



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

16th January 2022

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am Service with John and Julie Russell leading and Becky Sumbler preaching
- John 2

The service is also available from <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, with the Service beginning at 10:15.

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.

Following notification of two COVID cases amongst people who attended church last Sunday, those who were present have been asked to test each day for a week, in line with government guidelines.

Please continue to be vigilant as the incidence of COVID is very high at the moment, staying away if you are unwell and considering the option of watching online instead if you have been in close contact with anyone with the virus in the previous week.

Prayer Ministry

John and Sylvia Saunders will be available to pray with/for you in church after the service.

6.30pm Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

The Sunday evening prayer hour is online each week. Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

NEXT SUNDAY - 23rd January 2022

10.15am Service with Rachel Hughes leading and Howard Ballard preaching
- John 3

6.30pm Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

PRAYER MEETINGS

MONDAY MORNING

We have a Monday morning prayer meeting which meets in the Venue from 10-10.30am.

THURSDAY EVENING

Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future direction of WBC. Feel free to come for all or part of our time together. The meeting starts at 7:30pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

ANDY'S SABBATICAL

Andy Baker 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.

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.

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 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

INVITATION

Preachers' Group – In spite of the name this group is not just for those who preach at WBC but is open to everyone who wants to dig a bit deeper into Scripture. We're about to start a new series studying "The Bethlehem Story: Mission and Justice in the Margins of the World." The book looks at the part Bethlehem played as God's story unfolds and the people in the Bible for whom Bethlehem was especially significant.

We meet about once a month on a Monday evening, with the first for 2022 on Monday 24th January. We read a chapter or two in advance and share the things which have struck us or puzzled us. It's a safe place for open and quite in-depth discussion, and we often have a laugh together, whilst always working to get a better understanding of Scripture. If this sounds interesting to you, why not join us? I can order the book for you, at £13.99. The Zoom link for the meeting is circulated by email in advance each time.

Carol Runnalls

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 have received 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

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/>

FAMILY MATTERS

I have just finished my 6 months medication plan and I am feeling much better. I hope it won't be long before I can return to church services. Meanwhile many thanks for all the good wishes and prayers during my illness.

Pat Boniface

One of our members can no longer drive his car and would really appreciate a lift to and from church on a Sunday morning. If you live in the Lower Earley area and are able to offer this service can you please let me know.

Thank you - **Lesley Brown**

ADVANCE NOTICES

MEN'S BREAKFAST

You are warmly invited to our next Men's Breakfast on Saturday 22nd January, commencing at 9.30am. We will review the situation each month, but this month, the Men's Breakfast meeting, will be online using Zoom.

There will be an after breakfast chat, which will give an opportunity to talk further on faith matters and for prayer, if you wish.

Zoom log-in as before:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4776930460?pwd=a09TYlJFMWlhYmY3bUdNdmlHNzdBZz09>

Meeting ID: 477 693 0460

Passcode: 9540273

David Robinson and Kevin Lowen



PLEASE PRAY:

For Beryl Gill and Margaret Manning who are both now home from hospital.

For Paul Tyrell, a CAMEO member, **Sheila Stokes, Pam Godfrey, David Stillman, John Perry, Cherry Goldsmith and Kathy Judd.**



UPDATE FROM THE WOT MISSION PRAYER MEETING

Please pray for:



Martin and Debbi and the boys as they fear another lockdown. For wisdom to know whether their car can be repaired or needs to be retired. For healing for Martin for his vocal chords to enable him to be able to continue leading worship.

For Will and Judith as they make plans to go to Central African Republic in February for the dedication of 3 newly translated and published New Testaments. For Will's new role as translation coordinator, supervising other consultants and keeping in touch with ACATBA.



For Tref as he and the Trustees of Yeldall look at ways of helping new people settle and to increase retention. For Tref's trip on behalf of ISAAC to Portugal to take part in a Teen Challenge event looking at structured day programmes now that longer conferences are much harder to organise because of Covid.

For Samy who is under pressure because of the continually increasing need for counselling and mental health support – some of which is a result of Covid. For someone to come alongside Samy to handle the paperwork as he sets up a new charity.



For the Kindergarten of our sister church in Romania as Cecilia copes with 15 children – the maximum allowed. More parents want to bring their children to the Kindergarten, so pray for the church as they seek God for the way forward.

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