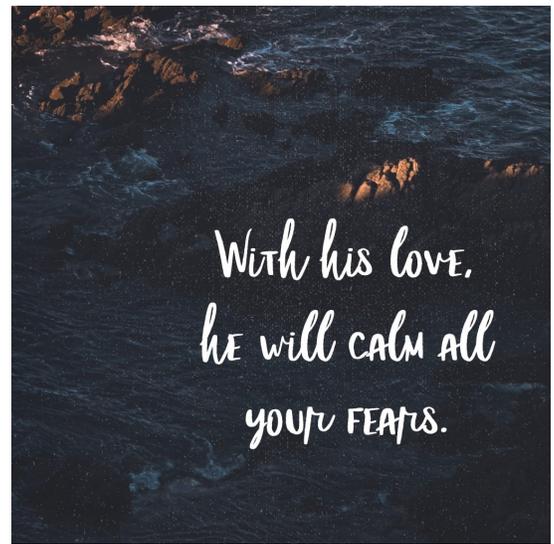


FOUR OAKS METHODIST CHURCH

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

**Notices for the week commencing
Sunday 31st January**



To the One who can keep us from falling, and bring us safely into his glorious presence, joyful and above reproach, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all ages, now and for ever. Amen.

Based on Jude 24-25 (1st century)

Gracious God, as we respond to your call in our lives, nurture within us the wisdom to respect your gift of life and your creation. May the roots of our faith be strengthened so that we reflect your kingdom values of justice, peace, hope and life for all. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Andrew de Ville, Southampton District Chair



Church Finances

In relation to the notice in the last few notices sheets we know that some people have had difficulty in paying into the church account, because of how the bank have set it up. Although our account name is "Four Oaks Methodist Church" they prefer "Four O Meth Ch". If you have been struggling please try this account name which should work better. Thank you.

Foodbank

Thank you for all your food and money donations last year. You have been blessed in your generosity. The last appeal stretched over November / December. We are ready again to receive your gifts of food or money now for a February delivery. (How about all those boxes of biscuits and chocolates left over from Christmas?) Any queries please contact Peter Cashmore, Centre Manager. 07966875585

"One arm at a time, together, we are offering hope which will change the world." In this blog, the Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling explains how a church is playing its part in the national vaccination programme.

<http://ow.ly/3ODy50DfmRW>



Sign up for The Lent Encounter!

A great new way to journey through the 40 days leading up to Easter. You'll receive an email each day exploring the Bible through personal reflections, video content, images and personal challenges. Giving up chocolate NOT required 😊

FIND OUT MORE 📌

<https://bddy.me/3sGi44M>



The Methodist Church Worship At Home Sheet

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

31st January

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19886/31-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/19891/large-print-31-jan-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

7th February

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/20215/7-feb-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/20222/large-print-7-feb-worship-if-you-are-unable-to-attend-church.pdf>

The Lectionary

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 31st January

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=63>

Week beginning 31 January	Sun	31	Mark 1:21-28	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 251	Psalm 111
4 th in Ordinary Time	Mon	1	Luke 7:1-10	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 655	Psalm 72
Healing Faith * Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas	Tue	2*	Luke 2:22-32	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 232	Psalm 24
	Wed	3	Luke 7:11-17	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 306	Psalm 71:1-16
	Thu	4	Luke 7:18-23	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 264	Psalm 71:17-24
	Fri	5	Luke 7:24-30	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 247	Psalm 73:1-14
	Sat	6	Luke 7:31-35	<i>Singing the Faith</i> 364	Psalm 73:15-28

Local Sunday Streamed Services

Birmingham District

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30am

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

Sutton Park Circuit

10.30am – Streetly Methodist Church – Mrs Kirsten Newman

During the morning service on Sunday 31st January, there will be a 'blessing of candles' prayer, during which people watching are invited to light a candle in their own homes if it is safe to do so.

Evening Services in January 2021 will take us through Bible Month. Working through the book of Ruth, so you may wish to take your Bible and read ahead as we look at one chapter each week.

6.30 pm – Rev Stephen Froggatt

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ruth+4&version=NRSV>

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>

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 floodlighting for the month of January is sponsored by Madeline Ballantine and family in loving memory of Paul.



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Regular updates will appear on the website and Facebook.

Following the announcement that over 100,000 people across the UK have died as a result of Covid-19, the President and Vice-President join in a call for the nation to pause, pray and reflect at the end of each day: <http://ow.ly/4dlk50DjQgg>

