

## WOODHOUSE EAVES METHODIST CHURCH

### *Sunday morning worship; Information for Preachers*

On behalf of the congregation at Woodhouse Eaves, may I say how much we are looking forward to you leading our morning worship on the date shown in the Circuit Plan.

As a guideline for worship we aim to follow the lectionary. However, we are happy that you preach as you feel led. We have people who are willing to participate with readings, drama and music etc as well as Worship leaders who would be happy to work with you. If you are including anything that you would like some congregational or worship leader help with, please contact the host steward who will find the appropriate people. We try to keep family worship (first Sunday of the month) to 45mins, as this allows time for coffee and fellowship afterwards.

We see our morning worship as very much a family time, where all ages are welcomed and catered for. Our format for Sundays when we do not have family worship is as follows:

- Notices & welcome by steward
- Worship, reflection and/or praise time led by the worship leader for the day - The Worship leaders' rota will inform you who that will be for the day you are with us. This will last about 10 minutes and will be based on the lectionary. The worship leader will contact you before the service to discuss the content. If you would like to lead this yourself please contact the host steward at least a week before the service.
- Preacher leads the rest of the service and can either use the lectionary or another theme as led. We have members who are willing to read and participate in other ways if that would be helpful to you.
- At present we do not have a regular Junior Church; however we offer one session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month as well as the All Age Service the first Sunday of the month. If there are any children present on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday a Junior Church leader will take them out around 11am.
- We aim to finish at around 11.30 am allowing time for coffee and fellowship.

Hymns and songs are usually selected from Songs of Fellowship and/or Hymns and Psalms. Music is led by the organ and/or guitar and music group. If our organist is not available, it is helpful to select from Songs of Fellowship. An index is provided on the Preachers Link page. We appreciate a range of musical styles to suit all of the generations in our congregation. The host steward (please see rota) will phone you during the week leading up to the service and pass your choice of hymns & songs to the organist or music group. If you select any songs which are not in our books it would help to let the musicians have a copy of the music and to bring copies of words for the congregation. An order of service on the day for the musicians would be appreciated. Contact details for all of our stewards are in the circuit directory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you prepare, and we look forward to seeing you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Very Best Wishes  
Gill Thompson