



Woodhouse Eaves Methodist Church

November Newsletter 2023



Sundays at 10am

	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
<u>November</u>				Sunday before Advent
<u>Preacher</u>	Roger Latham	LA 4pm Messy Church	John Bateman	Circuit Service Christchurch Shepshed 10.45am <i>No Service at Woodhouse Eaves</i>
<u>Host</u> <u>Steward</u>	Sian	Gill & Barry	Jen & Richard	

Worship On-line in the Circuit 12th Church
 Broadcast on <https://www.facebook.com/TwelfthChurch/>
 Online from around 10.35am

Introduction from Rev Karen Beecham

Hi Everyone,

I am delighted to be asked to introduce myself to you. I'm Karen and this is my husband, Brett. Between us we have 7 children (Emily, Hannah & Katherine and Sara, Alex, Kieran & Marcus and 4 granddaughters). My hobbies are cooking, reading, walking and card making. I left school at 16, training in health care. I also joined the RAF 2503 Squadron at Waddington as a part time reservist.



Once having children, I decided to be a stay-at-home mum until Hannah was 15. I had small jobs like being a dinner lady, Tupperware rep etc.... I was a Girl Guide leader for more than 10 years, as well as serving as a District & Division Commissioner. I was extremely active in my local church, my roles ranged from, steward, youth group leader, cell leader and local preacher. I felt a call to ordained ministry when I was 37 and joined the part time pathway. I studied at both UTU and York St John's. I have been a Methodist Minister for 10 years, and I continue to enjoy my vocation as much today as I did 10 years ago. Most recently I have enjoyed taking OutoftheBox, take-time and other resources to those who no longer attend church. I am really looking forward to sharing ministry with you. I am passionate about discipleship, mission and doing things differently. I enjoy policies, procedures, and meetings, as I find they give good foundations for exploring innovation and mission.

Love & Peace

Karen

Church News

- **Harvest Gifts.** There is still time to donate a gift for Loughborough Foodbank (Trussell Trust) Please see Barry.
- A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and supported Ollie and Rey's wedding on 21st October. A happy day was had by all. A recording of the service can be found on 12th Church Facebook page (Link above)
- **Tuesday 31st Halloween.** We will yet again be offering Hot Dogs from the Church steps to passersby from 5pm onwards.
- **After service refreshments.** Is anyone willing to organise a Rota for tea and coffee after the service? The host steward will put the kettles on and set the trolley. You would need to bring milk, serve after the service, and wash up. Please let Gill know if you can help.
- **Carol Service** - Sunday 17th December 4pm

Prayer Meetings

Continue on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays of the month at Church 8.30-9am. A focused time to start the day. If you are unable to get there, please pray at home as we seek God's plan for our Church and community. **November** - Friday 10th & 24th

Taketime. At Church on 3rd November via Zoom on 17th both 10.30am.

Everyone Welcome to join in.



Sunday 12th November 4pm. Theme: Love your Neighbour. Food - Hot Dogs.
Everyone welcome.

CITF Bible study

The Autumn Bible study course is "The Uniqueness of our Faith" by Selwyn Hughes. Dates and venues below.

31st Oct - **The uniqueness of The Bible** - St Leonard's Church, Swithland

7th Nov - **The uniqueness of the Resurrection** - The Methodist Church, Woodhouse Eaves

14th Nov - **The uniqueness of the Ascension** - St Leonard's Church, Swithland

All meetings at 7.15pm for tea and coffee. 7.30pm Study start.

Message from Rev. Karen

Hey everyone,

I wonder if you have noticed that all the Christmas decorations have arrived in the shops, and supermarkets have been selling tubs of sweets for weeks. November reminds me of hot chocolate,

wrapping up warm and Christmas shopping. We usually take a few days away at the end of November to go and do all our Christmas shopping; we love the hype of Christmas, the songs and smells as we are shopping, and getting ready for Christmas. I try to be organised so that I don't have to worry about our family time, and I can concentrate on Advent and Christmas services and events.



As we are planning our Christmas Shopping trip this year, I was reminded that a couple of years ago we couldn't do any of the Christmas things because of Covid. That year we bought most of our gifts online. This made me stop and reflect on 'what is important at Christmas?' It definitely isn't the commercial extravagance that we get caught up in. It is not making ourselves stressed because there is too many preparations and not enough time. It is not even giving gifts, having new things, or eating lots of food. 'What lies at the heart of

Christmas, and whispers even to souls seeking to "suppress the truth" (Romans 1:18) , is the most stunning and significant fact in the history of the world: that God himself became one of us'.

As we begin preparing for Advent, let's not get so caught up in all the hype, that we forget that we are waiting for the coming of a King. Let us not be surprised on Advent Sunday. Let us think now, what are we going to do for Advent to prepare ourselves for the coming of a King. Do you have an advent tradition, is there something you want to do, how are you going to make sure you put Jesus in the middle of Advent?

A few ideas:- Do something every day to bless someone, do a reverse advent calendar, light a candle and spend some time pondering on the Christmas story, join in a travelling nativity. Let me know your ideas.

May you find the time, to relax, refresh and ponder the wonder of the coming of a King.

Blessings. Karen

Please pray for:

- The victims of war in Middle East, Ukraine and Russia
- People who have lost their homes and livelihood across the country through flooding.
- Liz.
- The Horne family
- Play and Praise, Victoria and her team.
- Our outreach at Halloween
- All known to us who are ill or struggling with life.

A Prayer to share.

Patient Lord, keep me bathed in your light and nourished by your love, so that I might mature as your disciple, bear fruit that will last and bring honour and Glory to you alone.

Amen (Alison Judd Local preacher Southampton Circuit. Methodist Prayer Handbook)

Please send Prayer requests and any items to Gill for inclusion in the next newsletter

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