



Woodley Baptist Church

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

TODAY'S SERVICES 16th November 2025

10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Steve Prince preaching

Refreshments: Paul Kingsnorth and Ginny Priddy

Prayer Ministry: Jane van Es and Ann Royston

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise led by John Russell

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

10.15am: Service with Chris van Es leading and Grace Hope preaching

Refreshments: Elspeth Cooper and Anne Ballard

Prayer Ministry: John and Sylvia Saunders

12.30 Church Lunch and Book Swap

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 27th November. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

GENERAL

INVITATION – OPEN HOUSE PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN

Debbi Hosken, whom we support in her mission role in Asia, is currently in the UK visiting her parents and her son Chris who is at University here. She will be coming to stay with Gavin and me on her way home and we will be holding an open morning on Monday 24th November from 10am to 12.30 at our home (4, Stanton Close, Earley). Please come and chat with her over tea and cake! Debbi would love to meet as many of you as possible! **Carol**

CAROL SINGING OUTSIDE TESCO

We are hoping to put together a group of people to sing Carols outside Tesco one Saturday morning in early December, similar to what we did last year. Howard and his accordion are available on Saturday 13th December, so I need to ask if you are free and willing to join this venture, sharing the true meaning of Christmas with our neighbours. We aim to meet at 10:30am, and will finish within the hour. Please let me know if you can join us or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

God bless from Grace

FAMILY MATTERS

FAMILY CONTACT LIST

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

ADVANCE NOTICES

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

If you have a heart for Woodley why not join other Christians who will be gathering to pray. We shall meet on 15th November and 20th December at St John's.

From January the group will be starting to move round different venues in periods of 3 months, but usually on the third Saturday of the month.

All welcome.

BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

The Bible Journaling Group will be meeting tomorrow, Monday 17th November from 7.30-9pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

Papers have now been circulated for the Members' meeting on November 18th. The main item will be agreeing the budget for 2026.

CHURCH LUNCH AND BOOK SWAP

23rd NOVEMBER

We will be having another church lunch after the service next Sunday. Please plan to stay and join in the fellowship and conversations over what is always a lovely lunch, as we each bring some food to share.

During the lunch we will also be holding another Book Swap, where we each bring a Christian book which has blessed us, and make it available for someone else to borrow. Don't forget to return the book you borrowed in September to its owner. God bless from Grace

PRAYER WALK

By God's grace we will be meeting again on Saturday 29th, 9.30-10.30am for our Prayer Walk around the roads near the church. 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.

PROMOTING WORLD PEACE

The Magna Carta World Peace and Sustainability Foundation is holding a meeting at St James Church, Woodley on Saturday 29th November (11am to 3:30pm, lunch included), addressing the significance of the relationship between China and India. Bookings should be made by this Saturday (15th) to attend in person or on line (email info@southasianconcern.org).

MEETING WITH YUAN YANG (MP)

The Baptist Union governs, along with Methodist and URC churches, the Joint Public Issues Team (jpit.uk). JPIT seeks to address issues of public concern to do with the economy, the environment, poverty and inequality, asylum and migration, peace-making and politics. The JPIT group at Christ Church Woodley has invited Yuan Yang for a conversation on Sunday 30th, starting at 3:30pm with refreshments.

Please let Jane know if you would like to attend the meeting so that we can give Christ Church an idea of numbers.

THE CHOSEN - HOLY NIGHT

On Sunday 7th December we are going to be showing Holy Night, a short Christmas movie by the makers of the hit series, The Chosen. The event will run from 5:30 to 7pm, with time for some discussion as well as the movie. Entry is free and is open to everyone. We'll have flyers available from next weekend.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The Carey Woodley congregation, which meets in Rivermead School, is going to be holding a baptismal service in our church building on Sunday 14th December, from 6:30pm. We are invited to join them for this special occasion.

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, Val Lee and family, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Rosemary Allen, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince, Mandy & Allan Dodd and Jen Sawyer (now back at work).



UPDATE FOM THE WOT MISSION PRAYER MEETING



Some of the missionaries whom we support have been travelling recently. Here are a couple of reports from overseas.

Will Sawers is now safely back from CAR, where he has spent three weeks working with different groups of translators from CAR. He spent a week checking Luke with the Bhongongo translators. Then he helped them to learn how to use a number of different tools to help them with punctuation and formatting, etc. to move them closer to printing. He then spent time with the Manja team, whose New Testament has been translated and checked and is close to being printed. It is exciting to see the fruit of several years of hard work!!

Praise God for:

- Safe travel and good health during Will's visit.
- Progress being made towards more New Testaments being printed.

Please pray for:

- Changed lives as more people groups have access to Scripture in their own language.
- One of Will and Judith's close colleagues, Beth, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Tref Lloyd-Roberts has been in the USA recently. While there, he met up with Jean LaCour, one of the founding members of ISAAC. (International Substance Abuse and Addiction Coalition) and they discussed the changes being made in the organisation in order to help it continue to serve the church and Christian projects. He also visited several projects while in the USA.



Meanwhile an exciting new venture in the UK has been the appointment of a new member of the ISAAC team, Stuart Leitch. He will be working two days a week and his brief is to work with churches and see new projects started and developed in the UK.

Praise God for:

- The appointment of Stuart to share the workload and focus on the work in the UK.
- A profitable visit to the USA, giving Tref the opportunity to touch base with projects there.

Please pray for:

- Stuart as he builds relationships with the regional teams and pray for wisdom for him to discern where to devote his time and effort in order to start and support effective projects, which will help addicts find freedom from drugs and freedom in Christ.
- Tref as he uses his gifts to expand the work of ISAAC and to support projects at home and overseas.



REinspired-Woodley Lessons Autumn 2 2025

Date	School	Year	Question
Mon 10 th Nov	Southlake	Yr 6	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?
Tues 11 th Nov	Highwood	Yr 6	Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?
Mon 17 th Nov	Highwood	Yr 5	Is the Christmas story true?
Tues 18 th Nov	Southlake	Yr 5	Is the Christmas story true?
Mon 24 th Nov	Southlake	Yr 3	Has Christmas lost its true meaning?
Tues 25 th Nov	Highwood	Yr 3	Has Christmas lost its true meaning?
Mon 1 st Dec	WCofE	LKS2	What it is like for Christians to follow God?
Tues 2 nd Dec	WCofE	LKS2	What it is like for Christians to follow God?
Mon 8 th Dec	WCofE	EYFS	Christmas story
Tues 9 th Dec	Southlake	Nursery Am Nursery PM	What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?
Mon 15 th Dec	Highwood	Yr 4	What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the positive response to our lessons in Sept/Oct. We had some amazing questions from Yr 1 including 'Who made God?' in our creation lesson!!
- This is our busiest part of the term. Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the team, and enough team for each lesson
- Pray that the message of Christmas will come across in our lessons.