# 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



The floodlighting for the month of December is sponsored by Linda Revell in loving memory of her husband, Alan, organist and choirmaster of this church and of Bill Vickers a dear friend.

### Sunday, 7th December

10.30am Mr & Mrs Glyn & Angela Constantine

**Toy Service - held in the main Church** 

Flowers: The flowers for the month of December

have been arranged by members of the

Flower Guild.

Coffee: After the service this week the Nodding

Fellowship will be serving refreshments.

Please stay and join us.

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 10th December

10.30am Mrs Sue Hayden

Sunday, 14th December

10.30am Deacon Marilyn Slowe –

Baptism & Carol Service

Coffee: TBC

## **Services during Advent**

A reminder that during Advent, Sunday morning services will resume in the church sanctuary. Please wrap up warm.

#### **Job Vacancy**

We are looking for a dedicated and proactive individual to join our team at Four Oaks Methodist Church as the Facilities Manager. This position will involve working 30 hours per week, but offers you the flexibility to manage your time effectively while playing a vital role in maintaining our community space. As Facilities Manager, you will ensure that our facilities, including the gardens, are kept clean and safe on a daily basis. Welcome all visitors. Carry out routine maintenance and repairs and conduct regular inspections to ensure Church health & safety, safeguarding and risk management policies are adhered to. DBS verification will be required and our preference is for the candidate to live within three miles of the Church. Full job description and salary on application. Email: 4oaksmc@gmail.com

#### **Appeal for Mince Pies**

We welcome donations of boxed mince pies for our Christmas events. Please ensure the use-by date is after 24th December. Thank you for your support.

#### **Phyllis Wood**

We are saddened to share that our dear friend Phyllis Wood has passed away. Phyllis was deeply loved, and her warmth and kindness touched many in our church family. Her funeral will be held on 17th December at 2.30pm at Sutton Crematorium, and all who knew and loved her are warmly invited to attend as we give thanks for her life. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

### **Ladies Friendship Club**

Due to the colder weather the group will meet from 2.15–4.00pm instead of 7:30–9:00 pm From January to April 2026.

### **Charity Christmas Card Tree**

This year's donations will support the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Our church family has seen firsthand the devastating impact of MND through John Nodding and Terry Jeffries, whose friendship we deeply cherish. Though there is no cure, the MND Association provides invaluable support to those living with this life-limiting illness. If you'd like to donate, please give online to the church account and mark it "Christmas card tree." Sort code: 40-21-17 Account number: 81005561. Gift Aid envelopes (for online or cash gifts) and cash donations can be placed in the donation box. This is a lovely way to share Christmas greetings with one card while supporting a worthwhile charity. Thank you, Diane Forsythe.

## **MHA Sunday - Methodist Homes for the Aged**

A big thank you to all who donated so generously on MHA Sunday. I am pleased to say that a total of £310.86 was raised (including gift aid). This will help MHA to continue to help older people to live later life well. David Powell. MHA Circuit Representative.

# **Churches Together in Four Oaks**

The churches are joining together for Carol singing on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 11 am - 12 noon, outside Marks and Spencer's Mere Green, please join us if you can. All Welcome.

#### **Handel's Messiah Concert**

Sutton Coldfield Choral Society and Chamber Choir concert on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Emmanuel Church. See flyer for details to book.



#### **Regular Activities**

| Monday    | 2.00 pm | Monday Fellowship                            |
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|           | 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 – 16 <sup>th</sup> December    |
|           | 6.00 pm | Beavers — term time                          |
|           | 7.30 pm | Ladies Friendship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December |
| Wednesday | 2.00 pm | Flower Guild – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December      |
| Thursday  | 9.30 am | Baby & Toddlers – term time                  |
|           | 7.30 pm | Scouts — term time                           |
| Friday    | 7.30 pm | Men's Fellowship – January                   |
|           | 8.00 pm | FOCUS Explorer Scouts                        |

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Grant us grace, O God, to be interpreters of your beauty, narrators of your glory, confessors of your purpose, preachers of your mind and teachers of your works; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Odes of Solomon (late 1st Century CE)