22 November 2026

Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church **www.rwbmc.co.uk**

Minister - Rev. Tony Brookes - Tel: 01793 853197

Lectionary

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100
Matthew 25: 31-46

Prayer Focus

High Mead in RWB
Yorkshire North & East District
Highworth Methodist Church in our Circuit
Finland Finnish United Methodist Church

Please pray for the week's activities and those taking part:

Monday 23 November		PAT testing in church
Tuesday 24 November	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Pop-In & Light Lunch
Wednesday 25 November	9.30am	Walking Group
	7.30pm	Prayer with a Purpose
Friday 27 November	10.00am	Puddleducks
Saturday 28 November	10.00am	Decorating church for Advent and Christmas
Sunday 29 November		**Advent Sunday**
	10.30am	Worship Service - Stewards Service

Flowers - this week the flowers have been arranged by Jan Chambers. *Mary*

Nativity Messy Church style on Sunday 6 December (4.00pm - 5.30pm approx.) - we are looking forward to sharing the Christmas story with local families again this year. We'll be offering Nativity themed crafts, an interactive Pop-Up Nativity and a finger food buffet. There are **two** lists displayed in Hillside Hall where you can sign up to offer help: one is a list of food items - maybe you can offer to bring a food item for the buffet. The other is a more general list for the day. We'll need help with preparing resources, setting up and clearing away, welcoming, befriending, taking part in the Pop-Up Nativity and setting up food and drinks for the buffet. If you're unable to help practically, please pray for our Nativity community, for hearts and minds open to welcome Jesus. Thank you. *Jane*

Some of you know that I am studying for a degree in Theology. One of my assignments is to preach a sermon to a live congregation. Tony has kindly agreed that I can do that on **Sunday 29 November** as part of the Stewards Service, and to ensure I don't say anything that is doctrinally unsound, Robin will be in the congregation. Ian will be filming it, so that I can submit it for assessment and there will also be feedback forms available on the day for anyone who would be willing to complete them. I would really appreciate your prayers as I prepare for this and for any feedback you would be willing to share. Many thanks. *Louise*

Creation Care - all are welcome to come to meet with the **President and Vice-President of Conference on Saturday 28 November from 3.30pm-5.00pm at Sheldon Road Methodist Church, Chippenham** to discuss the importance of creation care, and hear about Connexional and District plans for carbon reduction. More details are available on the poster in Hillside Hall. *Stewards*

Pop-In - it's that time of year again, 2026 has just flown past. We must thank you all so much for your support this year and in doing so your donations have been sent out to local Community Groups and Charities including *Swindon Night Shelter, GWH, Prospect, Epilepsy, Swindon Humanitarian Aid* & RWBMC funds.

✨**Please join us for our Christmas Party on Tuesday 15 December 10.00am - 2.00pm. Longleaze Pre-School** will be entertaining us from **10.30am**. Buffet will be served at **12.15pm**. There will also be a prize for the best Christmas jumper or hat! 🎄 *Bev*

If you have an item, please contact Mary on notices@rwbmc.co.uk by the preceding Tuesday evening.