



OUTWARD LOOKING | WARM-HEARTED | JESUS CENTRED

11th FEBRUARY 2024

**SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE LED BY OUR REVD. AUDREY BROWNE
AT 10.30A.M.**

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION Bread is available on the day. Please let a steward on duty know your preference. Thank you.

POLITE REMINDER: As a church we are called to demonstrate God's love in our walk with Jesus. Please remember to be respectful, considerate and mindful of others attending Sunday services. We often have bereaved, vulnerable persons/families including young people, children and visitors at times. Any personal issues, please speak to your assigned church friend first or ask for a steward on duty. The presiding minister or speaker on the day is often available at the end of the service to talk to or on an arranged basis. Many thanks for your understanding.

DISCOVERY PRAYER GROUP: Audrey will be starting a 'Discovery Prayer Group' during the weeks of Lent (and beyond), and she is inviting everyone to come and join her to spend one hour of prayer together as a church. During this hour, we will pray for our church, the world, and ourselves; and, we will also have the opportunity to reflect on the scripture in ways that help us in our personal and collective discipleship. **Our first 'Discovery Prayer Group' will be on Wednesday 21st February, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at NMC.** Once we have gathered as a 'prayer group', we can talk about practicalities such as the best day, time, and room in which to meet. Also, we can think about whether we may want to use Zoom during the darker months of the year. **All are welcome to come and be a part of this hour of prayer and scriptural reflection.**

GOOD NEWS! Delighted to report that Dame Joanna Lumley, a Patron, and three other generous friends of KIDS FOR KIDS pledged to double donations received during December 2023. That means that the £600 sent to Kids for Kids as a result of your generosity in supporting our Quiz in December, has been doubled to £1,200. It may be difficult to believe but the UN describes the situation in Sudan as 'the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today' – with more people who have lost their homes than in the rest of the world combined. Your support is invaluable. Thank you. Hazel.

DISCOVERY GROUP DETAILS Cheryl and Shirley's Discovery We meet fortnightly on zoom at 3 pm on Thursdays. **Starting January 14th.** New people welcome. Contact Cheryl or Shirley for zoom details. **For log in details contact asq28@icloud.com.**

Sue & Daphne's Discovery Group runs on Thursdays fortnightly at 7pm on zoom. Starting this Thursday. If you would like to join, please speak to Sue or Daphne for further details.

Since the 'Discovery Group' that the Revd Andrew Pottage used to lead is no longer functioning. Audrey would like to encourage those who were a part of that Discovery Group, to **please join one of the other Discovery Groups if you can.** Audrey has sensed that there is an urgent need for collective prayer as a church, and therefore, she will be focusing on a 'Discovery Prayer Group', and she is inviting everyone to come and be a part of this time of prayer. See notice on Discovery Prayer Group for further information

ROLES AT NMC: Northwood Methodist Church is urgently in need of more volunteers, to ensure that we can continue to properly function as a church. The Leadership Team is working hard to ensure that we can continue to manage our finances well, so we value your prayers, as we endeavour to make good progress in finding the best way forward. If you think you can assist in any way with the Treasureship at NMC, the Leadership Team would love to speak with you.

These are the vacant roles that need filling at NMC urgently:

- **Church Council Secretary**
- **Church Friends Coordinator**
- **Church Treasurer**
- **Gift Aid Secretary**
- **Article for Northwood Residents Association (coordinator)**
- **Property & Finance Committee members & chair**
- **NMC Weekly News Letter Distributor**

Please speak with Audrey or Sue Lloyd if you think you would like to offer yourself for one of the above roles. Thank you.

LITTLE ACORNS on Mondays, TERM TIME ONLY, from 9.30am at NMC for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. For more information contact Julia or Daphne.

Every Tuesday - Take Yourself Out Tuesdays (TYOT) @ Ruislip Methodist Church 10am – 12noon. Save on your heating and use ours! At a loose end? Popping to the shops and fancy a cuppa? RMC are on the U1, E7, 278 bus routes or just around the corner from the high Street - drop in for a free drink and a warm welcome.

EASTER SERVICES

There is a joint ‘Ash Wednesday Service’ at Wealdstone Methodist Church, Commencing at 2:00 p.m. This service will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. All are welcome to attend.

There will also be a joint ‘Good Friday Service’ at Wealdstone Methodist Church, commencing at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

As we journey through Lent to Easter, may this be our prayer:

**God, my light, and my salvation,
illuminate my life,
that I may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ my Lord.**

Revd. Audrey D Browne

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