



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026

PALM SUNDAY

TODAY'S SERVICES

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

Everyone is welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87827308029?pwd=Vi9wTldoejV0bjNwd2xnc3pwK3NyUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2730 8029

Passcode: 503411

THURSDAY - 2nd APRIL 2026

8:00-9:30pm World Out There Prayer meeting for mission

All welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363860623?pwd=NFBYK2RwV0FKbXJ0dFMwVHpvDZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 6386 0623

Passcode: 218514

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd APRIL 2026

10.15am Service with Grace Hope leading and preaching

11.30am Service with all the Woodley Churches at the Woodley Precinct (we are asked to gather from 11.20am for a prompt start)

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL 2026

10.15am: Service with Grace Hope leading and Howard Ballard preaching

Refreshments: Elspeth Cooper and Anne/Howard Ballard

Prayer Team: Carol Runnalls and Anne Ballard

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 23rd April 2026. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future of WBC.

GENERAL NOTICES

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 latest **SAWERS SAGA and April Prayer Diary for Yeldall Manor** can be found in the rack to the right of the office door.

PORTABLE COMMUNION SET

The small portable communion set which is used for taking communion to people in care homes etc is missing. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please would you be kind enough to let Lesley in the office know. Thank you.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

As you will be aware, we are in the process of creating a new Church Directory. This Sunday will be the last opportunity to make sure that your details are correct. Please take the time to check your entry on the list which will be in the coffee lounge after this morning's service. Please make any amendments or tick if the entry is correct. The directory is for all members and regular worshippers. If you are not already in the directory and would like to be included, please fill in a consent form which can be found in the rack to the right of the office door.

Please note that this is the full database. If you have indicated that you do not want your name included in the paper and/or website copies this will be adhered to.

The new edition of **Voice of Hope** daily devotions from Premier Radio is available from the racks in the foyer.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Products that we are running low on this week:

Squash

Long-life Milk

Pasta Sauces

Rice Pudding

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>.

ADVANCE NOTICES

SPECIAL EVENTS OVER EASTER

Abbey Baptist Church will be holding a Maundy Thursday reflective service from 7pm, including communion. They have extended an invitation to us to join them. More information can be found in the flyer at the back and the poster in the foyer.

On Good Friday there will be a short service in Woodley Precinct from 11:30am. As in previous years, this will be an ecumenical event, with some churches processing from their churches to the precinct beforehand.

Please note that we will not have a Sunday evening service on Easter Day as most of the regulars will be spending time with their families.

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, helping set up, preparing the ploughman's supper,

and clearing up afterwards. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer both for volunteering and to let us know you are coming.

Thank you.

Rachel and James McGeough and the Social Team



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

Please pray for Peggy Reynolds now in Abbeycrest Nursing Home in Sonning Common, to continue her recovery 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, Ryan Tye, Audrey Goulding, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr, John Tidmarsh, Jean Prince and Mandy & Allan Dodd.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WILL AND JUDITH SAWERS

We are so privileged to have such easy access not only to a Bible in our own language but to the many versions that are so readily available. For two language communities in the Central African Republic this has been a month of celebration, as the New Testament in Banda Linda and the New Testament and Psalms in Bhogoto were launched on March 7th in the capital, Bangui. These translations have taken almost 20 years' work - in fact, Will was involved with starting both projects in 2008!!



Among those attending were the translators (what a day for them!), former colleagues, language community leaders and support-committee members – a wonderful team effort and a time of great joy, as the launch of these two new New Testaments was wholeheartedly celebrated!

The translation journey has been hard – they faced funding issues, illness and bereavement in the translation teams and unrest in the country. Yet, by God's grace, the first Scriptures are now available, and work is now focussing on translating the Old Testament.



Further events have now taken place in the Banda Linda home area, and this Sunday the Bhogoto Scriptures are being launched in their area too. Please pray that many people will come and buy audio or print Scriptures for the first time in their own language, and eagerly consume what's in them!

Please pray:

- That the Scriptures will be welcomed in the community and that church leaders will themselves be blessed by a deeper understanding of their faith and be able to pass it on.
- That people will acquire written and/or audio versions, and use them in their church and personal lives, applying what they are reading in all areas of life.
- That people will begin to be transformed and become more like Christ, as God's Word speaks into their lives in their own language.

Maundy Thursday Reflective Service

led by Rev. Zoltan Biro



Join us for a quiet and contemplative Maundy Thursday
and remember the Last Supper together
This time of worship invites us into prayer, reflection, and
gratitude.

at 7.00pm
on 2nd April 2026

ABBAY BAPSTIT CHURCH
ABBAY SQUARE, RD1 3BE

GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE AT THE PRECINCT

Friday 3rd April
11.20am
Woodley Precinct





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:
office@woodleybc.org

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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

