

Woosehill Church



Worship for 16th January

10:00am Holy Communion Rev'd Cara Smart

Steward: Lynn Smith
Sidesperson: Val Weedon
Reader: Val Weedon
Prayers: John Hoskins
Projector: Lynne Paine
Audio Visual: Geoff Peck
Communion Steward: Doreen Murgatroyd
Music: Becca Lamey
Flowers: Lynne Paine
Sunday Club: Amanda Parker & Emma Wells

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK UNLESS YOU HAVE AN EXEMPTION** - see next page for details.

All our 10am services are live streamed on You Tube. The link for the above service is - https://youtu.be/iCtN_GIX6Eg

DIARY: This week -

Tues	7.15-8.30pm	Zoom Bible Study- Meeting ID - 86147623913 Password - 702050 **or click on the link below
Thurs	10.00am-12.00	Art Group
Thurs	8.00-9.00pm	Zoom Together in Prayer Joining details from Lyn Brown - lyn@lynbrown.me

Tuesday Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86147623913?pwd=ZCtpcEg1M2NrM2xERGcwaVZBbHlZdz09>

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

Events & Notices

UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDS

In line with current regulations, we ask that anybody attending a service at Woosehill Church wear a facemask throughout the service including when singing. In addition, we also ask that anybody attending take a Lateral Flow Test beforehand. We would also ask that Church groups meeting in the church follow the same guidelines. Let's hope and pray that by taking these simple precautions we can keep everybody safe.

**Note - in response to current regulations, it has been reluctantly decided to suspend the serving of refreshments after the services. This decision will be reviewed regularly.

Communion - Just a reminder that when we are using the small Methodist communion cups, the bottom tray is the regular fermented communion wine and the top tray is non-fermented wine. So, unless you definitely want non-fermented, can you please take from the bottom tray. Thank you.

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.

VIRTUAL PRAYER WALK

On our virtual prayer walk around Woosehill, this week please pray for the residents of Crocus Way & Foxglove Close as part of our journey praying for all our neighbourhood.

ST PAUL'S ZOOM QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 5th February at 7pm. Teams of up to 6. £5 per person to enter, children free. Please e-mail me if you would like to take part and I will give you the BAC details or details for a cheque to pay your entrance fee.

If you have a team of 6 also let me know who is in your team, so it will be easier on the night to sort break out room teams. If you want to take part and are not in a team, we will happily put you in one.

There will be a raffle, tickets £1 each. If you want to enter BAC your payment when you enter the quiz. Thanks, Margaret Davies.

margaretanddavies@hotmail.co.uk 0118 978 7788 or 0779 1604007

CHURCH MAGAZINE

The deadline for the next church magazine seems to have crept up on me rather quickly, so I need your contributions by 16th January. Let's make it a positive issue, looking forward to a better year for all of us, with reflections, poems, news of church family and something to make us smile. As always, I prefer to receive by email to valerie.weedon@binternet.com.

Thanks in anticipation! Val

MESSY CHURCH - 23RD JANUARY

In light of the present infection rates of the Omicron Covid variant, the decision has been taken, with much regret, to cancel the Messy Church event on the 23rd January. We sincerely hope that Messy Church on 27th February will go ahead, but we will, of course, keep that under review and take a decision nearer the time. John Hoskins.

SOULSCAPE COFFEE MORNING

Friday 21st January 2022, 10am-11.30am. Please pop in at any point across this time. The Cornerstone Wokingham, Norreys Avenue, RG40 1UE. Free parking on Norreys Avenue or enjoy a lovely stroll into town. You are invited to come and consume as much coffee and cake as you can, all for a good cause! Donate what you like in return for cake. Delicious cakes baked by our bakers who bake for the staff in schools most weeks. All ages welcome. There will be supervised activities for pre-schoolers so parents can drink a hot cup of tea!

JAC (JUST AROUND THE CORNER) PRAYER DIARY

Happy New Year! Our Prayer Diary for January is now available on our website at the following link:

<https://www.jacoutreach.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=7f0acd77-117a-4145-9dcc-f8a1927cd2e3>

Thank you for taking the time to read it, and thank you for keeping JAC in your thoughts and prayers. From the team at JAC.

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

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

Thank you. Alison

REFLECTION FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends

Who may abide in your tabernacle? A short reflection on Psalm 15

We do not know much about the setting of this psalm, but it is commonly known as a psalm of entry, where the pilgrims ask a question and the leading priest gives the answer, perhaps on arrival at the Temple or before entering into it. Originating long before the Temple was built, this meditation of David opens up several important aspects of the character of a believer.

The opening questions are simple and honest: Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? And the answers are straightforward too. As we can see in the preceding chapters, especially in 12 and 14, all the godly people have perished and no righteous ones left; all who remained were sinful and corrupt. No surprise, David was pondering within himself who then was really worthy of entering into God's presence.

It is good to note the expressions: ...abide in your tabernacle; dwell in your holy hill. A tabernacle is not permanent; so is abiding in it. In contrast, the holy hill where the tabernacle would be later moved and the future Temple would be built is a sign of permanence; so is dwelling in it. However transitory or long-lasting one's communion and fellowship with God may be, David's question here, is about who can truly experience and enjoy that.

And the answer is elaborate, yet simple - very much like the Ten Commandments: there are dos and don'ts. They essentially highlight all the elements of good moral character that a true believer should possess.

But something is noticeably absent in the long list of conditions for entry into the sanctuary. The right ritual, in other words, religious practice is not mentioned at all. Perhaps the psalm is reminding us that unless the heart and the life of the believer are right, their religious behaviour is worthless.

With prayers,
Soba-

Worship for 23rd January

10:00am Morning Worship **Doreen Murgatroyd**

Steward: Lynne Paine
Sidesperson: Lynn Smith
Reader: Lyn Brown
Prayers: Lyn Brown
Projector: TBC
Audio Visual: Bob Clark
Music: Recorded
Flowers: Lynne Paine

Coming up in the next few weeks:

30 th January	10.00am	Covenant Service - Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby
6 th February	10.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion - Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby Reflective Service - Rev'd Cara Smart
13 th February	10.00am	Morning Worship - Elaine Steere
20 th February	10.00am	Holy Communion - Rev'd Richard Lamey

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
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