

## **Woodbridge Methodist Church Stewards Report – October 2025**

In May, Rad Tucker joined the Stewards team and we continue to meet monthly at the church. Diane and Helen job share the Senior Steward role; our other Stewards are Brian and Anne. Rev Saul attends the monthly meetings along with Jackie who takes the minutes.

We are also grateful for our Associate Stewards who are available for Sunday Worship, along with all those members of our Church Family who are willing to help on a Sunday. Thank you to everyone.

We have arranged many Local Arrangement Services over the past 6 months, these have included a Songs of Praise organised by Jean and Michael, a service led by the Phoenix House Group as well as visiting preachers – Rev Mandy Tucker from St John's Church in Saxmundham and Peter Dawson from URC in Ipswich. We also continue to have our Cafe Worship once a quarter – these have focused on Easter Observations written by Geoff Jacobs and Action for Children Sunday. During Lent we used the Lent Liturgy from the Methodist Website. We celebrated the wedding of John and Barbara back in May.

The Church has continued its outreach within the Church and Local Community. Mothering Sunday Flowers and Easter Cards were distributed to our Church Family, we are now sending cards to members of our Church Family who have move away but are still in contact with the church. In September, the church took part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride with Helen L – our budding cyclist – visiting many churches. We also opened our church to welcome cyclists and walkers.

There are monthly services at Cavell Manor Residential Home, along with our monthly midweek Communion Service. 3Cs Cafe, Men's Breakfast, Ladies Group, Table Tennis Group and House Groups all continue to meet, and are all part of our Church's outreach. In July a Garden Party was held in aid of Action for Children. In September we had our Harvest Festival where gifts were brought for the local food bank. Following the service we shared lunch together, with the proceeds going to Suffolk Coastal Poverty Action.

As part of our fund raising for the new front doors - we welcomed Woodbridge Orchestral Society who gave their annual concert in aid of church funds. In July, we held a Church Quiz with questions provided by Barry. Way back in February we also had our now annual Pancake Lunch in aid of the paint for the blue front doors.

We have been sharing things that have been happening at our church with circuit in the Ipswich Round, as well as in our monthly Musings.

There are many things going on at our Church – keep an eye out in the notices!