



# Woodley Baptist Church

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

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**10.15am** Covenant Service with All Age Communion  
Graham Sumbler leading and Chris Van Es preaching

**Refreshments:** Elspeth Cooper and Hok Ping Lam

**Prayer Ministry:** Jane van Es and Ann Royston

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

**6.30pm** Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Grace Hope  
- Testimony Time

## SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**10.15am** Service with Jane van Es leading and Kerry Stillman preaching  
- Sharing Jesus with others

**12.30pm** Bring and share lunch – all welcome

**6.30pm** Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

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

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## 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 7.30-9pm (next meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> January). Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future direction of WBC.

## GENERAL

**Premier's Voice of Hope** daily readings for the next quarter are available in the foyer.

The **January Prayer Diary for JAC** can be found in the rack beside the office door.

**BMS Christmas Appeal** – So far you have donated £570 which will be going to the Guinebor Hospital in Chad. If anyone still wishes to give, please put it in an envelope clearly marked 'BMS Christmas Appeal and place in the weekly offering.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Andrew Butler**

Please check the pigeonholes in the foyer as there are a number of unclaimed Christmas cards.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

Every few months we have a lunch together after the Sunday morning service. It provides an opportunity for people to get to know each other better. Whether you are a long-standing member or are new to the church, please try to join us next Sunday. The idea is that everyone brings a contribution, if you are able, so that we can share together, enjoying hospitality from each other. Families, couples and individuals all welcome.

### CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a members' meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. More information to follow.

### AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

At the end of April we will be hosting a concert from a group called Ubuntu. The choir is made up of young people who have recently graduated from school with the help of the African Children's Choir charity.

We will need help with catering, accommodation, publicity, stewarding etc. There will be more details in due course but please put the following dates in your diary at the moment:

Arrival Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Concert Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm

Departure Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.



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

**Please pray for John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince, Mandy & Allan Dodd and Rachel Hughes** (following the death of her brother).

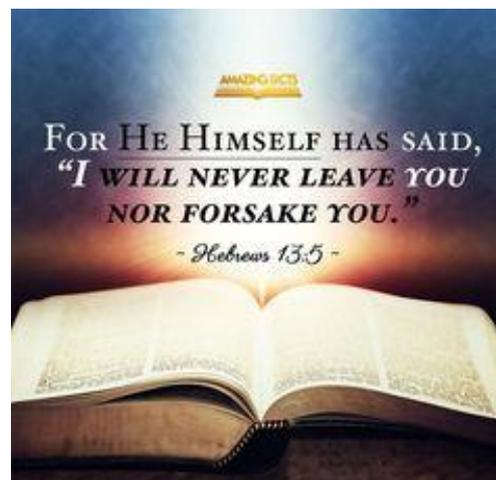
## AT THE GATE OF A NEW YEAR



These were the words of the poet Minnie Haskins which were quoted by King George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast to the nation and they seem appropriate to us as we come to the start of another new year.

We do not know what lies ahead (who would ever have dreamt what lay ahead at the start of 2024) but what we do know with certainty is that God promises that He will never leave us or forsake us, so we can face the future with our hand firmly in His.

However, whilst we do not know what lies ahead for us this year, we do know with certainty that God has promised to be with us every step of the way and that gives us hope and security.



- **Let us start this year with prayer for each other that we will grow closer to God this year and take every opportunity to share Jesus with our family, friends and those who do not yet know Jesus.**
- **Let us pray regularly for our nation and for our hurting world.**
- **Let us live in a way that honours God as we await the return of Jesus.**