

## Woodhouse Eaves Methodist Church Sunday Worship – Information for Preachers

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

We are a small village congregation made up of a core group of church members and regular visitors.

Our morning worship starts at 10.00am and we are open to worship based on the lectionary or other themes as you feel led. Occasionally we will have special services, such as harvest, which should be indicated on the circuit plan, if not the steward will inform you. Typically preachers are requested for special services.

A very successful Messy church is run once a month and most of our young people attend this and are unlikely to be at our morning service. The steward will inform you if we are expecting children/families.

We do have worship leaders available who are willing to be involved in leading the service. If you would like to take advantage of this then please inform the steward. We also have people willing to read and be involved in drama, do ask we are always happy to try new things.

Music is usually led on guitar by Mark Blatherwick. We typically use contemporary worship songs but do also sing some traditional hymns. All song words are projected onto a screen so we are not constrained by hymn or song books. However, there are links to Songs of Fellowship indexes on the website which you may find useful. Mark is happy to be involved in choosing music for the service and is willing, when time allows, to learn new songs but please don't be too disappointed if we occasionally need to suggest alternatives.

When a musician isn't available we use videos with music and song words on screen. We have a growing list of hymns/songs that we have available which can be downloaded from the website. The steward will be able to let you know when Mark is not available.

We typically use the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer, if you would prefer to use a different version please let your steward know so that we can show this on screen.

We do not take an offering during the service, but we do appreciate a dedication as part of the service for our gifts and talents.

We aim to finish by 11.00 to allow time for tea, coffee and fellowship.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you prepare and we look forward to sharing worship with you when you come. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

Woodhouse Eaves Methodist Church Stewards