



Oakwood Church

A Methodist-Anglican Partnership

Newsletter – Easter 2024

It is a pleasure to bring you Easter greetings from Oakwood Church, along with some news from church life. Please visit our website to find more news and full information about all the activities taking place with the church and the community:

www.oakwoodchurch.info



Easter Gardens



On Good Friday at 10am we will be making Easter Gardens – the craft materials will be ready, and everyone is invited for a creative time in the church hall.

An Easter garden tells the story of holy week in miniature. Jesus died on the cross on Friday, and on the third day God raised him to life.

After his death he was laid in a tomb like a cave, and sealed with stone... but when his friends arrive, they find the stone rolled away. Soon they meet the risen Jesus, and their lives are changed forever.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday are the pivotal moments of the Christian year. An Easter garden, with the cross and tomb, is just one way to reflect on what this means for us. Please come and make yours!

Women in Christ

WiC

This is the second year of our programme for women – *Women in Christ, in Conversation, in Community* – which has seen over 40 women helping each other along with life and faith. The year starts with a launch event in the Autumn which gathers everyone together and introduces

the theme for the year. Then groups of 3-5 people meet through the year to support, challenge, and encourage one another, prompted by some reading/viewing and questions. Everyone gathers together again at the end of the year with a speaker to help with reflection on the theme. WiC is organised by the church, but also open, inclusive and free. Anyone can join, and how the groups work is up to them. We are discovering that God is at work in our community in exciting ways.

Youth and Children's Work



We are pleased to have recently renewed our partnership with Missional Generation. Together we provide Christian youth and children's work which supports young people in our community. MG equips young people to be influential for God in every arena of life by supporting churches across the M62 corridor. Our Sunday evening young people's groups for 8-11 and 11-18 year olds are supported by an MG worker, and we are beginning a new partnership to support our welcome for younger children on Sunday mornings. A highlight of our year is the trip to 3Generate in October, the annual gathering of the young people and children of the Methodist Church. A coach goes from Oakwood, along with other friends from nearby Methodist churches, and the support of the Methodist circuit. We have a lot of fun exploring faith and being part of the church in new ways.



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PALM SUNDAY – 24 March

10.15	Morning Worship for Palm Sunday
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16.00	Holy Communion
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MAUNDY THURSDAY – 28 March

19.30	Love Feast with Holy Communion.
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GOOD FRIDAY – 29 March

10.00	Come and make an Easter Garden. All ages welcome.
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11.20	Walk of witness leaves church.
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11.30	Prayers at Oakwood Clock.
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12.00	Reflective Service at Oakwood Church (+ activity for children in the hall).
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12.30	Soup lunch; donations to Christian Aid.
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19.30	Reflective Service; also on Zoom.
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EASTER DAY – 31 March

06.30	Sunrise Service in Roundhay Park; meet 06.00 at Oakwood Church to walk to the park together. Return to Oakwood Church for breakfast.
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10.15	Holy Communion, with kids egg hunt Easter Appeal – offering invited for Kishermoruak Health Centre in Kenya.
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Monthly Worship Pattern	10.15	16.00
First Sunday	Holy Communion	(no service)
Second Sunday	All Age Service (some Parades) also on Zoom	Holy Communion
Third Sunday	Holy Communion	Listening to God Quiet meditation
Fourth Sunday	Morning Service also on Zoom	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday	Morning Service also on Zoom	Holy Communion

Oakwood Kids for children and young people aged 4+ meets at 10.15 in the Hall most Sundays (but not 2nd Sundays) – children are always welcome.

Crèche space for children under 4 is available for all 10.15 services. Parents remain responsible for their children.

4Cs for young people aged 8-11, Sundays in term time 17.00-18.15

SYNC for young people in years 7-13, Sundays in term time 18.30-19.45

Regular discipleship events (occasional variations by announcement)

Morning Prayer on Zoom – **09.15, Every Thursday**

Bible Study on Zoom – **18.15, Every Wednesday (term times)**

Book Club – **19.30, 3rd Tuesday of the month**

Silent Prayer – **14.00, 4th Monday of the month**

Regular House Groups – contact us for information

Women in Christ – contact us for information

Church news by weekly email – ‘subscribe’ button on the homepage of the church website – www.oakwoodchurch.info

See our website or contact our minister for more information.

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