

Woosehill Church



Worship for 2nd May

10:00am Holy Communion Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Steward: Steve Lewis
Sidesperson: Amy Truluck
Communion Steward: Linda Hoskins
Reader: Peter Murgatroyd
Prayers: Peter Murgatroyd
Projector: Lynne Paine
Sound: Ed Smith
Flowers: Gillian Payne
Zoom Coffee Host: Derek Hutchinson

BOOKING SEATS FOR A SERVICE

If you wish to attend a Sunday service in person please email stewards@woosehillchurch.org making it clear who you are booking for and the date you are attending. Thank you

DIARY: This week (all events on Zoom)

Sun	After service	Zoom coffee Meeting ID - 85155759369 Password - 662208
Mon	8.00-9.30pm	House Group Meeting ID - 84804191591 Password - 928287
Tues	7.15 - 8.30pm	Parish Bible Study Meeting ID - 86147623913 Password - 702050

Events & Notices

WORSHIP 2nd MAY AT 10.00am

This service is Holy Communion & will be led by Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby. If you would like to attend in person please email stewards@woosehillchurch.org so that we can compile a list and manage our numbers. Only a maximum of 30 can attend. Note - if you haven't booked, you will NOT be turned away, provided there is space. You must wear a mask unless you have an exemption. All our 10am services are live streamed on You Tube. The link for this week's service is <https://youtu.be/vbqedUFTqiY> If this link fails, go to You Tube, then search for Woosehill Church and select the video saying LIVE.

REACHING OUT

Is there anyone that you are aware of that is unable to access church online, either a service or a meeting, and would like to? If yes, please let a steward know. In reality if they do not have the equipment there is little we can do but if it is a case of helping someone to use a phone, tablet or computer to access the things we offer, then we should be able to help.

PRAYERS

If you would like prayers for yourself, your family or friends, please contact the Prayer Coordinator, Lynn Smith woosehillprayerchain@gmail.com or tel.07757 701730. Messages on the prayer chain are totally confidential and only seen by those Church members on the chain, if you would also like to be included in the intercessions on a Sunday morning then please let Lynn know.

MUSIC

Quote from the Methodist web site: "From Step 2 on 12 April 2021: Singing Indoors: - a single small group of singers will be allowed to perform, or rehearse for performance, only where essential to an act of communal worship. This should be limited to as few singers as possible, with social distancing being maintained at all times. Communal singing should not take place."

In the light of this, Peter Murgatroyd will lead the singing for our services. It is hoped that in due time a few other singers will be able to join him as restrictions are lifted, so our future worship can be enhanced. It is not envisaged that a formal choir will be formed but simply a few competent singers who are prepared to sing up & will have received advance notice of the hymns & tunes to enable them to practice at home.

As the COVID restrictions are slowly lifted we are working to find out what worship style suits Woosehill Church best. We wish to use our God given gifts to make our worship enjoyable, meaningful and relevant to our daily needs.

Your comments, good or not so good are most welcome. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to sing in a socially distanced group, please let Peter know - rpmurgatroyd@sky.com. Thank you.

REFLECTION FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Some Reflections on Ephesians 4:1-5

We all have beautiful memories of church life. Wherever it was at home or during school days or in places we have visited on holidays, our image of church life has always been influenced by our first impressions. The visible unity of church leaders and the rank and file of church membership always gives good impressions. Certainly, there is much more to church life than unity and good leadership.

We may also have memories of churches where there has been discord within the membership. In certain situations, more time and energy was spent on worrying over things, and even more, on reconciliation and restoring relationships and bringing back the order.

The church is a community of believers. Fundamental to that is that they are people. In the church, people bring themselves as who they are; with their strength, weakness, gifts, limitations and needs. Different groups of people may have different areas of interest, concerns, theological persuasion or inclination towards different forms of worship. The life and `culture` of the church is influenced and formed by this variety of needs and emphases. With this diversity, the church continues in its own way from being mere functional to being thriving and witnessing.

The church in Ephesus had Jew and Gentile members. One group of people had an established pattern already, the others were quite new to the tradition. The difference between their culture, normative worship and claim to ownership brought tension and misunderstanding within the church community. It was in this background Paul wrote to them emphasising the unity of the church for the sake of God.

We set God in the fore before our own interests, concerns or ourselves, because in the first place, it is God who has brought us together. As individuals and groups, we seek to understand and appreciate what others may hold as important. Hans Küng, a Swiss theologian and priest who died just three weeks ago, sums it up succinctly: "Since God's call precedes any action and any faith on the part of the individual, and since this call is addressed to the whole people of God, the individual never stands alone, but within the community, just as the individual communities are part of the one community, the Church. The Church begins, not with a pious individual, but with God." [from *The Church*]

With prayers, Soba-

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY

This year Christian Aid (CA) Week will be different:

Delivery-only envelopes

We're just going to use delivery-only envelopes - we drop them off and we do NOT go back and collect. There'll be a label on the envelope giving suggestions for online donations and an option to drop off cash at The Bradbury Centre in Rose Street.

We are going to target specific areas as follows:

- Beanoak (Monday, May 10)
- Glebe Park/Ashridge (Tuesday, May 11)
- Joel Park (Wednesday, May 12)
- Woollahill/Montague Park (Thursday, May 13)

The plan is to arrange a meeting point for each evening (probably 7.30pm), hand out a map of that particular area and the streets that need doing, give out the envelopes and cover the estate as a group. As we only visit each house once, it will be quicker than previous years. Also, doing this as a group will make it more enjoyable (we think!).

If you'd like to help out, just let me know which night is best and I'll be in touch.

Quiztarian Aid

We'll be holding an online quiz again on Zoom on Friday, May 14 at 7.30pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88129319695?pwd=U3hMc1p3bVNqTzRpNUVpK0JyRDQ1QT09>

Hope you can make it. Like last year, don't forget to bring your silly hats!

Sponsored Walk

Kathryn and I have decided to do a 10-mile sponsored walk near Bix for CA Week on May 15. We'd love it if you could sponsor us (as you have done in past years). Please donate online at caweek.org or

justgiving.com/campaign/caw2021. If you could also let us know via email that would be great (mainly so we can say thank you!) - contact details below.

Keep safe and healthy.

Peter Barrett, Chair - Christian Aid, Wokingham

peter.barrett500@gmail.com

Worship for 9th May

10:00am Holy Communion Rev'd Richard Lamey

Steward: Doreen Murgatroyd

Sidesperson: Lynn Smith

Communion Steward: Jo Cullinane

Reader: Geoff Peck

Prayers: Geoff Peck

Projector: John Hoskins

Sound: Bob Clark

Flowers: Linda Hoskins

Zoom Coffee Host: Lynn Smith

Coming up in the next few weeks:

16 th May	10.00am	Morning Worship - Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby
23 rd May	10.00am	Morning Worship - David Morgan
30 th May	10.00am	Morning Worship - Kim Tame

If you have any enquiries or would like to speak to a minister for any reason, please contact Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby - soba.sinnathamby@hotmail.co.uk 01189894374

To keep up to date, visit our website - www.woosehillchurch.org or 'like' our Facebook page - 'Woosehill Church'.

If you have any concerns please talk to the Minister or Steward on duty.

Please send any information for the notice sheet to woosehill.church@googlemail.com before 8.00pm on **Wednesday**.

Thank you. Alison