

Oadby Trinity, Great Glen and Houghton

Methodist Churches

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The **Methodist Church** 

13th August 2021

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1 (NRSVA)

Dear Friends,

As the Psalmist says, there is something profound about worshipping in company, in “the congregation”. It has been a great joy to see the way in which we are returning faithfully to doing so. Each of the three Communion services last week at Houghton, Glen and Oadby reflected the joy we have in worshipping together.

I shall pretend that the words “in the company of the upright” means that we are able to stand and sing!

Thank you for the response to my plea to have confidence to return in person as you are able. I am amused to report that the Communion Steward at Oadby had to twice top up the bread and wine on the Communion Table as more people arrived than expected.

Our new informal worship at Oadby on Wednesday seems to have been a success. Thank you for the enthusiastic feedback. I hope that gives people confidence to invite friends to this service perhaps meeting friends for a coffee beforehand or – as many did this week – stay for lunch in Zeph’s. The service on the 25th will feature the story of Zacchaeus.

I hope that the informality of this service will have a wide appeal but I appreciated the way in which it complemented a much more traditional act of worship at Houghton in the afternoon.

We will continue to have Covid precautions in place in order to make it possible to gather safely. The Oadby service will continue to be broadcast into the Aigburth lounge, and also available to those of you joining from home, but we hope as many people will be physically present as possible.

We aren’t serving coffee after the service, yet, but we will encourage people to meet in Zeph’s for a chat after the Oadby morning service. I suspect that some people will bring their own flask of coffee!

We look forward to some really exciting events in September. We’ve got the baptism of four children; the wedding of Artwell and Talent; and the welcome of three people into Membership at Houghton.

God bless you all – and stay safe.

Rev Derek

Food Bank

Please note that stocks are pretty low at the Food Bank. We will no doubt get donations from a variety of sources at Harvest but we do urgently need to re-stock. Contributions can be dropped off at any time the church is open. Long-life milk and cereal are particularly needed, laundry liquid and toilet rolls also appreciated. Pretty much anything apart from pasta!

We Pray for:

- Artwell and Talent who are preparing to be married at OTMC
- The children and their families preparing for their Baptisms.
- Those being welcomed into Membership at Houghton
- Glen Church Council meeting at 7:30 on Monday (16th)
- All three new circuit ministers have now moved in to their respective manses. We hold Israel, Liam and Sharon and their families in our prayers and we look forward to the Circuit Welcome service on the 29th
- The families and friends of Derek, June, Eileen, Gill, Joan and Margaret who mourn their deaths.

Safeguarding

We are committed to catching up on the Safeguarding training delayed during the pandemic. Please see the attached flyers for Foundation and Advanced training and sign up if you can. A number of you need refresher training as it is more than four years since your last training.

Sunday Worship

10:30am Morning Worship.

| | Oadby | Glen | Houghton |
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| 15 th Aug | James Blackhall | Richard Gill | Derek McLean |
| 22 nd Aug | Oadby Worship Leaders | Andy Biggins | Audrey Baker |
| 29 th Aug | Welcome service for Deacon Sharon Dilley and Revds. Israel Selvanayagam and Liam Dacre-Davis. Service also available online | | |

Oadby Junior Church will not be resuming until September, but resource packs are available for young children and it is be good to welcome some of our families back.

6 pm Evening Worship. Circuit Services online each week.

August Preachers: 15/8 Derek McLean 22/8 Debra Akue.

Please let me know if you would like to join online, and I can send you a link, and also talk you through setting this up. Email for information: derek.mclean@methodist.org.uk

Don't forget that it is possible to phone in, even if you haven't got a computer.

Worship on Wednesday

11:30am at Oadby, on the 2nd & 4th Weds meeting 25th August, 8th and 22nd September.

2:30pm at Houghton. Weekly. Includes Holy Communion on 4th, 11th and 25th August.

Saturday Prayer Great Glen (10-11) and Oadby (10:15-10:45) are open each week for prayer.

The **Circuit Preaching Plan** for September – November is now available, please ask the Stewards for a copy if you need one.

Oadby Church Flowers on 15th August are supplied by Alison & Keith Baker