



# Woodley Baptist Church

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*'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.*

**25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

**10.15am**    **Celebration Service** - Children bring along a present to show.

It is no longer necessary to book in advance for the service but we will still be keeping a record of those who attend. Masks need to be worn at all times, in line with the latest government guidelines.

In a change from what was advertised last weekend, we are now going to be streaming the service via the usual routes. (<http://www.woodleybc.org/sunday-service/online> or <https://www.facebook.com/WoodleyBaptistChurch>.) You should be able to access the stream from about 10.05.

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**10.15am**    NO MORNING SERVICE

## NEW YEAR THEME - GOSPEL OF JOHN

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2022

**10.15am**    Service with Grace Hope leading and preaching  
- Gospel of John 1:1-5

**6.30pm**    **Sunday Evening Prayer Hour**

The Sunday evening prayer hour is continuing online each week for the foreseeable future. Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87827308029?pwd=Vi9wTldoejV0bjNwd2xnc3pwK3NyUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

## THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

**8.00pm**    **WOT Prayer meeting for mission.** All welcome

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363860623?pwd=NFBYK2RwV0FKbXJ0dFMwVHpvCZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 6386 0623    Passcode: 218514

## PRAYER MEETINGS

**All of the usual prayer meetings are suspended for the holiday period.**

The Sunday evening prayer hour will resume online from 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

The Monday morning prayer meeting will resume in person from 10<sup>th</sup> January.

And the Thursday evening prayer time for the future direction of the church will resume on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### LOCK UP OVER CHRISTMAS

Please note that the church building will be locked and alarmed from after the service on Christmas Day until the morning of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and then again, after the service, until the morning of 4th January 2022. Please liaise with Dot or Andy Butler if it is essential that you have access to the building during this time.

### FACE COVERINGS

The official Guidance published on 9th December, following the Government announcement on the wearing of face masks, now includes places of worship in the list where masks must be worn at all times. We therefore need to ask that you all follow this guidance and keep your mask on all the time you are in the building, including when singing.

### CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING OUTCOMES

At the CMM on December 15th a budget was agreed to start in January. Despite plans to reduce our expenditure in various areas, we will need to use savings in order to cover our costs. As this is not sustainable long term, we will need to address the issues again in the Spring. Further information will be forthcoming in due course. Please continue to pray about this situation.

Eric and Jan Bassett were accepted into membership. They will be officially welcomed in the New Year. The following people are no longer in membership with us: Linda Swales, Andy and Suzanne Pearson, David Lemin and Rosemarie Bansair-Lemin, Jo Fitzgerald, Josh Ballard and Maria Hawley.

## CHRISTMAS PROJECT READING STREET PASTORS

Our Christmas Project this year will be to support, in prayer and by donations, the work of the Street Pastors, where John and Julie Russell and John Honeybourne faithfully serve each week.

If you missed the service on 28<sup>th</sup> November, please watch it online and see the Street Pastors video which explains some of what they do to help folk in the town centre.

If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can give electronically directly to the WBC Church account (marked 'Street Pastors') or put cash or a cheque (made out to Woodley Baptist Church) in an envelope available by the offering box. During the week you can hand your gift in to the Church office, asking for it to be designated to the Street Pastor project.

Those involved in this work really value the prayer support we can give, and you can follow their work more closely via their Facebook page.

### JUST JAC

Please find below the link to our latest edition of JUST JAC magazine. We hope you enjoy the new expanded format, alongside the return of familiar articles and activities.

<https://www.jacoutreach.org/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=a9f3b66f-e9ba-4c73-a3d9-1f3e4c803411>

Thank you for taking the time to read it, and thank you for keeping JAC in your thoughts and prayers.

**Wishing you a very Merry Christmas,  
From the team at JAC.**

### **SAWERS SAGA**

Will & Judith's latest 'Sawers Saga' is now available from the rack outside the office, or direct from them – drop them a line on [will.sawers@wycliffe.org.uk](mailto:will.sawers@wycliffe.org.uk) if you'd like to get it regularly. This edition has news about the Christmas story touching another language community in CAR, as well as about Will and Judith's work.

As mentioned in the Saga, Will and Judith plan to visit CAR in February for the dedication of the Gbeya New Testament, as well as two others. WBC have been involved in this through your support of us over many years, and of the Gbeya translation team for a number of years too. In 'normal' times, we'd have been trying to arrange a team from WBC to come along as well but given the challenges of international travel these days that seems less likely. However, if any of you do want to come with us, please get in touch using the address above, and we'll give you the details (dates, etc).

### **ANDY'S SABBATICAL**

Andy will be starting his sabbatical at the beginning of January. Please pray for him and Julie during this time. The CLT would also appreciate your prayers as they lead the church during his absence. They can be contacted, as can Lesley, if there are pastoral issues.

### **MUSICIANS AND SINGERS REQUIRED**

Can you sing? Can you play a musical instrument? Can you do both?

We are looking to recruit members for the worship team in the New Year so that we do not overwork the people we have at the moment (there aren't many of us!). You don't have to be brilliant, just willing. You will get better after a few practices - we all have.

If you would like to be a part of our praise and worship group, please contact me. We will invite you to one of our practices to see how we get on and if you are happy to, you can join the worship group at one (or more) of our services.

You can contact me directly, we are in the church directory, or through Lesley at the church office.

**Thank you - John Russell**

### **STAMPS FOR THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

BMS bring in an income for their medical work by the sale of used postage stamps, so please would you save any stamps which you may receive from Christmas cards or gifts sent in the post. Please cut around them, leaving about half an inch all round and put them in the stamp box outside the office door.

**Thank you - Carol Runnalls**

### **CHURCH CLEANER**

A new Church Cleaner is required with effect from January 2022. If you are interested in taking on this paid job for the church, please speak to Dot Butler for further details. We would like to thank Lorraine Langthorne, who is standing down from this role, for all the hard work she has done for us over nearly three years and for which we are extremely grateful.

### **CHURCH PREP**

We are grateful to all those who help to move the chairs after our service on Sunday morning.

There are currently four teams who vacuum and set out the chairs on a Friday evening or Saturday morning. Some teams are very small and a couple of the team members currently have medical conditions that prevent them doing heavy lifting. Jane van Es would love to hear from you if you might be able to help with this important, behind-the-scenes task.

### **AMAZON SMILE**

You can now raise funds for WBC through AmazonSmile. The AmazonSmile Landing Page is complete with a link from the front page slider advert on our website.

For instructions on how to sign up for AmazonSmile please use the link below:

<http://www.woodleybc.org/amazonmile/>

# **PRAYER**

**PLEASE PRAY:**

**For Paul Tyrell, a CAMEO member, Pam Godfrey, David Stillman, John Perry, Margaret Manning, Cherry Goldsmith, Kathy Judd and Pat Boniface.**

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY



As we begin a series on the Gospel of John in the New Year, let us ask God to give us a spirit of expectation, a desire to grow closer to Him and to each other and a will to follow where He leads us in the coming year – as individuals and as a church.

### Let us pray:-

- **For our world** – many are in a dark place and see no way out. Let us ask God to bless those who work amongst the refugees, the poor, the lonely and the helpless.
- **For our town** – that those who do not yet know the saving grace of Christ will be challenged with the Gospel and many will come to faith.
- **For our church** – that we may demonstrate the love of Christ to all with whom we have contact.
- **For ourselves** – that our lives may mirror the love of Christ to our families and friends, our neighbours and those with whom we work.

