



# Woodley Baptist Church

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

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

<b>TODAY'S SERVICES</b>
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**10.15am:** Café Church with Rachel Hughes leading

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

**Refreshments:** James and Linda Hern

**Prayer Team:** 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>

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

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**10.15am:** Service with Jane van Es leading and Graham Sumbler preaching  
Daniel 2 – Be Transformed

**Refreshments:** Mary Osho

**Prayer Team:** John & Sylvia Saunders

**6.30pm** Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Grahame White

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month 7.30-9pm. However, we will not be meeting in January and the next meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the direction of WBC.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CRÈCHE

We need some more volunteers to help with creche on a rota basis. This means looking after 0-3-year-olds during the service and getting out some toys in the back hall before the service. If you are able to help with this please speak to **Graham Sumbler**. This role requires a DBS Certificate which we can apply for if you don't already have one.

### DOUBLE-KNIT WOOL

If anybody has any double-knit wool that they no longer require, Renew Wellbeing would be grateful for any donations. Please hand to **Grace Hope**.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will shortly 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**

## NEW SMALL GROUP IDEA

I have been thinking about starting a small group on a Saturday morning, around once a month for an hour of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. If you are interested in knowing more about this then please let me know. Thank you.

**Becky Sumbler**

The Spring edition of the **UCBs Word for Today** is now available from the rack in the foyer.

## FAMILY MATTERS

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and took part in the Thanksgiving Service for Rosemary Allen. David and Elizabeth, her son and daughter, were extremely grateful to you all for making it such a memorable time for them and their family.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### SPECIAL CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

A reminder that we will have a single item meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January when members will make a decision whether to invite Daniel Raimundo to join us as our Minister.

We are conscious that an evening meeting doesn't work for everyone but this date and time fitted with Jonathan Edward's availability. Please let one of the Leadership Team know if having a lift would enable you to attend.

### **PRAYER WALK**

By God's grace we will be meeting again on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 9.30-10.30am at the front of the Church 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 Osho**.

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Graham has organised a Safeguarding Training Course for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 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, the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Syria.

**Please pray for the family of Rosemary Allen, Chris and Jane van Es, John and Julie Russell, Val Lee and family, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince and Mandy & Allan Dodd.**



## LET US PRAY FOR IRAN – A STORY FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Grace works on Bible translation into her native language in Iran... in fact, that's how she came to faith.

“My husband, Barad became involved in Bible translation, but it was top secret. He was worried I might accidentally betray the work to the authorities, so didn't tell me about it and wouldn't let me into the room they worked in.

“I sat by the closed door, crying because I was excluded but listening hard. **The first time I heard the name of Jesus, my soul became calm and filled with joy!**

I sat outside the door every day, listening to the Bible passages. When I heard them struggling to find the right word for the translation, I would shout it through the door. Finally, the team leader said, ‘Just let her in. She needs to be part of this.’

While helping to translate, I kept hearing that Jesus Christ is love, that he is purity, that he loves the sinner, and he takes away sins. This was new to me, and I wanted it! I always wanted to get clean from the inside out, but I didn't know how.

Now I follow Jesus, and I talk about it to whoever God leads me to. In one year, I told my story to more than 600 people, and 80 of them now follow Jesus too.”

*Grace and Barad's names have been changed for their protection.*

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Iran. They face persecution – sometimes even death. This story is one of many coming from Iran. People are seeing visions of Christ and others are courageously sharing their faith in creative ways. They value our prayers.

# Pancake Party

**Tuesday 17th February**  
**(Shrove Tuesday)**

*please come :)*

**VENUE: Woodley Baptist Church**

**TIME: 5pm to 7pm**

*← Come & go as you please*

**Pancakes, toppings  
& refreshments.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**SWEET &  
SAVOURY  
TOPPINGS**

**ALL  
FREE!**

*yum yum*

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