



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

TODAY'S SERVICE SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

10.15am Café Church with Graham Sumbler leading
'What's all this about Worship?'

Please note that refreshments are served from 10.00am and worship will start at 10.15am.

Refreshments: Debbie Hamblin and Anne Ballard

Prayer Ministry: Grace Hope and Grahame White

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: 50341

THURSDAY 2nd October 2025

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

SUNDAY 5th October 2025

10.15am: Service with James Hern leading and Clare Hooper preaching

Refreshments: Tim Walder and Jo Hammond

Prayer Ministry: John and Sylvia Saunders

6.30pm Informal worship service

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

The Thursday prayer meetings are taking a short break, with the next one on October 9th.

GENERAL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan fundraising events this week, on Sunday after church, Tuesday Cameo and Wednesday coffee Morning.

A grand total of £400 was raised for this very worthy cause.

Su, Ginny and Rosemary

YELDALL HARVEST APPEAL 2025

Please see the poster in the foyer to find out what items Yeldall are in need of this year. If you would like to donate, please leave them with Lesley in the office.

This year's Harvest Service at WBC will be held on Sunday 19th October.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Products that we are running low on this week:

Squash

Milk

Soups (especially vegetable)

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>.

Cash donations can be handed to Lesley in the office.

CAMEO HELP

Cameo is growing and we would love to have more helpers. You don't need to come for the whole morning as the busy time is from 11.00am-1.30pm, and you wouldn't need to commit to every week. You may just like to come along and chat with our members throughout the morning.

Please speak to Ginny if you feel this is something you'd like to be involved with.

The new edition of Voice of Hope – Premier Radio daily devotions is now available from the rack in the foyer.

FAMILY MATTERS

Congratulations to Jo Hammond and Tim Walder on their engagement. Please pray for them as they look forward to their wedding next March.

Rachel and James McGeough are due to have their baby soon. If you would like to support them by cooking some meals on a rota basis then please talk to Becky Sumbler or email rsumbler@live.co.uk. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICES

PRAYER WALK

As we are approaching autumn we decided not to go out in the evenings. We agreed to use the last Saturday of the month for our Prayer Walk around the roads near the church. By God's grace we will be meeting on the 27th September, 9.30-10.30am for those who will be able to join, please put this in your diary. If you would like to find out more, please speak to **Mary**.

CANAL WALK IN HURLEY

The Canal Walk in Hurley, scheduled for Saturday 27th September, has been postponed owing to the clash with the prayer walk. This will now be happening on Saturday 4th October.

TRANSFORM READING -10 Days of Prayer Reading (Friday 3rd to Sunday 12th October) The theme for this autumn's 10 Days of Prayer is '**Unashamed**'. We are praying for Jesus' church in Reading to be unashamedly bold and courageous as we unite in partnership in so many places. **See full details in the leaflet in the foyer.**

ANNUAL CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

Our ACM will take place on October 7th. We will be hearing a report from the Trustees, voting on changes to the church constitution and deciding on the reappointment of Andrew Butler as Church Treasurer and Grace Hope as Trustee. Papers have now been circulated or are available in your pigeonhole. Please take the opportunity to read the activity reports and familiarise yourself with the planned changes to the constitution.
Jane van Es

PROVIDENCE ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OPENING CELEBRATION

We have been invited to join with the Romanian congregation for their Opening Celebration on Sunday 2nd November at 2pm. Please see the flyer at the back of Take Note for further information.



Please pray for the conflicts in the Middle East and for the ongoing situations in Ukraine and Syria.

Please pray for Grace Hope, Lorraine Langthorne, Val Lee and family, Gordon Crowdy, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Rosemary Allen, Peter Kerr, Jen Sawyer, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince and Mandy & Allan Dod



Will you pray with me this week for Iran?

1 Corinthians 12:26 says that we are one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Every week Christians in many countries are being persecuted, tortured or killed for their faith



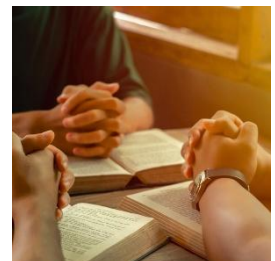
Organisations like **Open Doors**, founded by Brother Andrew, **Christian Solidarity Worldwide** and **Barnabas Aid** seek to reach out to those who are suffering persecution. **Please pray** for them and for others working to support those in prison or suffering hardship for their faith.

Last Sunday Ben Edgington told us about the persecution of Christians in Iran. Iran is ninth on the watch list of Open Doors and yet, despite opposition, many people are coming to faith in Iran. To own a Bible in the national language of Farsi, is prohibited. Sharing the Christian faith with others is outlawed. Christian leaders have been arrested, interrogated, and imprisoned in the nation's notorious Evin prison.

Iran's regime has even sentenced some to death under charges of apostasy and as spies threatening its Islamic system. The Iranian government refuses to acknowledge Iranian converts to Christianity and denies them all religious freedom.

Please join me this week in praying for our brothers and sisters in Iran.

Heavenly Father, guide Iran's new government according to Your will. We ask You to protect secret churches, granting believers both wisdom and courage. Would You strengthen Christian prisoners and their families, ensuring their mental and physical well-being. Please bless the growing church in Iran, allowing it to multiply safely. In Your name we pray, Amen.



SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER CANAL WALK IN HURLEY

**Meet at 10:30am in
the free car park
at the far end of
High Street in
Hurley, SL6 5NB**

**Please stay for
a drink in the
garden of the
Olde Bell after
the walk**

**ALL
WELCOME!**



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**PROVIDENCE ROMANIAN
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YOU ARE INVITED!

CHURCH OPENING CELEBRATION

**OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
PASTOR SORIN BĂDRĂGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE
BAPTIST UNION OF ROMANIA
& PASTOR EMANUEL IVAN**

2ND OF NOVEMBER 2025

FROM 2PM

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