

Welcome to
WOODBIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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An Official Fair Trade Church

Loving God

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Sunday 23rd December – Advent 4

10.45am	Local Arrangement – The Stewards Hymns: 196, 213, 206, 215, 214, 218 Readings: 2 Corinthians 9 vv 6-11, Matthew 2 vv 7-12 Service followed by tea, coffee and conversation	Organist: Helen Jay
5.00pm	Revd Martin Dawes - Carol Service 7.30pm AA, Octagon	Organist: Jean Crossley

Monday 24th – Christmas Eve

11.15pm	Revd Martin Dawes – Communion 12noon – 1.30pm AA, Rooms A&B	Organist: Helen Jay
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Christmas Day

10.30am	Revd Margaret Millar 7.45 – 9.15am AA, Wesley Room	Organist: Peggy Baker
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Wednesday 26 th	7.30 – 8.30pm	AA, Room A
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Thursday 27 th	12.00noon - 1.30pm	AA, Rooms A&B
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Friday 28 th	8.00pm 8.00pm	AA, Octagon Town Pastors, Rooms A&B
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Saturday 29 th	8.45 – 10.15am 10.00am – 12noon	AA, Rooms A&B Cuppa and a Chat, Octagon
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Sunday 30th December

10.45am	Mr Bryan Nichols 7.30pm	AA, Octagon
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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

Advance Notices

Choir Concert: On a rainy and stormy Saturday evening our annual choir concert took place. It raised £677 for Macmillan Cancer Support from the sale of tickets, donations including gift aid and after expenses. Thank you very much to all who made it happen and everybody who contributed to this tremendous fundraising event. Many thanks.
Freddie

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 **Today** and on Christmas Day for this worthy local cause. Gift aid envelopes will be available.
Freddie

Churches Together Christmas Cards: Very many thanks to everybody who helped to deliver this year's Christmas cards.

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

Churches Together - Help Wanted: Every year St Mary's provides hot chocolate and cakes for those that meet up on Market Hill on New Year's Eve; this can be up to 300 people mainly teenagers. They are asking if anybody can come and help make and distribute the hot chocolate, this is greatly appreciated by the youngsters. The town pastors are often asked if this is going to happen. If you can help, please be at St Mary's Church Hall about 10.30pm.
Diane

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

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