



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

Sunday 5th November 2023

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am Service with Julie Russell leading and Ben Edgington preaching - 'What we believe - Baptism'.

Please continue to be vigilant about COVID, staying away if you are unwell or if you have been in close contact with anyone with the virus in the previous week.

Prayer Ministry: John & Julie Russell will be available for prayer after the service.

Serving Tea/Coffee: Howard and Anne Ballard

6.30pm Informal Worship Service led by Graham Sumbler - 'Trusting in God'

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12th NOVEMBER

10.15am Service with Jane van Es leading and Howard Ballard preaching - 'What we believe - The Lord's Supper', including All Age Communion

6.30pm **Gathering for all of the churches in the greater Reading Area at The Globe, 12 Portman Rd, Reading RG30 1EA - Worship and Prayer with guest speaker Krish Kandiah.**

PRAYER MEETINGS

MONDAY MORNING

Please join us for the Monday morning prayer meeting in the lounge from 10 -10.30am when we will be praying for activities in the church during the coming week.

THURSDAY EVENING

On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (next meeting will take place on **9th November**). Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future direction of WBC, 7.30-9pm.

GENERAL NOTICES

CATCHING A VISION FOR WOODLEY'S FUTURE

We are planning to hold an interactive session on Saturday November 11th at which we will be starting to talk about what we might be looking for in a new minister. At this stage the discussion is exploratory due to financial constraints. Nevertheless, it will be helpful to seek the Lord together and to share ideas.

The session will be led by our Moderator, Jonathan Edwards, and it will be open to non-members as well as members. It will run from 10am until noon.

Let's be ready to hear from the Lord and each other. **The prayer time on Thursday 9th will particularly focus on preparing for this meeting.**

SUNDAY EVENINGS

We have been holding informal worship services on the first Sunday evening of the month for the last couple of years. These meetings are often well attended so we are going to be holding them more often, on a trial basis, starting in November. We hope to be able to give you notice of who is leading and what the topic will be.

Please try to join us and enjoy a more informal and interactive time than is usually possible on a Sunday morning.

The services will be on the first and third Sunday evenings of the month, with an online prayer hour on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays. (Although see advance notice about November 12th).

FOOD BANK NEEDS

At the present time the Food Bank is well stocked thanks to Harvest donations, but they are still in need of a few items:

Cooking oil Rice pudding
Tinned spaghetti Sugar
Instant coffee
Meat and vegetable soups
(but not cup-a -soups).

If you would like to make a monetary gift, the Food Bank has an online stewardship page –

<https://www.give.net/20181094>

The Food Bank remains open at the Church Centre, from 10.00 - 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

PRAYER CHAIN

Some of you may be unaware that we have a prayer chain. This is used for those in need of urgent prayer for a specific concern. It is then our privilege to pray for the individuals and their situation. There are two ways you can be involved:

1. Having a text sent to your mobile phone so that you can pray.
2. Receiving the prayer request by main line phone and then you pass it on to the next person on the list when you have prayed.

If you would like to be involved in praying for people in this way or have any questions, please speak to one of us before Sunday 12th November.

Dot Butler, Rosemary Paine and Sylvia Saunders

The winter edition of **UCB's Word for Today** is now available in the foyer. Please pick up a copy.

The **November Prayer Diaries for Yeldall Manor and JAC** can be found in the rack next to the office door.

FAMILY MATTERS

It is with sadness we have heard that Beryl Gill went to be with the Lord on Thursday having been in hospital since last weekend. We thank God for her life and friendship at WBC and remember her family in our prayers at this time.

Sheila Stokes would like to say a big thank you for the lovely church flowers that she received this week.

ADVANCE NOTICES



We would like to invite you to our **Annual Meeting on Tuesday 14th November 2023**.

It's been a while since we have had a public meeting, however, this being our 25th year we feel it is a good time to reinstate it. We also have our lovely new marquee which can accommodate greater numbers on site all under cover, and there has been a lot of change since some of you visited last so we would love to share this with you.

The evening will begin with refreshments and food at **6:00 pm** when you will also have time to talk to our mentors and staff who will be showcasing the various elements of our work: equine, small animals, pottery & art, horticulture & natural handcraft, post-16 diploma courses, AQA certificates and experience days.

From **7:00 pm** we will hear from Sam, our Development Director, present awards to students and join 'Parents on the Sofa' to hear their first-hand experience of the difference JAC has made to their family.

At **8:00 pm** we will finish with another cup of coffee and a chance to visit any of the stalls you might have missed or to make some purchases from our shop!

RSVP by 3rd November. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sam & Yvonne Milligan

On **Sunday 12th November at 7pm** in The Globe, 12 Portman Rd, Reading RG30 1EA, there will be a gathering for **all of the churches in the greater Reading Area** to meet for worship, prayer and to hear the guest speaker Krish Kandiah. Like the previous gathering earlier this year it is facilitated by Transform Reading - 'The whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole town'. Visit the link below for further information:

<https://www.allnationselam.org/events/reading-churches-with-krish-kandiah/>

We won't be holding an online prayer meeting on November 12th to encourage people to attend this service.

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT 18th NOVEMBER

Please invite your friends and family to our family friendly quiz night on Saturday 18th November (some rounds will challenge the adults and some will challenge the children!) Come as a ready-made team or ready to make/join one. This is a great opportunity for us to socialise together and to invite others into our church life - see flyer for more details. If you don't typically like quizzing you can support in other ways like making cakes for us to enjoy whilst we quiz, we will need a grand quiz master (or multiple quiz masters) to read out the questions and answers, and people to help set-up, prepare the ploughman's supper, and clear up afterwards. Please let us know where you can help out.

Thank you - **Rachel & James McGeough and social team.**

(Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church both for volunteering and letting us know you are coming).

**AN AFTERNOON WITH WYCLIFFE
DISCOVERING THE WORLD OF BIBLE
TRANSLATION**

Date: Saturday, 25th November

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Location: Thatcham Evangelical Church

Wycliffe Bible Translators is committed to the global mission of making God's Word available to all and has been tirelessly working to ensure that every individual can have access to the Bible in a language they know best.

The afternoon's event will include a rich program of activities:

Film Presentations: Gain a visual insight into the dedicated work of Bible translation.

Q&A Panel Interviews: Engage with Wycliffe Bible Translators and ask questions about their experiences and the impact of their work.

Project News: Stay up-to-date with the latest developments and successes in the field of Bible translation.

Discussions: Share thoughts and ideas on how we can all contribute to this vital mission.

Coffee and Cake: Enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments as we gather to discuss our shared commitment to making the Bible accessible to all.

Children's Activities: We are delighted to inform you that concurrent children's activities will be available. This allows parents to attend the event with peace of mind while their children are engaged in fun and educational activities around Bible translation.

A flyer with further information can be found in the rack beside the office.



Please pray for the conflicts in Israel & Gaza and in Sudan, and the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

Please pray for the family of Beryl Gill. Beryl sadly passed away on Thursday.

Please also pray for: Theresa Stillman, Pat Livesey, Jean Prince, John Perry, Jean James, Mandy and Allan Dodd and Brian Morrish.

REinspired Woodley upcoming lessons:

Tues 7th Nov and Thurs 9th Nov:

Woodley CofE Yr3/4 (3 classes) are exploring 'People of God: looking at the covenant between God and Noah'.

Tues 14th Nov:

Southlake Yr 6 (2 classes) are exploring 'Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?'

Thurs 16th Nov:

Southlake Yr 5 (2 classes) are exploring 'Is the Christmas Story true?'

Tues 23rd Nov:

Southlake Yr 3 (2 classes) are exploring 'Has Christmas lost its meaning?'

Thurs 23rd Nov:

Southlake Nursery (morning and afternoon sessions) are exploring The Christmas story.

Thurs 30th Nov:

Woodley CofE F2 (2 classes) are exploring 'Why do Christians do Nativity plays?'

Pray for the team as they explore the wonder of the Christmas story with so many children.

Linda Galpin

REIW project manager

Update from prayer meeting 26th October

Psalm 146

We used this reading as a prelude to a time of worship.

Verses 5-9 talk of God's faithfulness and his love and care for his creation.

We prayed for WBC and its members, particularly those with health issues, the elderly or lonely.

We prayed for the future of the church, the commitment of members, the recognition of our individual gifting, the up-coming meeting on Nov 11th, our regular groups running on weekdays and our outreach through them.

May we all play our part and pray that God would work through us all to build His church.



THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Thank You



When we celebrated harvest in October, we watched a Baptist Missionary Society video. In the video we met Barbara who was facing the challenge of growing crops to feed her family and other relatives in Uganda. We learnt that without a harvest her children would not be able to go to school and the family faced the possibility of starvation.

As part of the Sunday service, we gave the offering in the collection bags to support this work. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we raised **£662.00**. The BMS has written to us to thank us for our support. Here is what they said.

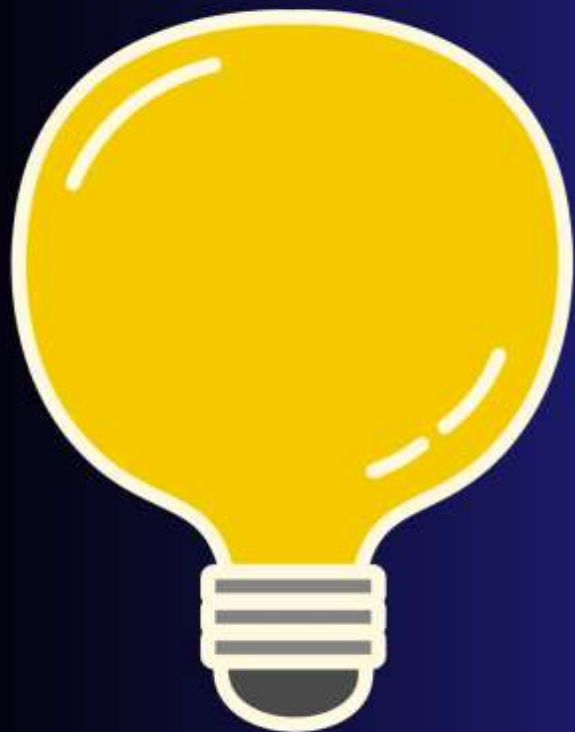
“We are so grateful to Woodley Baptist Church for choosing to support the BMS World Mission “Days of Plenty” harvest appeal. Your generous gift is already making a difference in the lives of farmers like Barbara – giving them the opportunity to grow new crops, earn more money from their harvests and, by God’s grace, lift their families out of poverty for good. It will also equip BMS agriculturalist Genesis and his team to walk alongside these farmers, providing them with farming advice to help them grow more productive harvests, and supporting them spiritually too.



Barbara said: **“My onions did so well and so did my groundnuts and sesame. They helped me with paying school fees and I gained a lot of knowledge. I want to thank the Christians so much for their support.”**

**Thank you for your gifts and prayers.
Together as a church, we have made a difference!!
Praise God!**

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QUIZ Night

WITH PLOUGHMANS
SUPPER (kids option
available), CAKE &
SWEET TREATS

**SAT 18
NOVEMBER
6:30-9PM**

A fun night for
all the family!
Come in a team
(max 6) or be
ready to join one

Suggested donations: £5 per adult or £12
for 2 adults and 2+ children, £7 for 1 adult
and 1+ child(ren) to cover costs of food

**BOOK BY
15 NOV**