

# FOUR OAKS METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Notices for week commencing  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



The floodlighting for the month of March is sponsored by John and Audrey in loving memory of their parents Jean and Walter Eccles and Phyllis and Alwyne Rootham.

## **Sunday, 8th March** (Lent 3)

10.30am Mrs Lynette Jones

### **Service held in the Large Hall**

Flowers: This week's flowers are Sponsored by Eleanor Blakemore, in memory of her Dad Bill Stevenson.

Coffee: After the service this week Peter Cashmore & friends will be serving refreshments. Please stay and join us.

## **Midweek Service: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Mrs Diana Bosman

## **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

10.30am Deacon Jenny Parnell

Coffee: Nodding Fellowship

## **Circuit Lent Course**

- Erdington Methodist Church - Thursdays 2.30pm
- South Parade Methodist Church - Mondays 10.30am
- Boldmere Methodist Church - Wednesdays 11am
- On-Line Group - Thursdays 7.30pm.

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## **Moving into the church**

As of next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday), Services will move back to being held in the main Church sanctuary.

## **Mothering Sunday flowers**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Mothering Sunday and as usual we will be making up posies to give out at the service. We'll be doing this on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm in the Bennett Lounge, and if you're available to help please can you let me know (308 0977 or [knight92@aol.com](mailto:knight92@aol.com)). We also need lots of green foliage to make up the posies, anything that will set off the daffodils nicely. If you have any suitable foliage you could bring along that would be great. Thank you. Sue Stewart.

## **Our long-serving Church Centre Manager, Mr Peter Cashmore, retires on 31st March 2026.**

The Church Stewards are planning a 'Retirement Do' for Peter, as we celebrate his career as Centre Manager and wish Peter a long and happy retirement that he has truly earned. There is to be a 'Bring and Share' meal. Sue Stewart has produced a food list, just so we have a well-balanced selection of sweet and savouries. Come and share food, memories, words of gratitude and enjoy a little sing-along, as we celebrate this special milestone together as a church family. All are welcome.

**Date: Sunday 29th March, Location: Large Hall.**

**Time: 12 noon, just after the morning service.**

## **New for 2026 – Church Bible Study**

Saturdays 10am to 12noon in the Bennett Lounge. Starting on 18th April we shall be studying Discipleship Explored, which is an 8-week course based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. More details to follow. Then, in the Autumn we shall be studying an updated version of Christianity Explored with new material, based on the Gospel of Mark.

## **Items for Nkanfoa**

Thank you for past donations to the Methodist school and village in Nkanfoa. We fly on 14<sup>th</sup> April and would welcome donations by Monday 6th. Needed items include pencils with erasers, red/blue ballpoint pens, non-Apple smartphones, reading books (ages 3–15), children's cotton clothing (2–teens), and men's cotton shirts. Items can be collected — please contact 0121 308 2251 or bosmandiana@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

## **Methodist Women in Britain**

West Midlands District Day. Saturday 14th March 2026. 10.30am - 3pm. All welcome, including men. Coffee being served from 10am. Erdington Methodist Church, Wesley Road, Erdington B23 6TX. Day to be led by Ruth Parrott. Previous MWiB President/Co-Chair. "Whose bag is it anyway?" Come along and find out!! The day will be livestreamed. Bring and Share Lunch. Drinks will be provided. Any questions please email secretary annetteash21@yahoo.co.uk



## **Bikes**

We have two bikes to give away as we are no longer able to use them: a ladies' hybrid Scott Park and a men's hybrid Claud Butler Urban 200. Both have not been used for several years and will need some attention. If you are interested, please speak to Julie or Jack Kirk on 0121 352 0789.

## **Regular Activities**

Monday	2.00 pm	Monday Fellowship
	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	1.15 pm	Luncheon Club – 31 <sup>st</sup> March
	2.15 pm	Ladies Friendship – 17 <sup>th</sup> March
	6.00 pm	Beavers — term time
Wednesday	2.00 pm	Flower Guild – 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Thursday	9.30 am	Baby & Toddlers – term time
	7.30 pm	Scouts — term time
Friday	7.30 pm	Men’s Fellowship – 27 <sup>th</sup> March
	8.00 pm	FOCUS Explorer Scouts

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Gracious God, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c. 480-550)