

Welcome to
WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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An Official Fair Trade Church

Loving God

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Sunday 2nd December- Advent Sunday

10.45am	Revd Stephen Yelland Communion Hymns: 330, 176, MP 436, 577, 568 Readings: Jeremiah 33 vv 14-16, Luke 21 vv 25-36 Service followed by tea, coffee and conversation Flowers donated and arranged by Brenda Dudley 7.30pm AA, Octagon	Pianist: Helen Peats
Monday 3 rd	11.00am Mary & Peggy's House Group, 39 Chequer Field 12noon – 1.30pm AA, Rooms A&B 3.00pm Woodbridge Care Homes Christmas Concert – see over 6.30 – 8.00pm Yoga, Rooms A&B 7.15 – 9.00pm Churches Together Meeting, Wesley Room 7.30pm Woodbridge Orchestral, Octagon	
Tuesday 4 th	7.45 - 9.15am AA, Wesley Room 9.30 – 11.00am Yoga, Octagon 12.15 – 1.30pm CoDA, Wesley Room 7.00 – 9.00pm Gateway, Octagon 7.00 – 9.00pm CLL Creative Writing, Rooms A&B	
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am – 1.30pm Baby Sensory, Octagon 10.00am Church Walk – see over 6.00 – 7.00pm CLL Yoga, Octagon 7.30 – 8.30pm AA, Room A 7.30pm Stewards Meeting, Vestry	
Thursday 6 th	10.00 – 11.00am Toddle Talk, Room B 12.00noon - 1.30pm AA, Rooms A&B 6.00 – 7.00pm Meditation, Room A 7.30pm Church Choir, Sanctuary	
Friday 7 th	9.30 – 11.00am Parents & Toddlers 10.00 – 11.30am BodyBreathe, Rooms A&B 10.30am – 12noon Play Rehearsal, Sanctuary 8.00pm AA, Octagon 8.00pm Town Pastors, Rooms A&B	
Saturday 8 th	8.45 – 10.15am AA, Rooms A&B 8.45am 4Mens Breakfast, St John's Old Vicarage – see over 10.00am – 12noon Cuppa and a Chat, Octagon 10.30am – 12noon Computer Club, Room B	

Sunday 9th December – Advent 2

9.30am	Revd Martin Dawes	Communion
10.45am	Mrs Carol Almond 12.30am GW Band, Room B 7.30pm AA, Octagon	

Advance Notices

Churches Together Woodbridge & Melton This year's advent service will be held **TODAY** at St Thomas's church at 6.30pm.

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 service **TODAY** and after the Carol Service on 23rd December and on Christmas Day for this worthy local cause. Gift aid envelopes will be available.

Freddie

Seckford Almshouses, Jubilee House and Grove Court present "Woodbridge Combined Care Homes Choir Christmas Performance" : Monday 3rd December at 3pm, at the Methodist Church. Funded by Comic Relief. Free Admission. All welcome.

Church Walk Last week's walk was cancelled due to the weather, so we are going to try again this week. Please meet at 10:00 this Wednesday, 5th December for a walk around Rushmere Heath and Rushmere St Andrew. It is 4½ miles along very easy and flat paths with no stiles. Please meet at the start of Rushmere Heath on the A1214 Woodbridge Road as you head towards Ipswich, there are a few car parking spaces at the top of the unmade road named Linksfield. Lunch to follow at the Red Lion in Martlesham.

Peter Cogar 01394 382931

Saturday 8th December, 8.45 for 9.00am Joint Mens' Breakfast with St John's, at St John's Old Vicarage, Vicarage Hill (Just off St John's Street). The speaker will be Dennis Pethers (who writes the spiritual blog 'From the Rooftop'). Please sign up as usual on the sheet on the noticeboard so that we can send numbers for catering purposes.

Martin

December 10th 7.30pm Woodbridge Orchestral Society will have a short rehearsal and then a *Play Through* of Tchaikovsky's 2nd Symphony, 'The Little Russian.' You are welcome to come and listen in the Octagon and join us for mince pies afterwards.

Helen Lewis

Christmas Flower Arranging will take place on Friday 14th December from 11.30 am. Anyone wishing to help with the flowers is invited to come along and join in the fun. If you would like more information, please speak to Cath Hamilton or Gill Stevenson.

Choir Christmas Concert tickets are now on sale. Come on "A journey with the Magi" on Saturday, 15th December at 6:30 p.m. The tickets are £6 for the concert or £9 for the concert and buffet and can be bought from any member of the choir. The proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. *Jackie*

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

Church Tidying I have ordered a Skip to be delivered on Monday 3rd December to help with the Removal of Weeds etc at the church. The Skip is being delivered anytime after 8.00am and I will be there. If you can spare a couple of hours to lend a hand with the said removal then please turn up at any time after 10.00am. Please let me know if you are able to lend a hand on 07799 653868.

Chris

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