

# Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

## Bulletin for February 2024

### Our New Church Motto

“ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love  
But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 1.13)

### **Our Services for February**

**Sunday services start at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.**

4th February - Cafe Church led by Val

Tuesday 6th February 2pm Afternoon Communion service led by Rev Joseph

11th February - Communion service led by Rev Joseph

18th February - Morning Worship led by Mark Dowling

25th January - Morning Worship led by Phil Bunce

### **Afternoon Communion Services**

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 6th February and Rev Joseph will take the service

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Rev Joseph will lead a joint service with Shrivenham MC at 7pm on Ash Wednesday evening at 7pm.

The theme will be “The Atonement of Jesus”

### **Lent Studies**

Rev Joseph will lead a series of Lent Studies starting on Wednesday 21st February in the Church, starting at 3.30pm till 5pm

The theme “The Atonement of Jesus” will be explored in detail during the course which will run every Wednesday ending the Wednesday of Holy Week

**Friday Blessings** are organised by Churches Together in Highworth. They are held at St. Michaels on a Friday morning at 9.15am for 30 minutes. Please do come and join others to pray for Highworth. (the church is always nice and warm)

## The Church Diary

**Zoom Prayer meetings** continue each Monday morning at 10am. They last for only 30 mins. We pray for our church, the fellowship and other needs. Please join us either on zoom or at home, praying by yourself  
Every Friday morning in term time 9.30am **JaM club** for parents/carers and toddlers.

Saturdays 10.30am to 12 noon, **Coffee Morning** and Table Tennis.

Tuesday 6th & 20th February **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 14th February **3Cs** 2.30pm

### **Coffee Mornings**

Our Coffee mornings are held each Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Table tennis is also available in the Ball room.

#### **Coffee held mornings in Dec/January**

30th December - WAA - £121.31

6th January - HMC £86

13th January - Rainbows £86.99

20th January - Angel Orphanage £250

27th January - Uplands Trust

#### **Coffee mornings in February**

3rd February - Brownies

10th February - HMC Val

17th February - HMC Tricia & Hazel

24th February - Uplands Enterprise trust

### **Angel Festival**

At the last Church Council meeting everyone was asked to think of suitable events to celebrate our 60th Church Anniversary & Rev. Joseph also highlighted the need for evangelism.

My idea is to hold an Angel Festival in the church during the weekend of our Carol Service - (date to be arranged) The aim would be to celebrate our 60th Anniversary and invite groups within the town including the schools and those using the church building to take part by making a display of angels using crafts of their choice. The church would be open to visitors on the Saturday and invited to join us for the Carol Service on Sunday.

Please do come to a short planning meeting on **Tuesday 6th February at 3.30p.m**

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to share your ideas please email me: [helencurtis82@gmail.com](mailto:helencurtis82@gmail.com)

More details, of how we can all be involved, will follow in the coming months.

## **Church Council meeting**

Our next Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday 20th February at 3.15pm  
Everyone can attend but only Church Council members can vote

## **Church Council Secretary**

We still do not have a Church Council secretary to take the minutes and write them up. As Church Council and the Annual Church are only a maximum of 5 occasions in the year, it is not an onerous task. Could you take on this role?

## **Leadership Meeting**

The Leadership team normally meets once a month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 13th February at 2pm

## **The Lighthouse Thanksgiving Service**

A thanksgiving service for the life of the Lighthouse bookshop will be held on Thursday 11th April, 7pm at St Michaels. Everyone is most welcome.

## **Lent Lunches**

Lent Lunches start on Wednesday 14th February at St. Michaels' starting at 12 noon till 1.30pm

We have been asked to take responsibility for the lunch on 28th February, along with the URC. Our dear friend Chris Williams has organised this in the past. Can you offer to take responsibility for organising this? If you can, please let one of the stewards know.

## **Lent Studies at Cricklade**

St. Sampsons' church at Cricklade are holding a series of Lent studies, commencing Friday 16th February. There are a variety of very interesting speakers. Please see the poster in the foyer for more details

## **Chris Williams**

The Thanksgiving service for our dear friend Chris will take place in Church on Wednesday 14th February at 3pm.

It will be preceded by a service at the Crematorium at 1.30pm

## **PAT Testing**

PAT testing at the church will be performed on Monday 19th February. If you have an electrical item that you regularly bring to the church and use, then it needs to be tested for electrical safety. Please see Peter or Andrew Tollington.

## Church Flower Rota

I've taken over the "Flowers in Church" rota, so please can I ask if you'd consider filling in the gaps so every week is covered for this year. The plan is for folk to provide some flowers for the communion table. The rota is on the board at the back of the church.

If it's difficult for you to do this, I'm happy to buy your flowers and put them in church on your behalf. Do let me know if this would work for you. Please ring me to chat this over - giving plenty of notice - my No is 763305. Thank you for getting involved. Chris Latimer

Sandwich Run

From Jackie Waterman

"Please could you give my thanks to everyone who supported the Filling Station. It was a mammoth effort considering the date was so close to Christmas. God always provides! Happy new year to you all. Love Jackie"

## Recycling

The church now has a blue recycling bag (for plastic and metal) as well as the orange recycling bins for paper and glass. Please use them as you would at home.

If you see these are full, perhaps you would like to put them out by the entrance to the car park. They go out on a Wednesday for Thursday collection. Thank you for your help.

Please note that we will have a "new" church phone number. It is actually the same as now, 01793 764544, but it is essential to use the 01793 national code. Our new internet provider is Vodafone. If you would like to be able to use the church internet, please see Peter

John and Margaret Hutton have an electric piano bought in 2007 which John played regularly until his depression began in 2010, it has hardly been used since. It is a Roland FP-4 and it enables you to access other sounds e.g. organ also backing tracks. It has earphones too. If you or someone you know would be interested please ring me on 017930762119 Thank you Margaret

**The Bulletin.** The March bulletin will be published on the weekend 24th February 2024 Please send items for inclusion to [dianabores96@gmail.com](mailto:dianabores96@gmail.com) by 21st February please

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