



# Woodley Baptist Church

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

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**10.15am** Service with Jane van Es leading and Chris van Es preaching  
- 'Fruit of the Spirit'

The service should also be available from <http://www.woodleybc.org/sunday-service/online>  
or <https://www.facebook.com/WoodleyBaptistChurch>. (If neither of these works, try  
<https://www.youtube.com/@WoodleyBaptistChurch>.)

You should be able to access the stream from about 10:10am.

**Prayer Ministry:** Grace Hope and Grahame White will be available for prayer after the service

**Serving Tea/Coffee:** Paul Kingsnorth and Ginny Priddy

**12.30pm** Church 'Bring and Share' Lunch

**6.30pm** Informal Worship Service with Rachel Hughes leading

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**10.15am** Café Church with Grace Hope leading  
- 'How does God Guide us?'

**6.30pm** Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month (next meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April). Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future direction of WBC, 7.30-9pm.

## GENERAL

### STAFF LEAVE

Lesley will be on holiday from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. Dot will be providing cover in the office during this period.

### UCB WORD FOR TODAY

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

### FOOD BANK NEEDS

Products that we are running low on this week:

Tea Bags	Coffee
Tinned Meat Meals	Pasta Sauce
Tinned Veg Meals	Tinned Tomatoes
Baked Beans	Tinned Fruit
Custard	Any Desserts
Long Life Milk	Squash

For those of you who would prefer to make a monetary gift, the Food Bank has an online stewardship page –

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

Thank you so much for your continued support.

**Please can I encourage you to rise to Dot's challenge of bringing one item of food for the Food Bank with you as you come to worship on a Sunday morning.**

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

Prayer for Woodley will be taking place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 9-10am at

2 Nightingale Rd., RG5 3LP.

If you have a heart for Woodley please do join us.

### CHURCH LUNCH

We will be sharing lunch together after the service today - April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a good opportunity to get to know people by having longer conversations than is possible over coffee. People are encouraged to bring some food which can be pooled and shared, but everyone is welcome, whether they are able to contribute or not. Lunch usually starts around 12:30.

### CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING DATE

We asked members to keep April 30<sup>th</sup> free for a CMM but later realised that we will need to meet with Jonathan that evening to discuss any ministerial applications that we might receive. The CMM is therefore being moved to June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your understanding.



### TRANSFORMING FIRE SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 7pm PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday we are invited to join with people from other Churches in Reading for worship, teaching and an opportunity for prayer at the Globe, 12 Portman Road, Reading, RG30 1AH. Further information about this event can be found on the notice board.

# PRAYER

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

**Please pray for Judith Sawers and family, Jean Haanstra (Cameo Member), Denice Lowen, Sheila Stokes, Jean Prince, John Perry, Mandy and Allan Dodd.**

Sadly **Cedric Lander**, who was one of our Cameo members and attended our services, passed away on Tuesday last week. **Please pray for** his wife Marion and their family.

## **PRAYER FOR OUR STREET PASTORS**

**Please pray for our Street Pastors, Julie Russell and John Honeybourne** who will be in Reading next Saturday night and Sunday morning, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March, looking out for the vulnerable and those incapable due to alcohol. **Pray** for their safety and for the opportunity to share God's love in what can be a very strange place.

Please pray for our **ministerial recruitment process** and for any Ministers who are looking at our Church Profile. The closing date for this first round of applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and we haven't heard from any applicants yet.



## KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT



As we continue our sermon series about the work of the Holy Spirit, I thought it might be helpful to reflect this week on the Apostle Paul's words in Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, **let us keep in step with the Spirit**".

I was reminded that if we try to run ahead of the Holy Spirit, we are likely to make decisions in our own strength or take a wrong path. We can easily lose touch.

If we lag behind we cannot clearly hear a voice and can easily get lost!

When we keep in step, we can build a friendship, get closer and be guided along the right path. So it is for our relationship with God if we walk in step with the Holy Spirit.

As we heard last Sunday, the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to us and when we repent and commit our lives to Jesus Christ, He comes to live in us and longs to fill us daily with His presence and guide us each day.

### Let us pray this week:-

- That our relationship with Jesus through His Holy Spirit will grow deeper day by day.
- That as individuals and as a church we will allow God to grow His fruit in us and use the gifts He has given us.
- That the Holy Spirit will guide the Minister of His choice to contact us and we will be guided by the Holy Spirit to discern God's choice for us.



**Talking of walks – please consider joining the Woodley Baptist Church walk in Dinton Pastures, followed by coffee – next Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. It's a good opportunity to invite friends from outside the church as well as to get to know one another better! All are welcome!**

# SATURDAY 27 APRIL

# WALK AT DINTON PASTURES

MEET AT 10:30AM IN THE OVERFLOW CAR PARK FOR A  
LEISURELY STROLL AROUND THE LAKE, THEN ENJOY A COFFEE  
OR HAVE SOME FUN IN THE PLAYGROUND



**ALL  
WELCOME!**

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CHURCH

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# Upcoming Social Events

FEB

**TUE 13**

5 - 7:30 PM

*Pancake party*

MAR

**SAT 09**

10 AM - MIDDAY

*BIG breakfast  
(come hungry!)*

APR

**SAT 27**

10:30 AM

*Walk at Dinton  
Pastures plus coffee*

MAY

**SAT 25**

7 - 9:30 PM

*Ladies Night*

MAY

**FRI 31**

7 - 9:30 PM

*Mens Night*

JUN

**SAT 22**

3 - 5 PM

*Afternoon tea*

JUL

**SAT 20**

4 - 6:30 PM

*BBQ in the  
church garden*

AUG

**TBC**

*Picnic in the park*