



Woodley Baptist Church

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

TODAY'S SERVICE – 7th DECEMBER 2025

10.15am: Communion Service with James Hern leading and Daniel Raimundo preaching
Advent 2 - 'Small Wonder -Wonderful News'

Refreshments: Ginny Priddy and Paul Kingsnorth

Prayer Ministry: Grace Hope and Grahame White

5.30-7pm 'Holy Night' – a short Christmas movie by the makers of the hit series, The Chosen. Open to everyone, entry and refreshments free.
See the flyer for more details.

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

10.15am: Christmas Café and Instant Nativity with Grace Hope and Graham Sumblar
Advent 3 – 'Small Wonder - Wonderful work'

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

Refreshments: Mary Oshu and Elspeth Cooper

Prayer team: John and Julie Russell

6.30pm: Baptismal Service - The Carey Woodley congregation, Hope Church, which meets in Rivermead School, is holding a baptismal service here. We are invited to join them for this special occasion.

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 11th December. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

GENERAL

CHURCH DIRECTORY

In the New Year we will be reviewing the Church Directory, adding new people, removing people who are no longer part of the fellowship and making sure that the information we have for everyone is still current.

Those who are already in the Directory will be asked to confirm that we have the correct information. Those new to the church should take a copy of our Privacy Policy and complete the Consent Form. This gives us your details, while keeping us in line with GDPR.

Please ask a steward for a Consent Form if you haven't previously completed one.

Thank you,

Jane van Es

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

The funeral of Gordon Growdy will take place on Thursday 18th December at Reading Crematorium, 11.30am, followed by a wake at Sonning Golf Club. All are welcome but can you let Lesley know if you intend going, as the family would appreciate numbers for catering purposes.

ADVANCE NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP DECEMBER CHANGE OF DATE

The Bible Journaling Group will be meeting on Monday 8th December instead of Monday 15th from 7.30-9pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us.

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

There will be the monthly opportunity to pray together in person for Woodley on Saturday 20th December at St John's, Church, Church Road, from 9.00 to 10.00am.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Graham has organised a Safeguarding Training Course for Saturday 7th March 2026, 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 and for the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Syria.

Please pray for the family of Gordon Crowdy, an ex-member, who passed away on 20th November.

Please pray for John and Julie Russell, Val Lee and family, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Rosemary Allen, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince and Mandy & Allan Dodd.

UPDATE FROM PRAYER MEETING

Our focus this time was on Outreach.

In Deuteronomy Ch 6 the Israelites were reminded to tell their children all the wonderful things that God had done for them.

In his letter to Philemon v 6, Paul prays that Philemon should be active in sharing his faith.

In many places the disciples of Jesus are urged to tell of what they had seen, or heard, or experienced, and we have the same commission, to tell our story, to tell what the Lord has done for us and to tell of the difference He has made in our lives.

We have many opportunities both through the activities that go on within the church and outside.

We prayed for activities going on around Christmas. Christmas services, Cafe Church and Instant Nativity, The Chosen film, the Cameo Christmas event, the Carol Service, and the individuals who might attend.

We prayed for events and opportunities going on outside of the church, Prayer Walking, Carol Singing, schools work, REInspired, the Food Bank, Link, conversations with friends, family and neighbours.

We prayed for the preachers and leaders and all who will be involved in our services through December.

Let us all pray for opportunities to share our faith and news of the Messiah this Christmas. We all have a story to tell.



Please pray this week for our Street Pastors

Please pray this week for the Street Pastors of Reading. They do an amazing work in and around the town – on Friday and Saturday nights and weekdays too. **John and Julie Russell who are members of our church – are Street Pastors in Reading.**



The Street Pastors organization was founded in London in 2003 and now works in over 300 towns and cities in the UK, with over 12,000 trained volunteers from local churches. They are out, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings, into the small hours, working to ensure the wellbeing and safety of people on their night out. They are also out during the week to come alongside those who are lonely, want someone to talk to, to answer any questions about faith or pray for anyone who might request that.



On most Tuesdays John and Julie can be found in and around Reading town centre – available for God to use them in whatever way He might choose.

Why not ask them to tell you some of the stories of people they have met as they have walked the streets.

Reading Street Pastors June 2025

Please pray this week for the work of Street Pastors.

- For John and Julie, that God will guide them to those in need of support and give them the right words to say as they seek to bring God's love to the streets of Reading on Tuesdays.
- For Sally Leonard, the Street Pastors co-ordinator for Reading, who sorts out everything from training to patrolling and is the contact between Street Pastors, Police and security staff. Pray for God to bless her as she seeks to serve God in this way.
- For all the Street Pastors patrolling the streets of Reading on Friday and Saturday evenings, and on weekdays, that God will protect them and guide them as they seek to reach out to those in need.
- That those who have been served by the Street Pastors will want to find out about Jesus, as they see Him at work in the lives of those who helped them.





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.

We'd love you to join us at
Woodley Baptist Church's
SCREENING OF

CHRISTMAS WITH
THE CHOSEN
"HOLY NIGHT"

A Christmas movie with popcorn & pick-n-mix

Sunday 7th December
5.30pm to 7pm

Drinks & snacks available. Family friendly. All free.

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We'd love you to join us at
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Christmas Family Events & Services

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

5.30pm to 7pm - The Chosen 'Holy Night' Film

A Christmas film with free drinks, snacks, popcorn & pick-n-mix.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10.00am to 11.30am - Café Church including Instant Nativity - (Family Friendly)

Please come along and join in with our Nativity. You can get dressed up if you wish, either bring your own outfit or use one of ours.

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

10:15am to 11:30am - Sunday Service with Kids Church

4.00pm to 5.30pm - Carol Service

Followed by refreshments

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

3.30pm to 5pm - Family Fun with Christmas Crafts, Games & Refreshments

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

10.15am to 11.15am - Christmas Day Service

Come and celebrate Jesus' Birth.

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

10.15am to 11.30am - Testimony Service with Kids Church

Come and find out what God is doing among us. Be ready if you have something you would like to share.



ALL FREE • ALL WELCOME • NO NEED TO BOOK

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