



# Woodley Baptist Church

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

## SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**10.15am** Service with Rachel Hughes leading and Chris van Es preaching  
- Jesus throughout the Bible – Genesis part 2

The service should also be available from <http://www.woodleybc.org/sunday-service/online> or <https://www.facebook.com/WoodleyBaptistChurch>.

**Refreshments:** Mary Kareem-Osho and Anne Ballard

**Prayer Ministry:** John & Sylvia Saunders

**12:30pm** The Service will be followed by a **'Bring and Share'** lunch to which all are welcome

**6.30pm** Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Becky Sumbler leading

## THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**8:00-9:30pm** **World Out There Prayer meeting for mission**

All welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363860623?pwd=NFBYK2RwV0FKbXJ0dFMwVHpvcDZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 6386 0623

Passcode: 218514

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

**10.15am** Service with James Simmons leading and preaching, including All-Age Communion - 'Moses' – Exodus 3:1-5 & 4:1-7

**6.30pm** Sunday Evening Prayer Hour via Zoom

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> November). Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future direction of WBC, 7.30-9pm.

### GENERAL

The November prayer diary for **Yeldall Manor** is now available from the rack in the foyer.

### FAMILY NOTICES

The **Celebration of Life Service for Sheila Stokes** will be held here on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 2.15pm.

### ADVANCE NOTICES

#### THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

The Big Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30-9.30pm at Woodley Baptist Church. Drinks will be provided throughout the evening but please bring your own snacks. You need to book in your team (maximum size 6 people) or come along ready to join a team. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of Tearfund.

Please add your team to the sign-up sheet in the foyer so that we know numbers.

#### PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November the monthly meeting to pray for Woodley will be at St John's, Church Road from 9-10am. Rev Mark Nam, the vicar, has kindly offered to host and lead it.

#### TO US A CHILD IS BORN TRANSFORM READING

Join with other Christians in an evening of worship and prayer for the Reading area in the lead up to Christmas on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at The Globe, 12 Portman Road, Reading. RG30 1AH. For

further information please see the poster in the foyer.

#### CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

A reminder that our next members' meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Amongst other things we will be agreeing the budget for 2025. Papers will be circulated soon.



**Please pray for** the conflicts in the Middle East and the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

**Please pray for the family of Sheila Stokes, Clem Alderson, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince, Peter Kerr and Mandy & Allan Dodd.**

#### PRAYER FOR STREET PASTORS

Please pray for Julie Russell and the other Street Pastors who will be in Reading on Saturday night and Sunday morning, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

#### UPDATE FROM PRAYER MEETING 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

We first used Psalm 34 as a meditation to prepare our minds to hear from God.

We then considered what is 'REST' and what it means 'TO REST'

The Bible talks much about **rest**, and how God gives **rest** to His people.

Those who **rest** in God, live, or abide in Him to receive all His goodness, gifts and strength, to be guided by Him and inspired by His spirit.

The **rest** we receive, is refreshment, confidence and strength from Him for all that He calls us to do in His name.

We prayed for all the many activities which go on in the church building each week and for all the people involved who lead or help in these activities.

Life can be hectic, and we prayed that all we do will be done in God's strength, by His spirit, that He will work through what we do, in order to reach others who do not yet know Him, and for the honour of His name, to build His church.



### Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

The first Sunday of November is set aside each year for us to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith.

As we recognise in the Bible, persecution of Christians is not new – **but more Christians were martyred in the 20th century than in all previous centuries combined.** Sadly the trend has not abated in this century.



Organisations like **Open Doors**, founded by Brother Andrew, and **Barnabas Aid**, seek to reach out to those who are suffering persecution. **Please pray** for them and for others working to support those in prison or suffering hardship for their faith.

**North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea** and **Yemen** are the five most dangerous places to be a Christian, according to Open Doors.

#### **Why not spend some time this week praying for one of these countries-**

In **North Korea** being discovered as a Christian can lead to a death sentence.

Violent attacks by Islamic militants, targeting Christians, remain common in **Somalia** and have been for more than 25 years.

If **a Libyan** man becomes a Christian, the consequences can include job loss, physical and mental abuse, and even excommunication from the family.

In **Eritrea** followers of Jesus face indefinite imprisonment, conscription and abuse.

**Yemeni** culture is very tribal – so if you leave the tribal faith and become a Christian, you are isolated and at risk. The punishment might be banishment or even death.

**As Brother Andrew said, “Our prayers go where we cannot.”**



Thank you for all your prayer support for all the Reinspired-Woodley lessons last half term. The children have been asking some amazing questions: In our creation session with Yr 1 we were asked 'Is God alive?' 'Where does God live?' 'What does God look like?' Such deep questions from 5 year olds!!

At this time of year I am able to summarise the impact of REIW lessons for the academic year Sept 23 - July 24. (The full list of lessons and the numbers is in the rack by the office door.) Here are the highlights:  
Total number of lessons Sept 2023– July 2024: 31 lessons delivered to 63 classes – approx. 1890 'encounters' with children.

November is going to be a very busy month:

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Woodley CofE Yrs 3 & 4 exploring the Trinity (1 class)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Highwood Yr 4 exploring the question: 'What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians (2 classes)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Highwood Yr 3 exploring the question: 'Has Christmas lost its meaning?' (2 classes)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Highwood Yr 5 exploring the question: 'Is the Christmas story true?' (2 classes)

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov: Woodley CofE Yrs 3 & 4 exploring the Trinity (2 classes)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Southlake Yr 6 exploring the question: 'Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?' (2 classes)

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Highwood Yr 6 exploring the question: 'Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?' (2 classes)

Linda Galpin



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**7:30pm – 9:30pm**

**at Woodley Baptist Church**

**Hurricane Way, Woodley, RG5 4UX**

Book in your team (max size 6) by calling or emailing the church office: 01189 699956/[office@woodleybc.org](mailto:office@woodleybc.org), or come ready to join a team.

Drinks provided throughout the evening but please bring your own snacks and brain food! There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of Tearfund.

[tearfund.org/quiz](https://tearfund.org/quiz)

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