

FOUR OAKS METHODIST CHURCH

**'We seek to be a beacon for Christ –
Radiating the love of God through
Worship, Word and Witness'**

Notices for Sunday 17th January



Almighty God, you are present in all places, town and county, this is your world; help us to be mindful of all you have given us to care for.
Help us to show our discipleship by recycling and reusing whenever we can.
Please God, we want recycling in our own lives: may we experience the renewing grace of your Son and the rejuvenation of your Holy Spirit and may gifts and virtues that have become tired or overlooked be reused.
O God, renew our faith and holiness that we may be refreshed, blessed and transformed into the Christians you want us to be. Amen.

Steven Wild, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly District Chair

Give to us, O Lord God, a heart that is teachable, that we may know what is pleasing in your sight; a life attuned to your Spirit that we may be guided in your ways and a mind ever watchful that we may rejoice in the coming of your kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Elizabeth I (1533-1603)



Epiphany Moments

Happy New Year to you all! I trust this has started well for you, and that your NY Resolutions are still reasonably intact...

The season of Epiphany started this week, marking the end of the Christmas celebrations at last. The traditional Epiphany story is of course that of the Visit of the Magi, who had their 'Epiphany' when they realised God's presence in Jesus. Theirs were godly gifts too: gold for a kingly crown; incense for the prayers of God's Spirit in Christ; myrrh for the burial rituals which even anticipated the Resurrection. In our readings we then have the 'epiphany' of God's presence realised at Jesus' baptism, and much later in the season we conclude with the 'epiphany' of God's presence in the story of Christ's Transfiguration. We still have those 'epiphany' moments when we realise God's presence - perhaps on a walk in the sunshine, perhaps in a quiet moment at home, or even perhaps in a chance conversation in the baked bean aisle at Sainsbury's. May your 2021 awaken you to epiphany moments of your own.
Rev Stephen Froggatt

Church Finances

During these difficult times it is essential that we continue to support each other through our prayers, our pastoral contacts, telephone calls, zoom meetings, practical help with shopping and other permitted activities, even if it is not possible to worship together in Church. The Church is thankful for your ongoing prayers and Christian witness to others. We are particularly grateful for the continuing financial support that you give through your monthly standing orders. Some people, who normally may give to the Church through the envelope scheme or by cash into the weekly collection plates may not have been able to make their regular contributions. If you would like to make a payment directly into the Church bank account please use the following details:-

Account name:- Four Oaks Methodist Church
Bank:- HSBC Bank PLC, 289 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4BY
Sort Code: 40-21-17
Account Number: 81005561

Thank you.

Sutton Park Circuit - Bible Month

A special group we are launching in January as we dig into the Book of Ruth through our online Circuit evening services. Please click on the link below where you can join the private group and get involved! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spcbm>

The Methodist Church has compiled a list of simple resources to give spiritual sustenance when in isolation.



https://www.methodist.org.uk/spiritual-sustenance/?fbclid=IwAR0jiPpyuDoQUFnX1o1XscVvnWeB9_J3uH1DjQaev1v8UyaPlz9MJjGIGINA



"As churches, we are great at pastoral care. This is taking the skills we have and using them outside our churches". District Mission Enabler Dr Yasmin Finch talks about the January Light project in part 1 of this special Methodist Podcast on well-being. <http://ow.ly/LIDv50D3rQJ>

The Methodist Church Worship At Home Sheet

This week's sheets for you to download and print off at home are here:

17th January

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19882/17-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19889/large-print-17-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

24th January

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19884/24-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19890/large-print-24-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

The Lectionary

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 17th January

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=61>

Week

beginning 17
January

2nd in Ordinary
Time

**Messianic
Ministry**

* Octave of
Prayer for
Christian Unity
begins

Sun	17	John 1:43-51	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 350	Psalm 139
Mon	18*	Luke 4:16-30	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 239	Psalm 56
Tue	19	Luke 4:31-44	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 653	Psalm 57:1-3, 7-11
Wed	20	Luke 5:1-11	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 558	Psalm 61
Thu	21	Luke 5:12-16	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 448	Psalm 63:1-8
Fri	22	Luke 5:17-26	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 258	Psalm 65
Sat	23	Luke 5:27-39	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 660	Psalm 66:1-12

Local Sunday Streamed Services

Birmingham District

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC65eOm7QtM4Wu1R6jTI7frw/featured>

Sutton Park Circuit

Evening Services in January 2021 will take us through Bible Month. Working through the book of Ruth, so you may wish to take your Bible and read ahead as we look at one chapter each week.

17th January – 6.30 pm – Dr Clive Thursfield, Mr Tom Watts and Mr Jack McGinnigle

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+2&version=NRSV>

All services can be found on the Circuit YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz2bToz1r03rAkBO3FApkeQ>

3) Other services

For other streamed services, please see the Church Website.

<https://www.fouroaksmethodist.org.uk/worship-at-home>

Rev Stephen Froggatt – (0121) 354 1454, Stephen.froggatt@methodist.org.uk (Monday rest)
Deacon Marilyn Slowe – (0121) 351 7756, deaconmarilyn@yahoo.co.uk (Friday rest)

The floodlighting for the month
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by Madeline Ballantine and family
in loving memory of Paul.



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