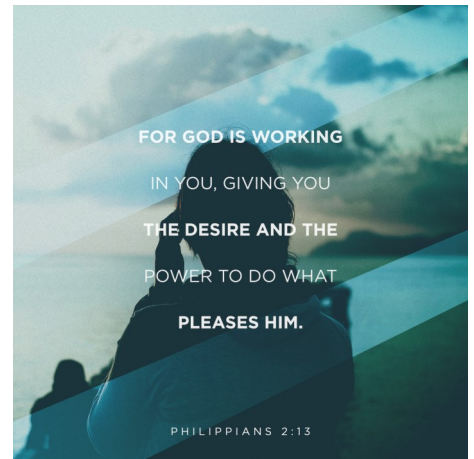


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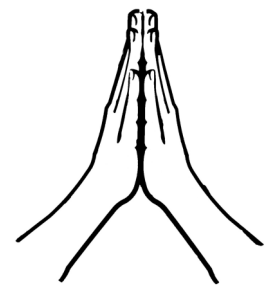
**'We seek to be a beacon for Christ –
Radiating the love of God through Worship,
Word and Witness**

**Notices for the weeks commencing
Sunday 25th July & 1st August 2021**



O loving and living God, may we trust in you as Jeremiah reminds us to, like a tree, planted by water, that depends on you alone to face the challenges of the climate and still produce fruit. Let your nourishment seep into our world today through our hands, minds and voices, that we may seek to bring your reconciling love in Christ to the earth in transformative ways. Amen.

Inspired by Jeremiah 17:7-8



Covid Relaxation

Boris Johnson has now announced relaxation of covid regulations. While it is no longer mandatory to wear face masks the government still strongly recommend that masks are worn in enclosed spaces i.e. indoors. The stewards have met therefore and seek to suggest that people attending services wear face masks. The Stewards will be wearing their face masks as an illustration of this. Also we would ask that people do maintain some element of social distancing because we are seeing an increasing number of covid cases and an increase in hospitalizations. We as stewards have a responsibility to look to the safety of our congregation and ensure we can prevent any further increase in covid infections.

We will still be keeping the current one way system around the church for the time being. However you will no longer need to register to attend services at church. We look forward to seeing you at our services. Thank you. The Stewards.

Four Oaks Methodist Church—Sunday, 25th July

10.30 am The Stewards from The Vine at FOMC

Sutton Park YouTube Channel—Sunday, 25th July

10.30 am Rev Stephen Froggatt (sermon) and Deacon Marilyn Slowe

6.30 pm Rev Dr Jimmy Dube

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 28th July at FOMC

10.30 am Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Four Oaks Methodist Church—Sunday, 1st August

10.30 am Rev Dr Jimmy Dube—Holy Communion

12.30 pm Baptism of Sebastian Dean White & Elodie Grace White

Sutton Park YouTube Channel—Sunday, 1st August

10.30am Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

6.30 p m Rev Malcolm Oliver (ZOOM)

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 4th August at FOMC

10.30 am Mrs Lynette Jones

Four Oaks Methodist Church—Sunday, 8th August

10.30 am Mrs Lynette Jones

Sutton Park YouTube Channel—Sunday, 8th August

10.30am Rev Dr Alan Smithson

6.30 p m Boldmere Methodist Church

Luncheon Club

Many of you I know will have been missing Luncheon Club along with many more activities. We are hoping to restart in September at 1p.m. In the large hall. The proposed dates for the rest of 2021 are: **Tuesday September 28th, October 19th, November 23rd, December 14th**

Will you all please let me know if you want to continue to attend. This as you know depends on the covid restrictions at the time. Hoping to see you all again soon. Sue Bowater

Zoom Prayer—28th July

Here is the link to the Zoom Prayer Group. It would be lovely to have you join with us to share in prayer together. All welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85145459433?pwd=VUZEMXJoYWVhUmRWd05XV3AwQ3dZUT09>

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Methodist Prayer Handbook

Rather taken back to find it is £5 postage for the handbook this year. I am certain it was postage free last year. As only 11 ordered this year it means the total cost will be £4.65. Sorry about this. Should reach your homes in Mid August and let me have the money when you see one of us or put it through our door. Blessings, Diana

Summer Notice Sheet

There will be one notice sheet to cover 8th, 15th & 22nd August. Notices for the 8th, 15th & 22nd August in writing please, by **Wednesday 4th August at 12pm** in the post box or by email at office@fouroakschurch.plus.com.

Normal weekly notice sheets will commence from 29th August onwards.

Thank you. Susie.

Rev Stephen Froggatt – On sabbatical

Deacon Marilyn Slowe – (0121) 351 7756, deaconmarilyn@yahoo.co.uk - (Friday rest)

Floodlighting—July

The floodlighting for the month of July is sponsored by Margaret Marsh in loving memory of John.

Floodlighting—August

The floodlighting for the month of August is sponsored by Julie & Jack Kirk in loving memory of both sets of parents and friends we no longer see.

The Methodist Church Worship At Home Sheet

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

25th July

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/22447/25-july-21-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/22449/large-print-25-july-21-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

1st August

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/22513/1-august-21-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/22520/large-print-1-august-21-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

The Lectionary

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 25th July 2021.

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=212>

Week beginning 25
July

Sun 25 John 6:1-21 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 145
517

17th in Ordinary Time

Mon 26* Matthew 20:20-28 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 126
486

**Holy Things, Holy
People**

Tue 27 Exodus 20:1-17 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 29
501

* James, Apostle,
trans.

We d 28 Exodus 24:1-18 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 30
55

Thu 29 Exodus 32:1-14 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 31:1-8
431

Fri 30 Exodus 33:1-23 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 31:9-24
434

Sat 31 Exodus 34:29-35 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 32
572

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 1st August 2021.

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=213>

Week beginning

1 August

Sun 1 John 6:24-35 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 78
252

18th in Ordinary Time

Mon 2 Philippians 1:1-11 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 33:1-12
692

Imitating Christ

Tue 3 Philippians 1:12-18a *Singing the Faith* Psalm 33:13-22
402

* The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Wed 4 Philippians 1:18b-30 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 39
470

Thu 5 Philippians 2:1-11 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 40:1-10
199

Fri 6* Luke 9:28-36 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 47
261

Sat 7 Philippians 2:12-18 *Singing the Faith* Psalm 42
564

Baptism at Four Oaks Methodist Church

Baptism marks something special; the start of a lifelong journey of faith as part of the local and worldwide Christian family. From June, as lockdown restrictions eased, we have been delighted to restart a limited Baptismal Programme. A dedicated 12.30pm service remains a popular choice for families. Meet the children recently baptised by Deacon Marilyn.



Sunday 6th June

George Paul Mark Whittle son of Laura and Rob Whittle.

Sunday 4th July

Marija Elija Rudzeviciute daughter of Aneta Rudzeviciene and Linas Rudzevicius.

Sunday 18th July

Dolcie Vae Terry daughter of Gemma and Matthew Terry.

Our warmest congratulations to you if you have recently experienced the joy and wonder of the arrival of a new child.

Forthcoming baptisms are planned for

Sunday 1st August

Siblings, Sebastian Dean White and Elodie Grace White son and daughter of Grace and Max White.

Sunday 15th August

Layla Jacqueline McGlynn daughter of Tanya Yearwood and Scott McGlynn.

Sunday 19th September

Sophia Cali Strain daughter of Brodie and Ben Strain.

Sunday 3rd October

Violet Beatrice Eggleston. Daughter of Helen Nodding and Richard Eggleston.

Sunday 7th November

Tommy Jack Hanley son of Kirsty and Christopher Hanley.

If you are interested in child or adult baptism please contact the Church office office@fouroakschurch.plus.com leave a message on 0121 308 7425 for our minister Deacon Marilyn Slowe.

Lynette Jones.

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