroll to take in sights of Woodbridge. The walk will be around 2 miles, but what is more important we will take whatever shortcuts are necessary to get back to Notcutts for 11.00am. Non-walkers can join us there for coffee (delete coffee and replace with tea if that is your preference). Happy Christmas! *Derek*

4MEN's Breakfast Saturday 12th January 8.45 for 9.00am,. This time the speaker will be Mr Glyn Jones, the regional co-ordinator of Mission Aviation Fellowship. This promises to be a very interesting morning. Please sign up as usual on the notice board in the church entrance. *Martin*

Garden Success Please take a look at the church surroundings and you cannot but not help noticing how wonderfully improved it is. This is due to the hard work achieved by Chris Chapman and his supporting team (Barry Giffard, Mike Porter, Monty & Freddie Guest, Derek Rothwell, and Geoff Jacobs). Well done to you all and a big thanks from all the church to you!! *Scott*

The Link Thank you to all those who contribute to the W.M.C. Family news section of The Link . If anyone would like to join this team in 2019 please let me know . The only change at present is that the Summer double edition will be July/August from 2019, and an amended copy is on the notice board. Thanks also to Brian Crowe who edits the magazine and the team that prints and produces the magazine . *Anne*

Churches Together This year as in previous years Churches Together would like every household in Woodbridge and Melton to receive a Christmas card. The card is signed by all the ministers in the town and has an insert, which gives details of all the services associated with Christmas and also the activities Churches Together is involved in. The distribution is shared by the members of all the Churches. Our allocation is on the table in the foyer and I would be most grateful if some volunteers could take a road or two to deliver to (when the weather is fine!) There are some cards available for people from the surrounding villages if you or your neighbours would like them. *Freddie*

Prayers on the Cross All prayer requests will be removed from the cross each month and used during the Service of Healing. They will then be shredded, so please put your requests on the cross. *Dorothy*

Prayer Requests may be placed on the Cross in the foyer by using the 'post-its' provided. Prayer requests can also be sent on quickly through the Telephone Prayer Circle, telephone **Helen Lewis 01394 411232** or by email to **Carol Hollett** at carol.hollett9@googlemail.com

If you wish to publish any items in the notices relating to Church activities for the coming week, please contact Alan Batty on 01473 871798 or email alandsheila@tiscali.co.uk