



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Service with Grace Hope leading and Pastor Danny preaching including All-Age Communion
Philippians 3:12 - 4:1 - The Gospel gives us a future

Refreshments: James & Linda Hern

Prayer Team: Ann Royston and Jane van Es

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise with John & Julie Russell

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

10.15am: Café Church with Grace Hope and Pastor Danny
A Future you don't have to hold together!

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

Refreshments: Elspeth Cooper and Jean Goodman

Prayer Team: Carol Runnalls and Anne Ballard

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

PRAYER MEETINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

Please join us for the Friday morning prayer meeting in the lounge from 9.00-9.30am when we will be praying for activities in the church during 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

We become like what we worship long before we realise we are worshipping it.

That is why Paul says, "keep your eyes on those who live as we do."

What impresses us matters.

We may say that Christ is our treasure while still clinging to comfort, approval, familiar ways, the need to be right, and the quiet desire to stay in control. We may admire people whose lives teach us to want everything the cross came to kill in us.

So here is the uncomfortable question:

What kind of person do you secretly wish you could become?

Someone admired? Untouchable? Comfortable? Needed? In control?

Paul points us somewhere else.

Look at lives being crucified and remade by grace. Look at people who repent quickly, forgive deeply, pray when no one is watching, serve without applause, suffer without becoming bitter, and keep following Christ when obedience costs them something.

The church does not need more impressive Christians.

It needs people whose lives make Jesus look precious.

And perhaps that is the deeper question:

If someone followed your life closely, would they learn to want Christ more?

Philippians 3:17

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

HARVEST APPEAL 2026

On Sunday 11th October there will be the opportunity to give in different ways as we celebrate the abundance of God's blessings to us. Traditionally this was a time to thank God for the Harvest gathered in which would provide food for the winter months. In modern times, as most of us are not farmers and growers, this has morphed into different ways of giving, but is just as meaningful and necessary as its origins taught us.

This year you can bring non-perishable food for Woodley Food Bank, (list in Take Note each week); items for Yeldall Manor, our local Christian drug and alcohol recovery centre (see the separate notice for details); or you can give a monetary gift which will go to the BMS World Mission Harvest appeal, which this year is focussing on Change Agents, to support training work in Sierra Leone. A video of this work can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/1207440453/00843116c8?fl=pl&fe=sh>.

The offering from our morning service on Oct 11th will also be given to the BMS World Mission Harvest Appeal.

Let's use our abundance to bless those who are struggling in both our local community and abroad, as a way of giving thanks to God for all He has blessed us with.

TABLE TENNIS

Do you enjoy playing table tennis and would like to join others on a Friday evening, 8.00pm-9.30pm in the church for a game and have fun? For further details and to show interest please contact **David Hughes** – diahughes@hotmail.com.

The **latest Newsletter from Yeldall Manor** is now available from the rack to the right of the office door.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Lesley will be taking leave from Monday 21st to Monday 28th September inclusive. Dot will be providing cover in the office during this time.

NEW BLINDS have been fitted at high level at the front left of the church but have been incorrectly made by the manufacturers. They will be replaced in 3-4 weeks.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for folk who are happy to serve refreshments after the Sunday Services during October, November and September. Please add your name to the list if you are able to help out.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Food stocks are very low in the Foodbank cabin. Products that we are in 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>.

ADVANCE NOTICES

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 19th September at Christ Church, Crockhamwell Road from 9 to 10am. All welcome.

BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

The Bible Journaling Group will be meeting on Monday 21st September from 7.30-9pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be on September 22nd. Papers have been circulated or made available in your pigeon-holes.

The ACM gives us the opportunity to look back over the last 12 months and to hear from Danny about his vision for the months ahead. We will also be asking members to agree to authorise the Baptist Union Corporation to sign an agreement with LCP on the church's behalf (LCP own and administer the piazza complex). This is a legal matter which will be explained more at the meeting.

PRAYER WALK

By God's grace we will be meeting again on Saturday 26th September, 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**.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The 'Morning Coffee' team will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on Wednesday October 7th 10am to 12 noon.

After the service on Sunday October 4th there will also be cakes and an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause.

Cameo members will have their own Coffee Morning on Tuesday October 6th.

If anyone would like to donate cakes or savoury items, please sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.



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



LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

As we approach our Annual Church Meeting this coming week, we have another opportunity to look back at what God has been doing during the past year and thank Him for His faithfulness to us. We will also look forward to what He has in store for us this coming year and recommit ourselves to serving Him wholeheartedly.



Look back

Let us thank God for answering our prayers:-

For a new Pastor - sending us Danny and his family.

For the new adults and children who have become a special part of our church family this past year.

For supplying all our needs, including people willing to give generously of their time, talents and money, giving us the opportunity not just to get by but to grow.

Look forward

Let us look ahead, asking God:-

- That we will face the coming year with expectation!
- To help us grow closer to Him and to one another.
- To embrace willingly the changes He has in mind for us.
- To be willing to step out in faith and trust.



Look up

Let us:-

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| • Fix our eyes on Jesus | Hebrews 12 v2 |
| • Love one another | 1 John 4 v 7 |
| • Pray without ceasing | 1 Thessalonians 5 v 17 |



I'm Running the London Marathon for Fire Fighters...

Hi everyone,

I will be running the London Marathon 2027 next April to raise money for the Firefighters Charity. Earlier this year I fell ill and was diagnosed with Rhabdomyolysis which is a serious condition characterized by the breakdown of muscle fibres, leading to the release of harmful substances into the bloodstream, which can cause kidney damage and other complications. The charity supported me through this period and I was offered the opportunity to stay in one of their residential facilities for extra care and rehabilitation. Thankfully I recovered and did not need to use this service.

The Firefighters Charity is for all operational firefighters and control room operatives both past and present. They provide specialist lifelong support for members of the UK's fire services community, empowering individuals to achieve mental, physical and social well-being throughout their lives.

Operational firefighters and control room staff have worked tirelessly over the summer, working in arduous conditions with limited PPE due to government cuts.

Any donation would be really appreciated as I am trying to raise as much money as possible to ensure the charity is there to pick up the pieces for us!

Please copy and paste the link into your browser to donate, or scan the QR code:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ryan-tye-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



If you would prefer to make a cash donation please give to me, Annie or Lesley.

Thank you!

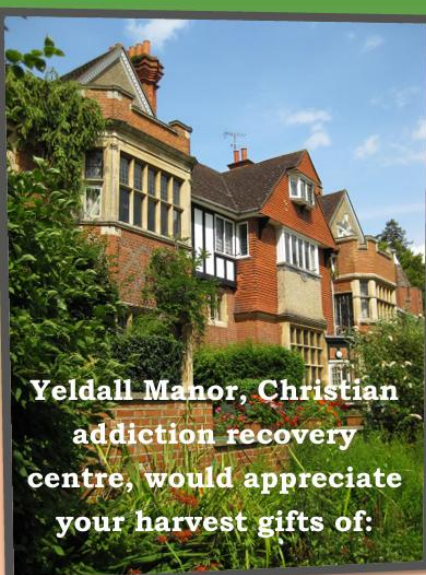
Ryan Tye

September 2026

- Pray for schools as they plan RE lessons this term and where REinspired-Woodley can support them.
- As school adopt the new Wokingham RE Syllabus pray for all the new lessons that will need to be created to respond to the need.
- Use the guide to pray for pupils and teachers

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/pray-for-students-and-teachers/>

Yeldall Harvest Appeal 2026



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>

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

SUNDAY MORNING **CAFÉ CHURCH**

10am to 11.45am

Refreshments served from 10am. The service starts at 10:15am.
Drinks and pastries will be served all through the morning. Families welcome.

27 SEPT

PHILIPPIANS - REDISCOVERING THE GOSPEL

► **FOUNDATIONS NEW SERIES**

18 OCT

FOUNDATIONS – FIVE TRUTHS THAT STILL STAND

29 NOV

FOUNDATIONS - FINALE - SO WHAT?

Café Church is aimed at fostering a sense of community and engagement within the church. We hope that people will learn from each other and feel able to contribute as we discuss Biblical topics and encourage each other in our walk with the Lord.

Please note that Café Church services are not live-streamed.

**KIDS
CHURCH**

will run for 10's
and under

**WANT TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT
CHRISTIANITY?**

**TIME TO
CHAT &
EXPLORE**

**YOUTH
TABLE**

to join in with the
Café Church



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