



A Very Warm Welcome to
Woolston Methodist Church
 Manor Road North
 Itchen, Southampton
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About Us

We are a very friendly, welcoming, and caring church where every visitor is greeted as a new friend.

At Woolston we spread God's word throughout our community by serving, loving and worshipping. We believe that with faith and learning from the Bible, all can come to Jesus to understand and know His love for us.

Look inside for more information about what we do!

Worship

Worship can take many forms. At Woolston, we have traditional services, quieter midweek group gatherings and Scout Parade Services in our Hall. Most Sundays we gather in our Chapel to praise God and listen to His holy word.

Sundays

Our Sunday services begin at 10.30 a.m. and last about an hour. These are joyous gatherings full of prayer and singing. The services are mainly of the traditional type, with something a bit different from time to time.

What happens on a Sunday?

Our worship is led by our minister or by local preachers from around the Southampton Circuit. Members of the congregation also lead occasionally. Our services aim to be accessible and meaningful for all and give an opportunity to praise God in a comfortable, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere. Check our webpage below for details of upcoming services.

A collection plate is placed at the rear of the Chapel for donations to the work of our Church.

After every service, there is an opportunity for a hot drink, a chocolate biscuit, and a chat with new friends and old.

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of most months during the morning service.

Come Together

Come Together is a smaller group, gathering to pray, listen to Bible passages and to worship a little more intimately. The meeting is held in the Fellowship Room on the second Monday of every month from 7.30 p.m.

www.southamptoncircuit.org.uk/churches/woolston-methodist-church.html

Thrift Shop

If you like a second-hand bargain or the chance of a lovely cuppa and a slice of cake while chatting with friends, our Thrift Shop is open most Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Main Hall. Come and grab yourself a bargain!!

Stay and Play

On Tuesdays in school term times from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., Stay and Play is a fun time of activities for children from birth to four years of age with their parents or carers. Sessions are free although small donations are welcome. A cuppa in the Thrift Shop beforehand is a popular choice!



Craft Club

The Craft Club meet fortnightly on a Friday between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. It offers an opportunity to bring along anything crafty to do alongside others for a couple of hours. Tea and chat are included, of course! Look for posters announcing the next meeting.

Social Events

We love a good gathering at Woolston, especially when there is food involved! Ranging from Skittles Evenings, Quiz Nights and the odd Beetle Drive, we have many visitors to all these events from across the city. Look out for posters or contact info.woolstonmc@gmail.com for more information about upcoming events.



Room Hire

At Woolston we have a variety of different sized rooms available for hire, from a large hall with stage and balcony to a smaller meeting room.

The first is the Games Room. It can be used for group meetings, youth work or for some sports. It is perfect for children's parties and will easily accommodate a bouncy castle. It has a high ceiling and gas heating.

The second is our Main Hall. This can be used for larger gatherings or even staged productions. There is a balcony with seating for 70 and the main area can seat 120 comfortably.

The final room is our Fellowship Room. A smaller meeting room which can seat around 30 or can be used for smaller gatherings.

All our rooms come with use of chairs and tables included. There is also a fully equipped kitchen which is included in the hourly rate for the rooms.

As with all Methodist buildings, alcohol and gambling are not allowed on the premises.

Weddings and Baptisms

Our church is fully licensed for marriages and baptisms.

For Further Information

info.woolstonmc@gmail.com

Speak to our Minister about any queries or even if you just want to have a quiet word.

john.hughes@methodist.org.uk

The Dalian Players



Dalian Players

The Dalian Players is an amateur dramatics group that have been meeting and performing at Woolston since 1952! Originally a Church group it has grown into a modern amateur group performing plays and pantomimes, along with hosting entertainment filled Afternoon Teas and Christmas Banquets, all in our Main Hall.

If you fancy yourself as a budding actor, or if you want tickets to any of the productions, contact the Dalians on bookings.dalianplayers@gmail.com or ring 07934565152

9th Itchen Sea Scouts

Woolston also has an affiliated Sea Scout group. "The 9th" have been with us since the 1940s and many, many young people have passed through the group and onto membership of the church over the years.

It is a thriving, busy group, who spend the winter using the Games Room, and the summer in their many boats and kayaks on the River Itchen just below the Itchen Bridge.

The group caters for all children between the ages of 4 and 18.

On six Sundays throughout the year, they also attend a Church Parade service, held in our Hall. The group particularly love parading down Manor Road, especially on Remembrance Sunday.

If you would like to learn more about this vibrant, well-run group, please contact gsl.9thitchenseascouts@gmail.com



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Meet Our Minister

Reverend John Hughes



Reverend John Hughes has been our minister since September 2021. He is also the minister of our sister church at Hedge End and is the Superintendent Minister of the Southampton Circuit.

You can be assured of a friendly, listening ear if ever you would like to talk to John.

John can be contacted by email at: john.hughes@methodist.org.uk

Circuit Events

There are four other Methodist Churches in the Southampton Circuit, and they all have their own events. Sometimes the Circuit organises events that all members of all the churches can come to. These can be training courses, or Circuit Services, but also Prayer Breakfasts are held regularly. Please look at <https://www.southamptoncircuit.org> for more information.

