



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Café Church with Grace Hope and Pastor Danny
Philippians 1:19-26

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

Refreshments: Elspeth Cooper and Hok Ping Lam

Prayer Team: John & Sylvia Saunders

12:30pm: Picnic in Woodford Park - In the church if the weather is bad

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 3rd SEPTEMBER

8.00-9.30pm **World Out There Prayer meeting for mission**

All welcome to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363860623?pwd=NFBYK2RwV0FKbXJ0dFMwVHpvcDZZUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 6386 0623

Passcode: 218514

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Chris van Es preaching
Philippians 3:1-11- The Gospel reorders our values

Refreshments: Tony and Rosemary Paine

Prayer Team: Grace Hope and Grahame White

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise

PRAYER MEETINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

The weekly morning prayer sessions will no longer be taking place on a Monday but will move to a Friday. The next meeting will be on Friday 4th September from 9.00-9.30am in the lounge when we will be praying for activities in the church for the coming week.

THURSDAY EVENING

The next meeting will take place on 24th September at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the ministry of WBC.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

What would have to be taken from you before you stopped being yourself?

Your health? Your career? Your plans? Your reputation?
Someone you love?

Whatever we cannot imagine living without has probably become more than something we love. It may have become something we need in order to know who we are.

That is what makes Paul's words from prison so unsettling: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Paul's circumstances had become painfully small, but his soul had become remarkably free. Rome could restrict his body. It could interrupt his plans. It could threaten his future. But it could not take away the thing around which his life was built.

Perhaps that is one way of discovering what sits at the centre of our own lives:

What are we most afraid of losing?

Because sometimes our deepest fear reveals our deepest worship.

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

SMALL GROUP SIGN UP

We run a number of discipleship and other small groups through-out the year. The groups provide an opportunity for us to get to know others well, sharing together as we study the Bible and pray for each other.

Although new people can join a group at any point, this time of year gives us an opportunity to review our commitment. Some people choose to stay in their group, others want a change. Most groups are open to new members joining. Please take a look at the group write-ups at the back of church and add your name to a list. The leader will then be in touch to welcome you and give you details.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

We still have a gap in the rota for Sunday 13th September. If you are able to offer your time please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.

HELP NEEDED IN CAMEO

We are looking for a group of volunteers to go on a rota to help in Cameo and also those willing to cover the team's holidays. You would need to be available on Tuesdays from 11.15am until 1.30pm. If you are able to help or would like more information about what is involved, please speak to Ginny Priddy.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

Pasta Sauces	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Potatoes	Vegetable Soup
Tinned Fruit/Any desserts	

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>.

The **September Prayer Diary for Yeldall Manor** is now available from the rack to the right of the office door.

ADVANCE NOTICES

CHURCH PICNIC

This year's picnic will take place after our Sunday Service on 30th August. We will meet in Woodford Park near the playground and Oakwood Centre. Bring your own picnic and join us for lunch, sport and games. If the weather is bad our picnics will be enjoyed in the church.

The next **Bring and Share lunch** will be on Sunday 13th September when Pastor Cristi Vidican and his wife, Oana will be visiting from Romania.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

On 16th to 19th September there will be a three-day mission and conference in Reading, hosted by Destined to Win (D2W), Mission24 and various local churches.

It will take place at The Pavilion on Oxford Road.

In preparation for this, there will be a training day this Saturday (August 29th 10:00-13:00, at Earley Christian Fellowship), aimed at empowering God's church in evangelism. All are welcome to the training, regardless of whether you can join the mission in September. For more details follow these links:

<https://mcusercontent.com/1ecaaa7ba4da001988d4d6dc2/images/8961cacc-cd10-9ddc-7d61-53ef57f9c9d8.jpeg>
<https://destinedtowin.co.uk/alive-reading-mission-and-conference> .

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The Annual Church Meeting will be on September 22nd when we will receive reports and hear more about plans for the coming year. Then on November 24th the main focus will be setting the budget for 2027. More details will follow but please add these dates to your diary.

PRAYER

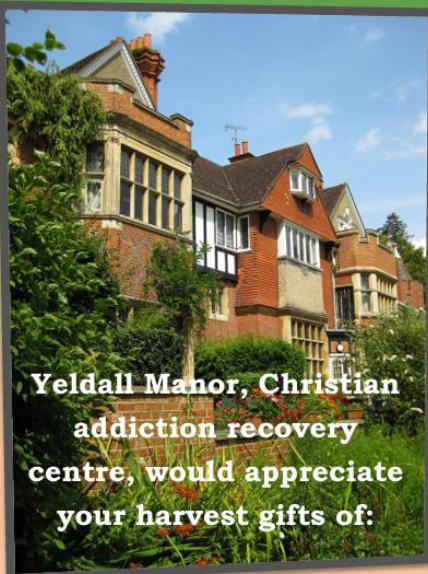
Please pray for the war in the Middle East and the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Syria.

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

Please pray for Pauline Hobbs (a Cameo member) in the RBH, with a fractured hip following a fall.

Please pray for Anne Duffin, John & Julie Russell, Lynne Gibson, Jean James, Anne Ballard, Sylvia Saunders, Peggy Reynolds, Margaret Stamp, Val & Brian Lee and family, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Kerr and Mandy & Allan Dodd.

Yeldall Harvest Appeal 2026



**Yeldall Manor, Christian
addiction recovery
centre, would appreciate
your harvest gifts of:**

Cans of beans,
peas (mushy/
normal),
tomatoes,
passata,
tinned tuna,
cans of fruit

New plain single
duvet covers,
white fitted
single sheets,
'housewife'
pillowcases and
quilted mattress
protectors

Coat hangers
(wooden or
sturdy plastic),
black biros,
white soup bowls

Mayonnaise,
ketchup, brown
sauce etc.
Peanut butter,
chocolate
spread, custard,
condensed milk

Men's deodorant,
toothpaste,
toothbrushes,
aftershave,
shower gel,
razors (not
disposable)

Pasta, coffee,
teabags, fruit
squash, sugar,
cereal, porridge
oats

Please also see our gift list <https://amzn.eu/03FdsjI4>