



Woodley Baptist Church

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

TODAY'S SERVICES SUNDAY 2nd November 2025

10.15am: Service with James Hern leading and Grace Hope preaching
- To be a serving community where all participate

Refreshments: Mary Osho

Prayer Ministry: Grace Hope and Grahame White

2.00pm Providence Baptist Church Opening Celebration

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 9th NOVEMBER 2025

10.15am: Service with Julie Russell leading and Howard Balard preaching, including
All-Age Communion
- To be a loving, welcoming and supportive community

Refreshments: Shirley Evans and Linda Hern

Prayer Ministry: John and Julie Russell

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

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

We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month 7.30-9pm. The next meeting will take place on 13th November. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

GENERAL

Please see the notice on page 5 of Take Note about an event which focuses on growing in the Spirit's power in our prayers. Let's take the opportunity to learn from those who are more used to working in this way. It's likely that a group of us will be going together so please speak to Julie if you want to join.

The **Winter edition of UCB's Word for Today** can be found in the outer foyer. Please pick up a copy of these daily devotions.

FAMILY MATTERS

CHURCH DIRECTORY:

New Address for the Sumbler family:

18 Haddon Drive
Woodley.
RG5 4LU

FAMILY CONTACT

For some time we have kept a list of the next of kin for those attending church. This means if there is an emergency we can contact relatives. This list is confidential and not on display. If you would like to be included on this list or have any questions please contact me. **Sylvia Saunders**

The **November** prayer diary for **Yeldall Manor** is available in the rack next to the church office.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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.

THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

The Big Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 8th November from 7.00-9.00pm at Woodley Baptist Church. (This is a change from the previously notified date.) 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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Graham has organised a Safeguarding Training Course for Saturday 7th March 2026 here at WBC, as most of our volunteers need to renew their certificates. Please add this date to your diary.



Please pray for peace in the Middle East, particularly in the light of recent international efforts, and for the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Syria.

Please pray for John and Julie Russell, Grace Hope, Val Lee and family, Gordon Crowdy, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Rosemary Allen, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince, Mandy & Allan Dodd and Jen Sawyer (now back at work).

Update from Prayer Meeting

Our particular focus during this meeting was on being 'A welcoming church'.

We began with a time of worship and praise, using Col. Ch. 1, v 15-20, The Supremacy of Christ. We prayed specifically for all those folk on the Welcome Team from week to week, the first people that are met on entry to the church on Sundays.

We prayed for Lesley, our office manager, and Dot, her 'deputy' who meet daily visitors, such as the Postman, workmen, Food Bank recipients and those who collect and sort the food items.

We prayed for regular church groups meeting during the week, Cameo, Toddlers, Morning coffee, Renew, Hot Spot and Shout.

We prayed for groups who use the premises for support groups, language tuition, music groups, schools tuition groups, baby groups, dancing groups, U3A and Providence Church.

Let us pray that all who come into this building will know the presence of God and meet Him face to face in our church family members.



Samy Mansour and Yeldall



On Wednesday this week Alan Tower, the chairman of Trustees for Yeldall Manor Christian drug rehabilitation centre, made a formal announcement to inform people that Samy would be stepping down from his role as CEO of Yeldall.

He said that Samy's departure marks the end of a positive chapter in Yeldall's history, with a growth in the number of residents being treated for addiction, and a restoration of more healthy finances following the difficult Covid years and he

expressed deep gratitude for his dedicated contribution in various roles over many years.

Please pray

- For Samy, who has made this decision mainly because he sensed it was a good time to leave, as Yeldall is now in a much more stable condition and because he is seeking a new challenge. It was not an easy choice as he has a great heart for Yeldall and has been involved in various roles there over many years.
- That he will find peace in God's timing and for God to open new doors for Kingdom Compassion Ministries.
- That he will be able to take some time out before he devotes more time to Kingdom Compassion, which he set up to provide accessible and high-quality counselling, trauma therapy, addiction counselling, and leadership coaching services to individuals, families, and organisations in need.

From 14 November 2025, Russ Beese (current Director of Operations) has agreed to take on the role of interim CEO until they appoint someone formally into the position. The search for a new CEO will commence shortly. During this period, the trustees are committed to maintaining the momentum and progress achieved under Samy's leadership.



Please pray;

- For the trustees and for Russ as they take responsibility for running Yeldall in the coming weeks.
- For the staff and residents as they face a time of transition that they will know peace and God's presence.
- For wisdom to discern God's choice of CEO to replace Samy.

Growing in the Spirit's power

Do you want to gain confidence in praying for others in small groups, services, on the streets or elsewhere?

Saturday 8 November 2025

9:30* am – 1 pm

Abbey Baptist Church, Reading, RG1 3BE

Led by Rob Gardiner and a team from
Vineyard and Abbey

*Registration & refreshments from 9

**£5 book with
Eventbrite**





Saturday 8th November 2025

7 - 9pm

at Woodley Baptist Church

Book in your team (max size 6) by calling or emailing the church office: 01189 699956/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.

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