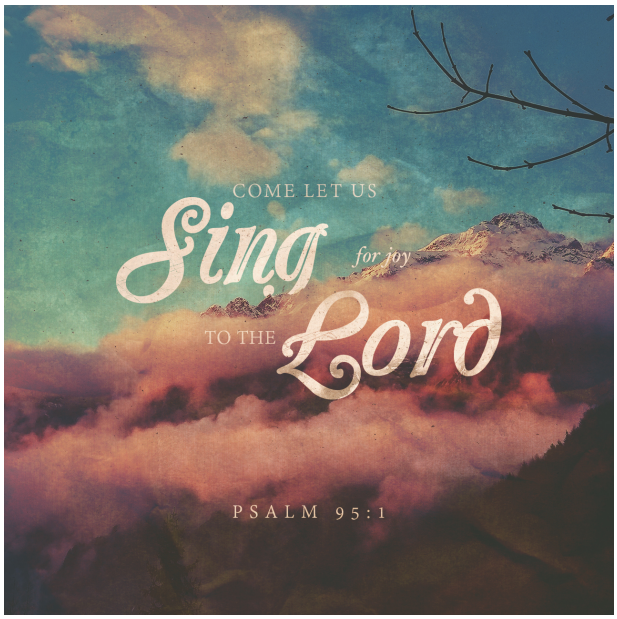
FOUR OAKS METHODIST CHURCH

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



Notices for the week commencing Sunday 22nd November

Women Against Violence Sunday

In the darkness of the night,
may we catch a glimpse of the distant light. In the cacophony and clamour of life,
may we hear the whisper of God's voice.

In the anguish and pain of death and disaster,
may we feel the breath of hope.

In the convolutions and disagreements that weigh upon us,
may the Word of God lighten our load.

In the loneliness and aloneness of a busy world,
may we know the presence of our creator God.
For the earth is the Lord's and so are we.

Elaine Halls, Presbyter, South West Wales Circuit

Show us, O God of mercy, that no sin is so great that it cannot be confessed; no wound so deep it cannot be healed, and no sinner so lost that grace cannot bring them home. Amen.

William Booth (1829-1912)

Advent Bible Study

The Wednesday Bible study group is having a 'rest' from Women the Bible to start an Advent Bible study on Wednesday November 25th, a few days early, and will continue fortnightly for five weeks so finishing in the New Year. We will be following the 'Advent Journey with the Magi', which can be downloaded and printed. The meeting can be accessed by the Zoom link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89060019874?pwd=WHdETEhRZ24xcU8zL1FnclllbzhYZz09 Meeting ID: 890 6001 987 Passcode: 407572 If you e-mail me your details I will send you the Zoom invitation. If you wish to come along and cannot download the Study material please let Diana know on 3082251 bosmandiana@gmail.com I would be willing to print for anyone without a printer but it is 26 pages in length but helpful to the course.

Toy Service

Even though there will not be a Toy Service this year we would still like to collect toys for the Sunshine Playgroup in Nechells and Birmingham City Mission. Please can you bring any new or nearly new (in a good state of repair and complete) toys to church by Saturday 12th December. If you could include wrapping paper with an elastic band where possible it would be appreciated. If you wrap your present please will you make sure that it is clearly labelled with the sex and age of the child it is intended for. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Erdington Foodbank – Thank You!

Over the last few weeks, you have donated £430 in money plus lots of bags of shopping. Thank you!

Charity Christmas Lucky Bags

We were blessed with table top sale donations over the summer with a great amount of new / nearly new gifts. We are selling charity "Christmas lucky bags" at £5 and £10 to be collected from December 5th onwards, subject to lockdown. Each bag will be full of value and an age related Christmas message. Look out for more information in the weeks ahead. Or book your "Christmas Lucky bags" in advance. This is for both young and old. Enquiries and orders Peter Cashmore. 07966875585

MHA Christmas Friendship Cards

This year, because of Covid-19, MHA will not be asking us to send physical Christmas cards to residents in their Care Homes, many of whom are feeling lonely and isolated and for whom Christmas will be particularly difficult.

Instead, this year it is going online. MHA is inviting us to take a festive photo, perhaps of you and your family in festive jumpers or a beautiful winter scene or nativity scene and holding or displaying a Christmas message in the photo. Then upload your image onto their website. They will then virtually deliver it to one of their members to let them know someone is thinking of them at Christmas. This small gesture of kindness could make all the difference to an older person this Christmas. The web address is mha.org.uk/christmas. Just click on Christmas Friendship Appeal. The submission form will appear in early November and the deadline is 10th December. Thank you, David Powell, MHA Circuit Representative -0121 3532615

The Lectionary

Lectionary Readings for 22nd November

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=170

Week beginning 22 November	Sun	22*+	Matthew 25:31-46	*Singing the Faith* 256	Psalm 95
Week *before Advent*	Mon	23	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20	*Singing the Faith* 500	Psalm 30
Faith in Adversity	Tue	24	Daniel 2:31-45	*Singing the Faith* 147	Psalm 31:1-8
** Christ the King*	Wed	25	Daniel 5:1-28	*Singing the Faith* 715	Psalm 31:9-24
+ Women against Violence Sunday	Thu	26	Daniel 6:6-23	*Singing the Faith* 613	Psalm 32
	Fri	27	Daniel 7:1-14	*Singing the Faith* 340	Psalm 33:1-12
	Sat	28	Daniel 7:15-27	*Singing the Faith* 91	Psalm 33:13-22

The Methodist Church Worship At Home Sheet

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

22nd November

https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19370/22-november-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf

https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19375/large-print-22-november-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf

Local Sunday Streamed Services

Birmingham District

The District service will be on the First Sunday of the month only, with a Youth Service on the 3rd Sunday.

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

Sutton Park Circuit

6.30pm – Julie Ann Read

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

The floodlighting for the month of November is in loving memory of Sverre and Synnove Johansen, and John Keogh from Peter and Andree Johansen and family.

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Regular updates will appear on the website and Facebook.

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 deadline for notices is Wednesday at 5pm. The notice sheet will then be sent via email on Thursday morning. Please email notices to office@fouroakschurch.plus.com.

Thank you!

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;
So wondrous is its touch,
With love that means so much,
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

StF 715 – Patrick Prescod

FOMC Prayer Line

The Prayer Line has now been updated for any you know who need prayer. Please pass on the details below to any requesting prayer.

Email :fomcprayer@gmail.com

Tel : 07942581223

Thank you.