

Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

Bulletin for October 2023

Our Church Motto

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3: 22-23

Our Services for October

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

1st October - Cafe Church

Tuesday 3rd October. Afternoon communion led by Rev. Joseph

8th October - Morning worship led by Rachel Dowling

15th October - Communion Service led by Rev. Joseph

22nd October - Morning worship led by Robin Phoenix-Stone

29th October - Morning worship led by Rev Clive Deverell

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 9.30am **JaM club** for parents/carers and toddlers.

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

Tuesday 3rd & 17th October **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

Wednesday 11th October **3Cs** 2.30pm

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.

Operation Christmas Child

The Shoe Box campaign will be from Monday 13th November to Monday 20th November. As usual we will be using HMC as the Highworth collection centre. If you are able to fill a shoe box it would be fantastic. Please hand them to Tricia or Peter

Beryl Wicker

Mirian and all Beryl Wickers' family would like to thank everyone who attended her Thanksgiving Service and helped to make it so memorable. Huge thank you to Sandra Smith who kept Beryl looking so smart right to her end. Thank you also to Doreen & Phyllis for the endless flow of tea and coffee, Trish & Margaret for stewarding, Gwen & Chris for the music, Trudy & Gwen for the beautiful flowers and Val & Peter McAuley for their huge input including reading and Audiovisual work at what for them is a most difficult time.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Mike Metcalfe for taking two wonderful services, as requested by Beryl.

Thank you

Mirian Sirrelle

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 mornings held in September

26th August - HMC £107.02

2nd September -HMC £93

9th September - Y WAM £87

16th September - Bumps to Babies £144

23rd September - Silver Bells £163.68

30th September - The Big Highworth.

Coffee Mornings in October

7th October - Bumps to Babies

14th October - Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Diana & Chrissy

21st October - Uplands Enterprise Trust

28th October - HMC

Church Council Meeting

Our next Church Council meeting is Thursday October 12th at 3.15pm

Everyone is invited to attend, but only Church Council members are allowed to 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?

PRELUDE TO HIGHWORTH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On the 19 th of November we will be celebrating our 185th church anniversary. God has been good to us all these years and it is fitting that we commemorate the date on which our church was born. This local assembly has surely served to nourish many spiritually, socially and emotionally since she was brought into being. Celebrating church anniversary reminds me of this statement by Paul:

“...But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will.

Ephesus Acts 18.21 KJV

Some expositors believe the “feast” in the above passage referred to Pentecost (for Christians, this was the birth day of the church. Others believe it referred to the Passover(for Christians this will refer to Good Friday and Easter) So you see the great apostle Paul was keen to celebrate important dates on the church calendar in his time. We do well to emulate him.

However is such an important celebration to be limited to our normal Sunday church service? I believe we can make it more memorable and more spiritually nourishing. I am making this suggestion which I believe the church council will approve of when we meet

I suggest meetings from Wednesday 15th November through to Sat.18th (7.30pm – 8-.30 pm each night) during which I propose to treat the topic: “The meaning and significance of the church” . 40 minutes talk, and 20 minutes prayer.

Such meetings are very significant for church growth and are practiced by many churches worldwide. I trust that the Lord will touch every heart and enable you to participate in these meetings

Every blessings

Rev. Dr Joseph Ribeiro

The Church Bazaar

Remember, remember the 11th November! It's the Church Bazaar!!

This year we don't have dear Beryl to chivy us along and keep us on our toes with what's happening.

All the usual stalls will be there, so please reserve the day and time, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Leadership Meeting

The Leadership team normally meets once a month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm.

b:Fearless Womens' Conference

Highworth Community Church is hosting a Womens' conference at the Community Centre on Saturday 14th October. Tickets available from

www.highworthcommunitychurch.org The cost is £5

The Lighthouse Bookshop The Lighthouse Bookshop has been on the High Street for almost 40 years, serving Highworth and the Swindon area. However, it is very likely that it will have to close before it reaches that milestone. Unless the number of customers increases significantly over the next few months, closure is “on the cards”

The bookshop is very well stocked with cards for all occasions, Bibles, Christian books and a whole variety of gifts. The Christmas stock arrives in September and will go on display in October. We will definitely be open for the Christmas period

Please make the Lighthouse Bookshop your first port of call for everything that the Lighthouse stocks. Malcolm and Val can order for you any item that is not in stock

Please do continue to pray for the managers and all the staff, volunteers and trustees as we continue to serve the churches of Highworth and surrounding area.

Normal opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm and Friday and Saturday 9am to 1pm. You will be made most welcome.

Contact details: 01793 763337. Email info@lighthouse.books.plus.com

CAP There are a number of CAP events coming up. 1st Sunday in Advent, 3rd December, we have our Gift Service which will be for the CAP Christmas hampers.

The Bridge will be receiving hamper donations between 3rd - 14th December. On Thursday 14th December there will be a social for all the CAP team - hamper making party. From 7-9pm

The Christmas event for clients will be on Monday 18th December from 5-7pm

The Bulletin. The November bulletin will be published on the weekend 28th October 2023. Please send items for inclusion to dianabores96@gmail.com by 25th October please.

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