



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Café Church with Grace Hope leading
Alive 1 – Transformed by love - Mary Magdalene

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

Refreshments: Tony and Rosemary Paine

Prayer Team: John and Julie Russell

6.30pm Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

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PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY – 29th MARCH 2026

10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Will and Judith Sawers preaching

Refreshments: Ray and Jacky Crossman

Prayer Team: Jane van Es and Ann Royston

6.30pm Sunday Evening Prayer Hour

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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

The next meeting will take place on 26th March. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future of WBC.

GENERAL NOTICES

REINSPIRED IN BULMERSHE SECONDARY SCHOOL

For the next week Christians from Woodley and Earley will join the students of year 8 in Bulmershe School, looking at the topic of Life After Death in their RE lessons. In small groups we will look at hymns, prayers and Bible verses that address the Christian hope of life after death.

Please pray for Chris van Es as he leads the lesson with the ten classes, along with Graham from WBC and volunteers from other local churches, that we will be clear, respectful and creative as we engage with the students and this vital subject.

KID'S CHURCH & CRÈCHE

With more children coming on a Sunday morning, we are in need of extra volunteers to help out on a rota basis:

Crèche children, 0–3-year-olds, - toys put out in the back hall before the service starts, look after the children during the service and then tidy the toys away after.

Foundation to Year 5 group – people to help alongside the leader.

These roles require a DBS Certificate which the church will apply for.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved or are able to offer your time, please speak to **Graham Sumbler**.

The **Spring Newsletter from JAC** can be found in the rack to the right of the office door.

ADVANCE NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING TUESDAY 7th – SATURDAY 11th APRIL

We are calling the church to pray during this time, not just for our church in this season of waiting for Daniel Raimundo to begin ministering amongst us, but also for our world and the numerous conflicts and dangers it holds.

The church will be open from 8.45am to 12 noon for these 5 days, as well as on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9pm.

Please clear some time in your calendar to come and pray and seek God's mercy and peace for all these situations. Your prayers really do make a difference.

God bless from Grace

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Please invite your friends and family to our family-friendly quiz night on Saturday 18th April. Come as a ready-made team or ready to make/join one. This is a great opportunity for us to socialise together and to invite others into our church life. See flyer at back of Take Note for more details. If you don't typically like quizzing you can support in other ways such as making cakes for us to enjoy whilst we quiz, help set up, prepare the ploughman's supper, and clear up afterwards. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer both for volunteering and to let us know you are coming.

Thank you.

Rachel & James McGeough and social team.

PRAYER

Please pray for the war in Iran and the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Syria.

Please pray for Peggy Reynolds in the RBH following a fall and subsequent hip replacement operation. She would love to see anyone who could visit her.

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



TRANSFORMED LIVES!

Judith Sawers shared this story recently – it fits in so well with what we have been learning about the importance of reading God's word regularly and allowing God's Spirit to change our lives as we read it.

In the 1990s a team began translating Scripture into Yaka, the language of a group who live by hunting and fishing deep in the forests of the Central African Republic. They started with the first few chapters of Luke's Gospel but also taught people to read right from the start, so that there would be people able to read the Scriptures as they were translated.

Ndoki, a respected Elder in the local church, joined a literacy class where they read these chapters from Luke. He stood up and told the church how he had always encouraged his children to perform traditional ceremonies when they went out to fish to ensure a good catch. But a passage from Luke had really made him think! He heard that it's not good to patch up old clothes with new cloth because it wouldn't make it better but worse, and rip the clothes even more!

"I think I've been trying to add the new to my old way of living," he said. "I've been praising my children for practising parts of our old religion, but God isn't pleased. He doesn't want me to mix the old with the new. He just wants us to follow His way. Now I've told my children to stop doing the ceremonies, and told them to pray for a good catch instead!"

What an amazing story of the power of God's Word. Syncretism stopped in its tracks thanks to a few translated chapters of Luke immediately put to work in literacy class!

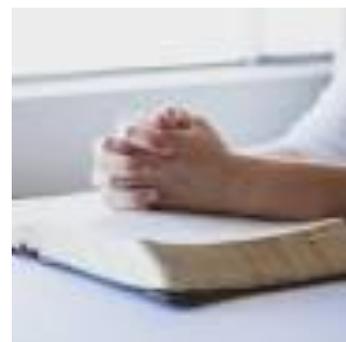
The programme stopped for some time but was reignited about two years ago at the repeated request of the language community. The translation team is now hard at work taking the project forward.



Please pray this week: -

- For good progress with Bible translation in Yaka and many other languages.
- That local language Scripture will speak into people's lives, transforming them as they meet Jesus and commit their lives to Him.
- That we too will read Scripture regularly and spend time listening to God and praying so that He can transform our lives too.

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Contact Judith to receive weekly news and stories from Bible translation in CAR
judith_sawers@sil.org



Prayer for Woodley Schools

Give thanks for the 4 lessons this past half term. For discussions and questions raised by pupils.

Pray for all the prep for the lessons booked in for next half term.

Pray for enough volunteers to deliver all the lessons that have been booked

Pray that the passion for our faith will shine through all we do and say to both staff and pupils.

Lessons Spring 2

Mon 23 Feb	Highwood Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
Tues 24 Feb	Highwood Yr 2	How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?
Mon 2 March	Southlake Yr 1	What did Jesus teach his followers (The lost son + Easter)
Tues 3 March	Southlake Yr 4	Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?
9&10 March	Woodley CAFE KS1	What do Christians believe God is like?
16&17 March	Woodley CAFE LKS2	What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?
Mon 23 March	Southlake EYFS	Visit to Christ church linked with the story of Easter.
Mon 23 March	Woodley CAFE EYFS	Easter story
Tues 24 March	Southlake Nursery	Easter Story



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

SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ CHURCH

10am to 11.30am

The service starts at 10:15.

Drinks and pastries will be served all through the morning. Families welcome.

**NEW
5 PART
SERIES**

ALIVE

**LIFE-CHANGING
ENCOUNTERS WITH
THE RISEN JESUS**

Take this opportunity with us for a closer look at the resurrection of Jesus, but more specifically, how he changed lives, and still changes lives today. We look at the basic human longings of **LOVE, HOPE, PEACE, FREEDOM AND PURPOSE** that we need to have satisfied by God if we're going to feel fully alive.

22 MARCH ALIVE 1

TRANSFORMED BY **LOVE** - MARY MAGDALENE

26 APRIL ALIVE 2

SURPRISED BY **HOPE** - ROAD TO EMMAUS

31 MAY ALIVE 3

FILLED WITH **PEACE** - THOMAS

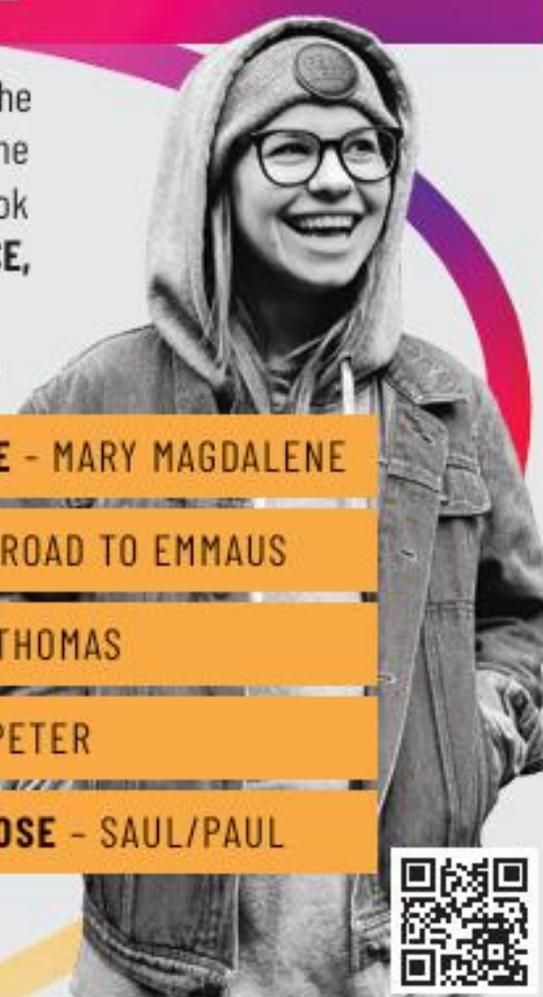
28 JUNE ALIVE 4

LIVING IN **FREEDOM** - PETER

26 JULY ALIVE 5

FULFILLING OUR **PURPOSE** - SAUL/PAUL

TIME TO CHAT & EXPLORE





WOODLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH

QUIZ NIGHT

and ploughmans
supper

IN AID OF TEARFUND

Saturday
18 April
6 - 9pm

Come in a team (max 6
per group) or come
ready to join a group on
the night!

£5 per adult
& **£2** per child
for supper, there
will also be an
opportunity to
donate to the
work of Tearfund



Please sign up with the church office and advise of
any dietary requirements:
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