

Heworth Methodist Church

Notices for 2 weeks Saturday 3rd January to
Friday 16th January 2026

Sunday 4th January

10.30pm at Heworth. We welcome **Rev Sue Swires** to lead our **Covenant and Communion** service

Covenant Service - 4th January 2026

As a new calendar begins, and those around us ponder 'new year's resolutions', it is wonderful feeling to be able to pause in order to re-commit ourselves to serve God - wherever God may place us. And, with this prayer, our individual faith stories deepen and our voices blend in harmony. Attached are the words from the Covenant prayer, for your own quiet reflection at home and an ongoing reminder.

Sunday 11th January

10.30am We welcome **Will Swires** to lead our morning service.

Saturday Coffee and Chat

10.00am to 11.30am in the Church Hall on the **3rd and 10th January**.

Monday Prayers

9.00am in Church on the **5th and 12th January**.

Monday Drop-In

9.30am to 11.30am in the Church Hall on the **5th and 12th January**.

Monday Toddler Group

9.30am to 11.30am in Rooms 4 and 5 on **5th and 12th January**.

Tuesday Together in Prayer

9.30am to 10.00am by zoom on the **6th and 13th January**.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

10.00am to 11.00am in Field Court on the **7th and 14th January**.

'Little Ducklings' Thursday Toddler Group

1.30pm to 2.50pm in Rooms 4 and 5 on **8th and 15th January**.

Banners, Knit and Natter

2.00pm in the Church Hall on **13th January** then **Fortnightly**.

Wednesday On-line Fellowship Meeting

The next on-line Fellowship Meeting will be held on **7th January at 7.00pm**

Pastoral Secretary Vacancy

Are the gifts of caring, communicating and co-ordinating within your calling?

Are you willing and able to help the church administrator keep membership lists up to date?

Could you be part of a team that helps support precious pastoral contacts and pastoral visitors? (other team members include church administrator, safeguarding contact, Lay-Pastor)

If you feel you might have something to contribute, then please speak with Alyson to discuss further.

Thank you - Alyson

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New Treasurer required for Heworth

At the last Church Council in October 2025 I announced that I wished to retire from the role of Treasurer in the next 12 months.

I realise that anyone interested in applying for this position would first wish to understand what the role involved and whether it could be covered by more than one person.

I therefore welcome anyone contacting me to go through in more detail what is involved. Please give me a ring on York 424019 or see me at Church.

Richard Burnett

Thank you from Alyson

Thank you to each and everyone of you for your prayerful support and care over the last six weeks or so. It has been greatly appreciated and helped hold my siblings and our families in God's Love as we've celebrated and given thanks for our dad's life.

Alyson

The Next Eco Task Force Meet Up – Forest Church Talk, Thursday 15th January Zoom 7-9pm

In the dark nights of January, our meet up will be on zoom. Lorraine Jones will be giving a presentation on Forest Church – telling you a little about it, why we are pursuing it as a Circuit and what our plans are. Come and find out more – whether you are just curious, want to be part of it or want to show a bit of support for it in some way. As per the attached poster, email Lorraine for the Zoom link: Lorraine.jones@methodistyouth.org.uk

Holiday notice

Alyson will be on annual leave between 22nd January and 10th February. Any queries about services or requests for pastoral support should be raised with Wendy (Church

Administrator) who will liaise with Circuit Administrator and Stewards to gather appropriate support.

Flourish 2026

Tickets for Flourish 2026 are now on sale.

Please note tickets for the Children and Young peoples stream close on 17th January.

Flourish is a big event run by our Methodist District with speakers, workshops and great worship across 13th-15th February 2026. Check out the Flourish

webpage <https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/flourish26/> for exciting information about our 2026 theme

'Woven Threads' and speakers, or see more information about tickets and travel

here: <https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/info-and-questions/>

We hope people will be able to attend for the whole weekend, especially as for York folk the event will be local this time! There is free parking at the University of York during the weekend. There will be various ticket prices as we hope those who can will support the event, but we don't want the cost to stop anyone attending.

Please note that if your children want to engage with the youth and children's work you will need to book tickets for the Children's or Youth streams (not an Under 18s main admission ticket)

Check out the Flourish brochure here:

<https://yorkmethodist.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9f96716677be91bea9765288a&id=b9523b226b&e=a6c7b6e8d6>

Craft materials for Flourish

Please help us to create a community art work at Flourish in February 2026. We are making a big artwork at Flourish that can then be shared into smaller artworks for each circuit to take home with them. We want to keep the design a secret until the event itself but are asking for donations of materials to help us create a community masterpiece and be environmentally conscious. Please don't buy new materials but if you have any in your 'stash' that you would be willing to donate we would be grateful for them. See attached poster.

Please let Wendy have any donations

Planned Services to the end of January

4th Jan 10.30am – Rev Sue Swires (HC and Covenant)

11th Jan 10.30am – Will Swires

11th Jan 3.00pm – Messy Church

18th Jan 10.30am – Alyson Christy

25th Jan 10.30am – Vic Paylor

25th Jan 8.00pm – Zoom service – Sarah Hasla

Next Digest for 2 weeks from Saturday 17th January -
Copy should be with Wendy
(hmcnotices@hotmail.co.uk) by the **morning** of **Weds**
14th January.

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