



Woodley Baptist Church

www.woodleybc.org

'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'

SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024

10.15am Service with John Russell leading and Graham Sumbler preaching
- 'Gifts 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: Jane van Es and Ann Royston will be available for prayer after the service.

Serving Tea/Coffee: Mary Osho and Linda Hern

6.30pm Informal Service of Praise and Worship held in the church lounge and led by
Graham Sumbler

SUNDAY 12th May 2024

10.15am Service with Grace Hope leading and Ben Edgington preaching
- including All-Age Communion
- 'Ascension'

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

This Monday morning's prayer time will not be happening owing to the Bank Holiday.

THURSDAY EVENING

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

GENERAL

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
Tinned Fruit	Any desserts
Custard	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.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

We are looking to run one or two sessions for anyone who is interested in finding out about Believer's Baptism. Please contact Graham Sumbler if you feel that the Lord might be asking you to take this step in your relationship with Him or if you just want to find out more.

The latest prayer diaries for **Yeldall Manor and JAC** are now available from the rack in the foyer.

ADVANCE NOTICES

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

The monthly meeting to pray for Woodley will be held on Saturday 18th May from 9 to 10am at the home of David and Jane Fulford, 15 Brandon Ave RG5 4PU. Anyone with a heart for Woodley is welcome.



TRANSFORMING FIRE SUNDAY 19th 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.



There is always more to know, learn and experience about our God.

Let us remain faithful and patient as God works out His purposes for us.

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), Sheila Stokes, Jean Prince, John Perry, Mandy and Allan Dodd, Marion Lander and family following the death of her husband Cedric and **Jonathan Edwards**.

Please pray for our **ministerial recruitment process** and for any Ministers who look at our Church Profile.

UPDATE FROM PRAYER MEETING - 25th APRIL

Reading from Ps 63 v 1-8

V1 Do we as individuals, or as a congregation, really thirst and long for God? We live in a land that is by no means dry and thirsty, water is readily available from a tap! Have we forgotten its value in and for life, or have we become complacent?

V2 Have we seen God's power and glory in our lives or in our church? Where do we see it? If we haven't seen it, why not?

John 4 v 7-11, 13-14

Water, living water, is only available in and through Jesus.

Do we really know Jesus? And are we really thirsting for the water only He can give?

Let us also look out for opportunities, often in unexpected situations, when we can talk about Jesus.

Gen 3

See how Satan undermines God's commands and promises.

Only God really knows and wants the best for us.

Listen to God, believe in His commands and promises, then hold fast and stand firm.



PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR YELDALL MANOR



Yeldall Manor is a Christian residential rehabilitation centre, not far from Woodley, which for over 45 years has been helping men to overcome drug or alcohol addiction so that they can return to society to live new lives, free from addiction.

Give thanks:-

- For a steady stream of residents, who are settling well and engaging well with the programme.
- That many of these residents are open to the Christian message.
- For three residents/ex-residents, who are due to be baptised this month. Praise God!

Please pray:-

- For wisdom for Samy, the CEO at Yeldall, and all the senior leadership team - especially as they look at how to cover all the different roles that are needed within the charity.
- For the admissions team, who are very stretched at present, that they will focus their attention on enabling the right men to join.
- For all the staff, especially those who are stressed or weary that they may know God's strength and enabling.



Praise God for the amazing work which He is doing through the work at Yeldall.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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