

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 6th October**



Holy and gracious God, by way of creation, you have brought us into being. By way of the cross, you have brought us into your kingdom. By way of the resurrection you have restored us to life.

Macrina, deaconess and teacher (c. 329-379)

The floodlighting for the month of October is sponsored by Netta Darke, In Loving Memory of her husband Terry and son Andrew.

Sunday, 6th October

10.30am Deacon Marlyn Slowe

Flowers: This week's flowers are sponsored by Sue Pepper.

Coffee: After the service this morning the Flower Guild will be serving refreshments in the Church. Please stay and join us.

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 9th October

10.30am Mrs Sue Hayden

Sunday, 13th October

10.30am Rev Ken Howcroft—Church Anniversary

Coffee: Ladies Friendship Club



Classical Gala Evening, Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm

Opera favourites and songs from the shows, including: My Fair Lady, Puccini, Verdi, Moon River, Summertime, Les Miserables, Merry Widow, Die Fledermaus, Casta Diva and Tosca. With well renowned tenor Richard Lloyd Owen Emporio and soprano Tina Fung. Proceeds in aid of the Church Organ Redevelopment Fund. Tickets £12.

Men's Fellowship

Ten members attended our meeting in Friday 27th September when Peter Johansen gave a very descriptive talk on "The Children's Magic Taxi Tour". Our next Meeting is on Friday 25th October when our speaker will be Tom Thomas on "45 years Engineered in Faith" All gentlemen will be made very welcome.

John Rootham

Punjabi Lunch Club

The next Delicious Punjabi Lunch will be served from 12noon on Monday 14th October. It is a chance to meet up with our church users and say "hello!"

Saturday Morning Breakfast — change of date.

Our Punjabi friends are running the kitchen on Saturday 2nd November 10am till noon.

Omletes , toast and snacks will be available. Also an insight into a musical feast of instruments and singing. I'm looking forward to this Saturday!

Love in a Box

I hope many of you will be able to once again fill shoeboxes for children living in Moldova, a very worthwhile cause. You will find leaflets giving all the information needed at the entrances to the church. There will also be a number of shoeboxes covered by Jenny Jeffries in the church for you to take if you don't already have one. The completed boxes need to be at church for Sunday 3rd November when I have asked Nick Jones if he will bless them for us before they are collected.

Many thanks, Julie Kirk.

Winter changeover into the Large Hall

From **Sunday 6th October to Sunday 24th November** and from **Sunday 5th January 2025 to Sunday 23rd March**, all 10.30am services will take place in the Large Hall.

This decision has been made due to the high cost of heating the Church sanctuary and agreed by the Church Council.

Advent Services to be held in the Church Sanctuary

(*unless severe cold weather takes hold)

1st December, 10.30am Toy Service. A request for new and nearly new toys to include sensory, vision friendly and accessibility toys to be shared between BCM and the Kadoma Methodist District in Zimbabwe to which Birmingham District is twinned.

8th December, 10.30am.

15th December, 10.30am. Carol Service inc. the Chamber Choir.

22nd December, 10.30am. Communion Service.

25th December, 10am. Christmas Day Service.

29th December, 10.30am. TBA

Community Outdoor Event - Carols Round the Firepit Saturday 21st December 4.30pm. Our Choir singing, hot potatoes, mulled drink and hot chocolate.

Christmas Day Meals for the Circuit

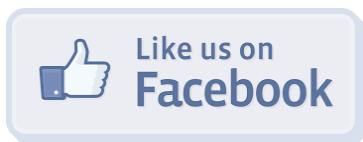
To go ahead as usual this year with preparation and distribution based at Four Oaks Methodist Church. This year will be coordinated by Deacon Marilyn, but with a view to hand over responsibilities and ownership for 2025.

Since the outbreak of Covid, an average of 200 Christmas dinner and puddings have been cooked and delivered to homes across the Circuit on Christmas Day. Is there someone with catering qualifications and organising skills within our Church or Circuit, that would be willing to cook and lead a team of helpers for 2025? It would be helpful to work alongside Deacon Marilyn this year to gain a valuable insight to what the role entails.

Retiring collections, appeals for helping hands and drivers to be announced nearer the date.

Weekly Activities

Monday	2.00 pm	Monday Fellowship Group
	4.45 pm	Rainbows — term time
	6.00 pm	Brownies — term time
	7.00 pm	Cubs — term time
	7.30 pm	Guides — term time
Tuesday	1.00 pm	Luncheon Club — 4th Tuesday of the month
	6.00 pm	Beavers — term time
	7.30 pm	Ladies Friendship Club
Thursday	9.30 am	Baby & Toddlers
	7.30 pm	Scouts — term time
Friday	8.00 pm	FOCUS Explorer Scouts
Saturday	10.00 am	Saturday Morning Drop In — Table Tennis



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