

WOODHOUSE EAVES METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning worship; Information for Preachers

On behalf of the congregation at Woodhouse Eaves, may I say how much we are looking forward to you leading our morning worship on the date shown in the Circuit Plan.

As a guideline for worship we aim to follow the lectionary. However, we are happy that you preach as you feel led. We have people who are willing to participate with readings, drama and music etc as well as worship leaders who would be happy to work with you. If you are including anything that you would like some congregational or worship leader help with, please contact the steward who will find the appropriate people.

We see our morning worship as a family time, where all ages are welcomed and catered for. Our typical format for Sundays is as follows:

- Notices & welcome by steward
- If there is a worship leader appointed there will be a time of worship, reflection and/or praise time led by the worship leader – please check the worship leader rota. This will last about 10 minutes. The worship leader will contact you before the service to discuss the content. If you would like to lead this yourself please contact the host steward at least a week before the service.
- Preacher leads the rest of the service and can either use the lectionary or another theme as led. We have members who are willing to read and participate in other ways if that would be helpful to you.
- We have a number of young families now attending our morning worship and there is an activity table at the front of the church where the children are happy to sit and play. We encourage preachers and worship leaders to include the children in the early part of the service.
- We aim to finish at around 11.30 am allowing time for coffee and fellowship.

Hymns and songs can be selected from Songs of Fellowship and/or Hymns and Psalms. Music is led by guitar, unless an organist is requested or our musician is away. It is helpful to select from Songs of Fellowship (Books 1, 2 and 3 combined), as songs from this collection are arranged for guitar. An index is provided on the Preachers Link page. There is also a list of hymns that have been arranged for guitar from Hymns and Psalms available from the same page.

We have a permanently installed projector and screen which we use for hymns and song words. However, it can also be used for PowerPoint presentations, movie clips, images etc. to enrich our worship. If you are comfortable with this technology we would encourage you to take advantage of it. Please advise the steward in advance and bring your data on a memory stick or CD.

The host steward will phone you during the week to check that you have everything you require and to confirm any readings and hymns/songs. An order of service on the day for the musicians would be appreciated. Contact details for all of our stewards are in the circuit directory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you prepare, and we look forward to seeing you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

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