



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

TODAY'S SERVICE SUNDAY 5th October 2025

10.15am Service with James Hern leading and Clare Hooper preaching. Clare is our Regional Minister with the Southern Counties Baptist Association

Refreshments: Ginny Priddy and Paul Kingsnorth

Prayer Ministry: John & Sylvia Saunders

6.30pm Informal Service of Worship and Praise led by Graham Sumbler

SUNDAY 12th October 2025
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10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Howard Ballard preaching
- to be a Community of Effective Disciples of Jesus

Refreshments: Ray & Jacky Crossman

Prayer Ministry: Jane van Es and Ann Royston

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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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 meeting will take place on October 9th. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

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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 during the course of 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.

The October **Prayer Diaries for Yeldall Manor and JAC** are now available from the rack to the right of the office door.

FAMILY MATTERS

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 Sumblor or email rsumbler@live.co.uk. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICES

TRANSFORM READING -10 Days of Prayer
(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

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

If you have a heart for Woodley why not join other Christians who will be gathering to pray on Saturday 18th October from 9 to 10am at St John's Church, Church Road.

All welcome.

**ECO OPEN AFTERNOON
SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER**

Please come and join us at our Eco Afternoon at St. James Woodley RG5 3LH; anytime between 2 and 4.30pm.

Cakes and refreshments, eco stalls, family activities, information stalls, recycling corner, workshops and more.

Please see poster in foyer for further details.

**BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP
MONDAY 20th OCTOBER, 7.30-9pm**

If you enjoyed doodling on the tablecloths or rewriting a Psalm at Cafe Church last Sunday, then please consider coming along to this group.

We read and discuss a passage of scripture, then find creative ways to express what God is saying to us through the words. This might be with images, cross referencing key words, or writing a prayer. There are so many different ways God can speak to us; the vital thing is that we are reading our Bibles and asking the Holy Spirit to make it real to us. Do come and join us.

And if you have no idea what I'm referring to, then speak to someone who was at Cafe Church and find out what you missed.

**WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING
MONDAY 27th- FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER**

During half-term, we will be holding a week of prayer, similar to the one we held in April, and we encourage you all to come and pray. The church will be open for prayer from 8.45am to 12 noon.

If you are unable to come, please pray at home, especially during these times.

The prayer stations will be left out all week, so if a group wishes to come into church one evening, please just let Lesley know the name of a person in charge.

Let's use this time to pray for our church, especially in our search for a new Minister, to pray for our communities and for the wider world. God really does hear and answer the prayers of His people.

**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.

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 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 Dodd

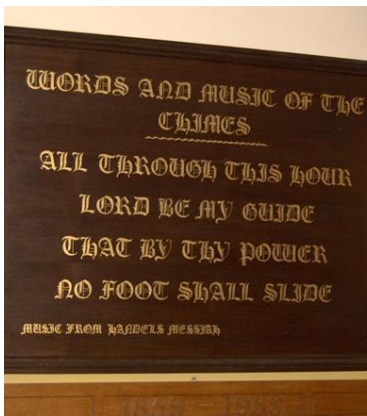


BIG BEN – A CALL TO PRAYER?

We may have moved far from our roots, but our country's heritage has been greatly influenced by our Christian faith. As well as founding educational and healthcare systems, Christianity has significantly shaped our cultural, legal, architectural, and social heritage by influencing laws and democratic institutions.

Big Ben is recognised all over the world. It's one of the most prominent symbols of the United Kingdom. But whilst we rely on its accuracy for time keeping, do we fully appreciate its spiritual significance for the nation?

Did you know?



The words on a plaque in the clock tower have a musical connection to Handel's Messiah!

**“All through this hour
Lord be my guide.
That by Thy power
No foot shall slide.”**

These words, found on the plaque are based on a passage in **Psalm 37** in the Bible, which says, **"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand"**.

What impresses me is that there was a time when our Christian faith infused so many areas of our nation's life – so what about now?

Let us pray this week for a revival in our country – for a movement of God's Holy Spirit in our nation and for boldness for each one of us to share our faith with those around us.



REinspired-Woodley Lessons Autumn 1 2025

Date	School	Year	Question
Mon 29 th Sept	Southlake	Yr 1	Creation (Does God want Christians to look after the world?)
Mon 13 th Oct	Southlake	Yr 2	Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?
Tues 14 th Oct	Highwood	Yr 2	Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?
Mon 20 th Oct	Southlake	Nursery AM	Special people
Mon 20 th Oct	Highwood	Yr 1	Creation (Does God want Christians to look after the world?)
Tues 21 st Oct	Southlake	Nursery PM	Special People
Tues 21 st Oct	Southlake	EYFS	Special People

- Pray for each volunteer as they prepare for the lessons in schools this month.
- Volunteers to help deliver lessons each term – we have a very small team to share the load. Each lesson needs 3/4 volunteers. If you might be interested speak to Linda.
- Give thanks for the positive school partnerships and resulting lessons.



REWOODLEY
INSPIRED

Could you
volunteer
with
**REinspired-
Woodley?**

Want to
know more?

Tues 7th Oct
10-11am
Information morning
@ St James Church
Woodley
contact

linda.galpin@reinspired.org.uk



**PROVIDENCE ROMANIAN
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

**HURRICANE WAY, WOODLEY, READING, RG5 4UX
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