



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

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

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER

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 4th OCTOBER

10.15 am: Service with James Hern leading and Grace Hope preaching on
Philippians 4 v 2-9 The Gospel guards our minds

Refreshments: **Coffee servers needed**

Prayer Team: John and Sylvia Saunders

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Grahame White

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 22nd October at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the ministry of WBC.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Not every thought deserves to be believed.

Some thoughts arrive loudly enough that we mistake their volume for truth.

- What if everything goes wrong?
- You are on your own.
- This will never change.
- You need to fix this now.

Paul writes to anxious people and does not tell them simply to “think positively”. He tells them to bring everything to God and then says something remarkable:

“The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Guard them. Because the mind is contested ground.

Fear rehearses futures that have not happened. Resentment keeps replaying conversations that are already over.
Shame gives old failures a voice they were never meant to keep.

And then Paul says: think about what is true.
Which thoughts have been discipling me this week?

The gospel does not promise that every frightening possibility will disappear.
It gives us something stronger:

Christ is still Lord before the answer comes, while the problem remains, and when our minds cannot see the way ahead.

His peace does not depend upon our control.
It guards us precisely when we have none.

Philippians 4:6-9

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.

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 and November**. We currently have no-one for 4th & 11th October. Please add your name to the list if you are able to help out.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Food stocks are extremely 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 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.

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 **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**.



Please pray this week for Yeldall Manor



Yeldall Manor is a Christian residential rehabilitation centre not far from Woodley. For over 45 years it has been helping men to overcome drug or alcohol addiction so that they can return to society to live new lives, free from addiction.

Give thanks:-

- For Maarten Fontein, the CEO, who was appointed in March this year, and for the team working with him – for their hard work and commitment to helping men become free from addiction.

Please pray:-

- For wisdom for them as they seek God for the way forward for Yeldall and for guidance for the strategic decisions they have to make.

Give thanks:-

- For a successful sailing course this week for 15 residents and staff which helped build relationships and was a really good experience.

Please pray:-

- For the protection of staff and residents at this busy time and for strength for the task.



Give thanks:-

- For the wedding this weekend of two staff members, Julia and Laurence (a former resident) and the baptism of 3 ex-residents on Sunday week!

Please pray:-

- For God's hand on residents as they follow the programme, that they will respond to the Gospel and trust God to guide them now and in the future and for the protection of ex-residents that they will stay close to Jesus.

We will be supporting the work of Yeldall in our harvest service in October so please see the relevant notice in Take Note for how you can help this special Christian organisation in the amazing work they do!!



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.

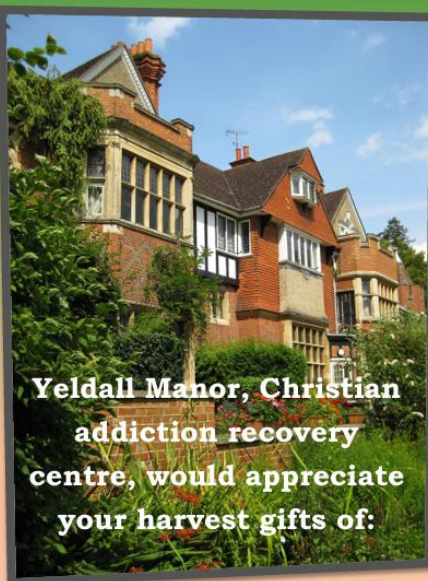
Thank you!

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



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>

We'd love you to join us at
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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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