

# Woosehill Church



## Worship for 19<sup>th</sup> June

**10:00am Holy Communion Rev'd Cara Smart**

Steward: Lyn Brown  
Sidesperson: Alison Lewis  
Reader: Lyn Brown  
Prayers: John Hoskins  
Projector: Iain Parker  
Audio Visual: Ed Smith  
Communion Steward: Amanda Parker  
Coffee: Ruth Smith  
Music: Becca Lamey  
Flowers: Melanie Hutchinson

The link for the live stream of this service is <https://youtu.be/gfqbqMP2kk>

### 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	Art Group

### 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.

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](mailto:soba.sinnathamby@hotmail.co.uk)  
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# Events & Notices

## CHANGES

As we move on from the lifting of all Covid legal requirements, we are making some further changes. We do ask that people continue to follow the government guidelines in respect of Covid symptoms and mask wearing will remain a matter of personal choice. For the time being, too, we will continue to ventilate the building during services.

However, from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June we will -

1. Reinstate the Offertory Plate for those wishing to give at a service. The plate will be positioned by the entrance to the Sanctuary so that people can leave their giving on the way in. The plate will then be brought forward during the service in the usual manner for the Offertory to be blessed. In addition, we will shortly be introducing a card reader machine so that people can give through that means.
2. Change the seating arrangements. The front 2 rows will be individual chairs, whilst the remaining seating will be complete rows, albeit with the current wide spacing between rows.
3. Continue to use the individual cups at all communion services for the moment, but will revert to kneeling at the communion rail. Note, for the comfort of all, please maintain a reasonable distance between communicants.

## WoolWAM

At our monthly knit/crochet & natter group those ladies not working on their own projects are knitting for First Days charity who provide clothing & equipment for local families in need. If you have any knitting wool that you don't need (especially double knitting), please pass on to Alison or any WoolWAM regular, who will ensure it is put to good use! Thank You

## PRAYERS

If you would like prayers for yourself, your family or friends, please contact the Prayer Coordinator, Lynn Smith [woosehillprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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 Emmview Close & Kennet Court as part of our journey praying for all our neighbourhood.

## REFLECTION FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

### John the Baptist - a man of true greatness

Next Thursday [24th] is the feast of St John. Commemorated by almost all Christian denominations, it is a day of great celebrations for people in the Philippines and many European countries. It is a holiday in Quebec. Besides Christianity, John is considered to be a great prophet of God by Islam, Bahaism, Mandaeism and the Druze faith.

The significance of John the Baptist in all these religions is beyond question, but in Christianity he is seen as the forerunner to Jesus Christ. His proclamation of someone who is greater than him is coming and his call for repentance set the way clear for Jesus to begin his ministry. John's ministry and teaching is viewed as a turning point in the history of the Jewish nation. People of his time believed him as a great prophet but some thought he was the incarnation of Elijah. His greatness was unmatched.

The extent of his true greatness shines clear in the song of his father Zechariah [Luke 1:68-79]. Known as The Benedictus, this song of thanksgiving at the circumcision of John reflects this new father's gratefulness to God. At the same time, part of the song is seen as an address by the father to the son whose belief that the son would play an important part in God's salvation to the world.

In the father's hopes and dreams, the son would be called a prophet of the Most High. He would go before the Lord to prepare the way for him. He would give his people the knowledge of salvation. Divine inspired birth, now sees a spirit inspired vision. Now, these are the most important aspects of John's ministry and teaching. His message of salvation involved continuous teaching, often in rough and harsh language, to a people who, at that time thought God too demanding; some thought God was passionless and detached. It is to this people John would teach there is forgiveness of sins because of the tender mercy of our God; and this mercy comes to the people like the rising sun from heaven, shining on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. All this is for the sake of guiding the people into the path of peace.

The father's dreams and hopes were later realised in the son's life and ministry. When he named his son John as told by an angel of God, his heart was brimming with thankfulness because as the son's name says, God is gracious him and his wife Elizabeth.

The man who ate locusts and wild honey and clothed himself in camel's hair may have presented a rough exterior. But people soon realised the significance of his prophetic ministry and presented themselves for baptism and became his faithful followers. He remained faithful to God's purpose for him with an uncompromising spirit, which in the end cost his own life. Inside the rough exterior, we see a man strongly committed to God. Jesus himself paid his tribute to John: I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John [Luke 7:28].

With prayers,  
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# Worship for 26<sup>th</sup> June

## 10:00am Morning Worship **Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby**

Steward: John Hoskins  
Sidesperson: Ruth Smith  
Reader: Val Weedon  
Prayers: Ruth Smith  
Projector: Nava Sinnathamby  
Audio Visual: Bob Clark  
Coffee: Jeannie Dunsmoir  
Music: Recorded

*Coming up in the next few weeks:*

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion- Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby Reflective Service - Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby/Doreen Murgatroyd
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Morning Worship - Doreen Murgatroyd
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Holy Communion - Rev'd Judy Hattaway
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Morning Worship - Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby

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Please send any information for the notice sheet to [woosehill.church@googlemail.com](mailto:woosehill.church@googlemail.com) before 8.00pm on **Wednesday**.  
Thank you. Alison