



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE

10.15am: Café Church with Grace Hope leading
Alive 3 – Filled with peace - Thomas

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

Refreshments: Tim Walder and Elspeth Cooper

Prayer Team: John & Julie Russell

The Sunday Evening Prayer Hour has been cancelled.

SUNDAY – 7th JUNE 2026

10.15am: Service with Julie Russell leading and Ben Edgington preaching
Living Transformed Lives – Daniel 7

Refreshments: Debbie Hamblin and Jean Goodman

Prayer Team: Carol Runnalls and Ann Royston

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise led by 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

The next meeting will take place on 25th June at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the future of WBC.

GENERAL NOTICES

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Food stocks are becoming very low in the Foodbank cabin. Products that we are in desperate need of this week include:

Pasta Sauces	Tinned Tomatoes
Baked Beans	Rice
Noodles	Rice Puddings
Custard	Tinned Veg
Tinned Spaghetti	Soups
Toilet Rolls	

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>.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We have a small team at WBC who, amongst other things, try to ensure that there is appropriate pastoral support for those who aren't able to worship with us on a Sunday.

The group carry out visits, including taking communion to share with the individuals. The tendency is to prioritise our older members but we are aware that, from time to time, others are in need of such support.

Please contact Julie Russell if you would value a visit by a couple of people to chat, pray and potentially share communion with you.

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 Saturday 20th June at Emmanuel Church, Southlake Crescent from 9am to 10am, all welcome.

The **Yeldall Manor** prayer diary for June is available in the rack by the church office.

MANSE CLEANING – If you are able to help with a bit of manse cleaning, mainly inside windows, in the week beginning 8th June, we would be extremely grateful. Please speak to **Dot or Andy Butler**.

ADVANCE NOTICES

SOCIAL/OUTREACH EVENTS:

BEACH DAY

We are organising a trip to West Wittering Beach on Saturday 6th June from 11.00am.

AN EVENING WITH EMMA NOONAN

Emma is a local Christian singer and songwriter who will be joining us on Saturday 27th June, 6.30pm, for an evening of food, worship, testimony and fellowship.

Further details of both events are available on the flyers at the end.

The sign-up sheets for both events are on the table in the foyer in front of the office window.

SAVE THE DATE

We are working towards an induction date for Daniel of Saturday July 11th. Once things are finalised we will be sending out invitations but there are still some administrative issues to sort which are out of our control. Please join with us in praying that everything will be sorted in time. Thank you.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The next meeting of church members will held be on Tuesday 21st July from 7.30pm.



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

Please pray for our elderly folk in care homes, Audrey Goulding, John Tidmarsh and Jean Prince.

Please pray for **Anne Ballard, Sylvia Saunders, Paul Roberts, Peggy Reynolds, Margaret Stamp, Val & Brian Lee and family, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr, and Mandy & Allan Dodd.**



GOD STILL MOVES TODAY

Tref shared with me this story of how God is at work in one of the drug rehab centres supported by **ISAAC (International Substance Abuse and Addiction Coalition)**.

Matan* (not his real name) is around 40 years old and came to a rehab centre overseas, supported by ISAAC. The story is told by a rehab worker there.



After being released from prison Matan quickly relapsed into drug use, but then he realized he could not continue living like that anymore. Through a friend, he heard about our Rehab and came to start the program for the first time.

When I saw him that evening at a Bible study, he was very quiet and sad. At first, I thought it was because of withdrawal, so I asked, "Are you feeling physically unwell?" He said, "Yes, I feel terrible. My legs are aching; my whole body hurts. But that's not why I'm sad."

"Then why?" I asked.

He replied, "My wife stayed at home. She also struggles with drugs. I'm afraid for her. She's alone. I don't know how she will manage."

I could see his eyes filling with tears.

He continued, "Her mother keeps calling me. But I'm afraid to answer. Because if she tells me something has happened to my wife, I won't be able to handle it. I'll drop everything and go try to save her."

I told him, "Don't be afraid. God is in control. Nothing is impossible for Him. When we are in His will, in the place where we are supposed to be, things begin to fall into place."

We decided to pray. Honestly, I didn't really know how to comfort him. Sometimes just being there is enough. Then he stepped away for a few minutes. When he returned, he looked completely different – radiant, full of joy.

He said, "I finally answered the call from my wife's mother. She doesn't like me. She blames me for all of her daughter's problems. But this time she spoke to me so kindly. She told me not to worry and to take care of myself. And she said she already paid for a rehabilitation centre for my wife – paid for everything. Since yesterday, my wife is already there." He paused, drew a deep breath, and continued, "I'm so happy that even the pain in my body is gone!" And then he added something that made my day. Still an unbeliever, he said, "Great is the Lord!"

Let us pray for Matan*: that he may experience not only God's greatness but also His saving power – and one day share it with his family as well!

Pray too for the work of **ISAAC and Yeldall** that many more lives may be transformed by Jesus.

Tues 2 nd June	Woodley CofE EYFS	Noah
Mon 8 th June	Rivermead Yr 6 Southlake Yr 6	It's your move presentations
Tues 9 th June	Highwood Yr 4	Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?
Mon 15 th June	Beechwood Yr 6	It's your move presentation
Tues 16 th June	Highwood Yr 6	It's your move presentation
Tues 23 rd June	Highwood Yr 5	How do Christians show commitment to God?

Please pray

- Pray for all pupils as they continue sitting GCSE's, A levels and any other assessments in schools this term. Pray for peace and protection from anxiety.
- Give thanks for the lessons already delivered last half term.
- Pray for the lessons taking place this half term, give thanks for all the volunteers willing to support these lessons. Pray for good discussions and conversations.
- Pray for all our Yr6's preparing for transition to secondary school. Pray for each presentation of *It's your move* going into our Woodley Primary schools. Pray for Graham Sumbler who is covering Woodley CofE.

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





JOIN US FOR A DAY AT THE

BEACH

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

**FROM 11AM AT
WEST WITTERING**

£12 PER CAR FOR PARKING, TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. PLEASE SIGN UP WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE AND INDICATE IF YOU NEED A LIFT OR CAN OFFER A LIFT.

SAND | ICE CREAM | PICNIC |
HEADLAND WALK | FUN

WOODLEY
BAPTIST
CHURCH

Hurricane Way, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4UX • Church Office 0118 969 9956

*An evening with local christian
singer and songwriter*

EMMA NOONAN

Food, worship, testimony,
and fellowship

**SAT 27
JUNE 2026**

**6:30
PM**

in the venue @ WBC

*We'll have a fish and chip supper
together before handing over to
Emma to lead us*

**For more info and to place your fish and
chips order (cash upon booking):**

office@woodleybc.org

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