

# Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

## Bulletin for May 2024

### Our Motto for 2024

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

### **Our Services for May**

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

5th May Rev Joseph Communion Service

Tuesday 7th May 2pm. Afternoon Communion service led by Rev Joseph

12th May **10.15 am at St Michaels United Service for CAP**

19th May Morning Worship led by Robin Phoenix-Stone

26th May Circuit Service Clive Deverell will be the preacher

### **Afternoon Communion Services**

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 7th May and Rev Joseph will take the service

**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** 7th & 2st May **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

**Wednesday** 8th May **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 March/April**

30th March - HMC £104

6th April HMC - £100

13th April Angels Orphanage £161

20th April Bumps to Babies £168

27th April Uplands Enterprise Trust

### **Coffee Mornings in May**

4th May - No coffee morning - May Day Celebrations in town

11th May Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Diana & Chrissy

18th May - Bumps to Babies

25th May - CAP

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. May 12th – 18th .

As in recent years, there will not be a house-to-house collection. Envelopes will be delivered around the town for return to a yet-to-be determined location. (Another service where the Lighthouse is missed). We are responsible for envelope deliveries to a number of streets in Highworth and need your help to do this, so please contact Val & Malcolm Swift on 01793 762963 or email [malcolmbrianswift@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmbrianswift@gmail.com) if you are able to assist

## **Church Security**

An issue has arisen regarding church security. The outer porch door was found ajar on a Friday morning.

It has also been found unlocked on occasions. If you are the last person in the building, it is your responsibility to check that all doors are closed and locked.

## **Plants for Church Funds**

Hazel has plants for sale including cucumbers, tomatoes, courgettes, Rosemary and many flowers. Please contact her if you are interested, and watch out for [List of Available Plants](#) throughout May

## **Highworth Mayday Carnival**

This is being held on Saturday 4th May. The High Street and Sheep Street will be closed. Vehicular access will be via Lechlade Rd and entry through the "No Entry" signs.

## **Annual Church Meeting**

Our annual church meeting will be on Sunday 23rd June.

This will follow the morning service

## **Church Council Meeting**

Our Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June at 7pm

## **Situations Vacant**

Communion Steward. As Margaret Thomas has now moved away we have need of someone who will take responsibility for “laying up” the Communion Elements before a Communion Service. Please speak to one of the stewards if you can do this.

## **Leadership Meeting**

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

## **Church Flower Rota**

*Thank you to those who've been filling in the gaps on the Flower Rota: there are still some spaces left - can you help, and provide flowers for the church to enjoy on a Sunday. The Rota is on the board at the back of the church. (Putting the flowers in church on a Saturday, during the Coffee Morning works well !)*

*If it's difficult for you to do this, I'm happy to buy your flowers and put them in church on your behalf. Please do ring me, if this would help you : 763305. Chris Latimer*

## **Cream Tea**

A cream Tea has been arranged for Thursday 4th July at 3pm

Tickets will be on sale soon

## **Link Sorting**

It is the responsibility of HMC to do the Link sorting on 31st May at the Community Centre. Can you come along and help for 30 minutes? We will be missing several regular volunteers.

## **Circuit Service**

There will be a Circuit service at our church on Sunday 26th May at 10.30am We will be celebrating Aldersgate Sunday. The other churches in the Circuit are cancelling their morning service and joining with us at Highworth. Clive Deverell will preach.

## **Update on our Angel Festival Saturday 14th Sunday 15th Dec**

Interest in the church Angel Festival, one of the 60th anniversary outreach events, is starting to 'take off' in the town. We now have 10 groups that are interested in making a display of angels for the celebration. Individual angels are still welcome from our church family. However, this isn't just a display of angels for Christmas!

A quiet corner is being planned for prayer or to reflect on angels in the Bible. Could you work on a display perhaps with a friend or within your Fellowship Group showing times in the Bible when angels play an important role? This doesn't have to involve making angels, for example it could be quotes from the Bible and or presented in the form of a quiz sheet. Please continue to pray for the success of this outreach event and check you have made a note of the date on your calendar. We will need lots of support to welcome people, make and serve refreshments during the weekend.

Please chat to one of us if you'd like more information.

Helen Curtis, Diana Bores, Cynn timer Fitchett, Chris Latimer Angel festival Planning Team

## **Future Dates**

Friday 31st May Link Sorting

Sunday 23rd June Annual Church Meeting

Thursday 4th July 3pm Cream Tea

Sat/Sun 14th/15th December Angel Festival

**The Bulletin.** The June bulletin will be published on the weekend 25th May 2024 Please send items for inclusion to . [dianabores96@gmail.com](mailto:dianabores96@gmail.com) by 22nd May please

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