

Woosehill Church



Worship for 15th May

10:00am Holy Communion Rev'd Richard Lamey

Steward: Steve Lewis
Sidesperson: Amy Truluck
Reader: Alison Lewis
Prayers: Ruth Smith
Projector: Lynne Paine
Audio Visual: Ed Smith
Communion Steward: Doreen Murgatroyd
Coffee: Sue Falquero
Music: Becca Lamey
Flowers: Linda Hoskins

The link for the live stream of this service is - <https://youtu.be/C8FHp8qqVDQ>

6.30pm Christian Aid Week United Service

The link for the live stream of this service is - <https://youtu.be/qp9eFdAiUeQ>

DIARY: This week -

Tues	7.15-8.30pm	Zoom Bible Study Meeting ID - 86147623913 Password - 702050 **or click on the link below
Wed	9.00-11.00am	Tadpoles
Thurs	10.00am-12midday	Sewing/thread craft group - all very welcome
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=ZCtqcEg1M2NrM2xERGcwaVZBbHlZdz09>

Events & Notices

UPDATE FROM THE STEWARDS

With the lifting of all Covid legal requirements at the beginning of April, it has been decided to return to how we were in the Autumn with mask wearing being a matter of personal choice. As Lateral Flow Tests are no longer free, it has been decided to ask people to follow the government guidelines regarding Covid symptoms and attending church. Ventilation of the building and spacing of the chairs will continue. Any questions or concerns please contact the Stewards.

CHRISTIAN AID GIVING

There are Christian Aid envelopes on the table at the back of the church. These will not be collected but they give details of how to give online, and don't forget the coffee morning on 21st May, see below. Lynne.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING - CAN YOU HELP ?

Along with St Paul's and St Nicholas' we will be running a Christian Aid coffee morning in the Parish Rooms on 21st May from 10:45am until 12:45pm. Please come along and support us. Also, please let me know if you could spare an hour to help on the bookstall. If you have any books or items for the tombola please can you bring them to church this Sunday (15th) or arrange with me to collect/drop off as soon as possible. If you have any plants or cakes please let me have these nearer the 21st. Thank you. Lynne Paine.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

This year's Christian Aid collection will take place on Thursday 19th and as last year a delivery only system will be used (no returning to collect). We will meet up in Morrison's car park at 7.30 pm and walk up Old Woollahill Lane and deliver to Walter Road, Scots Drive and Windmill Avenue. Ed Smith.

JANET & MIKE COLE - NEW ADDRESS

Janet and Mike have now moved house. New address is 143 Priory Rd Hungerford RG17 0AP

CHURCH MAGAZINE

The deadline for the next church magazine is looming again and I need to hear from you by 15 May at the very latest. As always, I am looking for items to engage, entertain or make us pause for reflection. I don't have a particular theme in mind this time, so surprise me! Don't leave it to others, I look forward to hearing from you at valerie.weedon@btinternet.com. Val

AGM

The AGM will be held on Sunday 22nd May, immediately after the 10am service. Please stay for this important meeting if you are able !

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU !

We still have only 2 Stewards and need 2 more - could you fill the gap? Also, Emma Wells will be standing down as Church Council Secretary at the AGM on 22nd May due to work and educational commitments. Is this something you could do? If so, this is the perfect opportunity to understudy Emma. What do you think?

JAC PRAYER DIARY

The JAC prayer diary for May is available -

<https://www.jacoutreach.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=b032ccac-b10c-4819-a06a-a97583b73ee0>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning to have a BBQ after the 10am service on 5th June, in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. Further details to follow!

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 Dorset Way & Durham Close as part of our journey praying for all our neighbourhood.

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,

Partners, not just Donors

Christian Aid Week begins this Sunday 15th. I thought I might perhaps share with you some of my thoughts about charitable giving.

A few years ago, when I was having my hair cut, my hairdresser, a young girl, asked me what I was going to do later that morning.

I told her that I was going to collect the Christian Aid envelopes I had slipped through the letterboxes in my neighbourhood a few days ago. She was a bit surprised and said that people were not so good at giving. There may be an element of truth in her statement. I told her that in my previous rounds, I had a couple of residents telling me to my face that they did not want to give anything at all; and there were a few who found excuses not to give, like their envelopes being misplaced. But there were a lot who gave whatever they could. Some took the trouble to dash into their houses as soon as they saw me from a distance - some of them were waiting for buses, some chatting with their neighbours. Quite a lot of them had their envelopes ready, tucking them out of the letterbox. She agreed in the end that there are people who give.

This is perhaps the experience of most of the collectors. People give whatever they can - sometimes with delight, sometimes with a soft sigh. Being charitable is an essential part of humanity. Besides, it is Christian responsibility. It is one of the ways of serving our neighbours. Prompted by God's love and concern for us, we find ways to express that. We reflect that on others who are in need. Often, we count how much we are blessed and feel how grateful we should be to God. So, we give.

It is fulfilling as well. When we get to hear the real-life changing stories of the beneficiaries through the charities we support, we feel that we are not just givers, but real partners in the lives of so many people.

In all this we see that giving is not an end in itself. There is someone out there to receive what we give, materially or otherwise. There may be some who receive help without realising from where and how it comes to them, but most do. They receive every little gift with gratitude and appreciation. At that instance, the `counting of blessings` is triggered in their hearts. They begin to experience and wonder God's love and concern for them. Those who are touched by the goodness of others, would always want to share something of it with some others. In this manner, it finds its own way forward, like an endless chain. The chain increases all the while, looping and spiralling, touching many more people all over the world.

With prayers,

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Worship for 22nd May

10:00am Morning Worship Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

Steward: Lynn Smith
Sidesperson: Ruth Smith
Reader: Lyn Brown
Prayers: Lyn Brown
Projector: Nava Sinnathamby
Audio Visual: Bob Clark
Coffee: Ruth Smith
Music: Recorded
Flowers: Linda Hoskins

Coming up the following week:

Sun 29 th May	10.00am	Café Church/Morning Worship - TBC
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If you have any concerns please talk to the Minister or Steward on duty.

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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