



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

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

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

10.15am: Service with James Hern leading and Cristi Vidican preaching. (Cristi used to be the Pastor of our sister church in Hidisel)

Refreshments: Mary Osho and Giovana Raimundo

Prayer Team: John and Julie Russell

12.30pm Church Bring and Share Lunch

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

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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**What if the things you are most proud of are the very things keeping you from Christ?**

We usually think the greatest danger to our souls is our failure. Paul suggests something more disturbing.

Sometimes it is our success. Our achievements, our morality, reputation, knowledge, our religious background. The quiet list of things that allows us to say, "I'm doing alright."

Paul had an impressive list too. Then he met Christ.

And suddenly the things he had spent a lifetime counting as gain appeared in a completely different column: loss.

Not because they were all bad things but because even good things become dangerous when we use them to prove our worth, establish our identity, or make ourselves acceptable to God.

The Gospel does more than forgive our failures, It dismantles our reasons for boasting. And perhaps the hardest thing to surrender is not our sin. Perhaps it is the version of ourselves we are most proud of.

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ."

Philippians 3:7

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

The new rota for signing up to do refreshments after Sunday Services can be found in the lounge. Please add your name if you are able to help out.

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 JAC** is now available from the rack to the right of the office door.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Thank you to those who have been praying for my recovery following my recent operation and the resulting illness afterwards.

It was scary as I was indeed very ill, but praise God that your prayers were answered even when I was too ill to pray myself. I am recovering slowly.

Praise the Lord, and thank you for your prayers.

Lynne Gibson

ADVANCE NOTICES

The next **Bring and Share lunch** is happening today (13th) with Pastor Cristi Vidican and his wife, Oana who are 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' MEETING

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**.

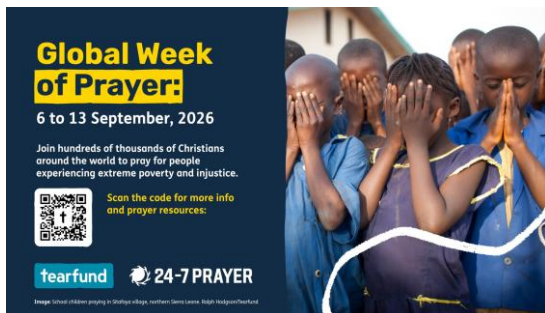
Please pray for Anne Ballard and family. Anne's father is receiving end of life care in hospital.

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



WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you ever ask yourself what kind of legacy you will leave behind you? Let me introduce you to an opportunity to make a difference – a lasting difference! Why not take part in the Global week of prayer? Christians around the world will be praying day and night for the nations of our world this week.



Tearfund has joined with 24-7 Prayer and called for a global week of prayer from September 6th to 11th. You can pray on your own, you can pray with a friend, you can pray in your house group or you can join online.

A prayer sheet is included in the back of Take Note this week for those who do not have online access – it is based on information supplied by Tearfund. For those wanting more information please use [this link](#).

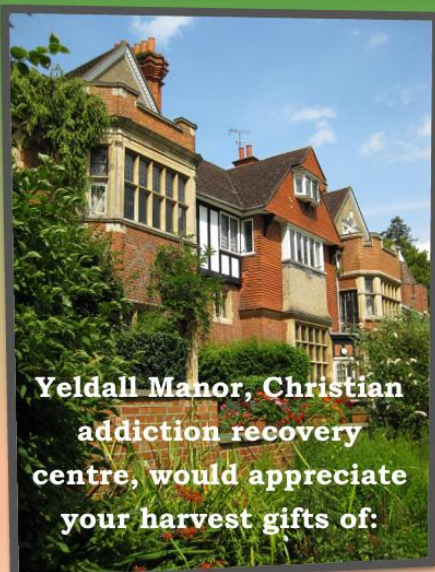
Let us pray for those who are suffering because of war – for those seeking to bring about a peace process and for help to be available for those who are suffering so much.



We do not see this level of famine here in the UK – but in some countries –like Yemen – this is the everyday reality.

Please pray during the week. We know that as we join our prayers to those of our Christian brothers and sisters across the globe, our loving God will hear and respond. Our prayers will make a difference across the world.

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>

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER – 6th-11th SEPTEMBER 2026

Praying for those living in extreme poverty

After decades of decline, the rates of extreme poverty are on the rise – with more than 800 million people still living in extreme poverty worldwide. Conflict, natural disasters and injustice are the main drivers of this, devastating communities around the world. More than 9 million people die from hunger and hunger-related illnesses every year. Three million of those are children under five years old. All are God's children and image-bearers. We know that justice, mercy and peace in the world are possible by praying in the authority of Jesus' name.

Praying for those living with conflict

Pray for just and lasting peace: **Pray** that world leaders and policy makers have compassion, wisdom, courage and God's guidance to take action for just and lasting peace for conflict around the world. **Pray** for provision: **Ask God** to sustain families left without an income or the means to find food and shelter – those who have been displaced from their homes and those who are grieving. **Pray** that aid reaches all those who need it. **Pray** for the local church, local peacebuilders and other humanitarian responders: **Thank God** for all those reaching across divides to build just and lasting peace, showing God's love by responding to great need. **Pray** for protection, strength and resilience as they continue to serve in incredibly challenging circumstances.

Praying for those living with the impact of climate change

Pray for our collective response: **Pray** that we would continue supporting communities experiencing the worst effects of the climate crisis – that we would show Jesus' love to our global neighbours by caring for our environment, minimising our own climate impact and helping them cope with the impacts they face.

Praying for those living with gender violence

Pray for churches around the world: **Thank God** for churches leading the way in speaking out against violence, supporting survivors with advocacy and healing. **Ask God** to help churches listen to survivors and speak up when it's needed most. **Pray** for provision to equip churches to run programmes offering hope, healing and transformation to survivors – teaching the God-given value of men and women. **Pray** that God will bind up the wounds of survivors – that he will give them the strength and courage to speak out against sexual and gender-based violence and heal after such tragic and traumatic events. **Pray** for men, women and girls: **Ask God** to help them access opportunities and have the freedom, in every context, to thrive and to fulfil their God-given potential.

Please take some time to pray during this week in September. Our prayers make a difference!