



Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Harvest Service with Communion - Jane van Es leading Pastor Danny preaching on Philippians 4 v 10-23 – The Gospel creates generosity

Refreshments: Debbie Hamblin and Vicky Lanfear

Prayer Team: Grace Hope and Grahame White

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

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

10.15 m: Café Church with Grace Hope leading and Pastor Danny preaching
Introduction to our new series – FOUNDATIONS
- Five truths that still stand

Refreshments: Ginny Priddy and Paul Kingsnorth

Prayer Team: Jane van Es and John Russell

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise

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

Peace feels secure until circumstances stop asking our permission

Paul says, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."
That is not indifference. Hunger still hurts. Loss still wounds. Uncertainty still exhausts us.

But Paul has discovered a freedom deeper than circumstance.
We often think peace will come when life finally becomes manageable.
The bible says peace begins when Christ becomes more precious than control.

It is easy to confuse a quiet life with a quiet soul.
So ask yourself:
How much of your peace is rented from your circumstances?
"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" is not a promise that we can achieve anything we want.

It is a confession that Christ is enough when life gives us less than we hoped for.
Contentment is not pretending that everything is fine.
It is discovering that when life gives us less than we hoped for, grace does not give us less of Christ.
The circumstances may change. Strength may fail. Plans may unravel.
But the Christ who holds us has not moved.

What circumstances cannot give, they cannot finally take away.
Christ remains.

And sometimes the deepest peace is simply discovering that he really is enough.

Philippians 4:11–13

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

HARVEST APPEAL 2026

We will be holding our Harvest Service today and there is 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 this morning's 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.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

We are looking for folk who are happy to serve refreshments after the Sunday Services for a few dates in November and December. Please add your name to the list if you are able to help out.

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.



Another three successful coffee mornings took place this week in aid of Macmillan. The amount raised:

Sunday morning	£ 87.60
Cameo	£ 67.20
Morning Coffee	£168.60
Su's blankets	£116.00
TOTAL	£439.40

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

The Macmillan charity continues to provide/has provided in the past such wonderful support which means so much to many of us.



STREETS OF LIGHT 2026

We would like to encourage you to take part in this worthwhile initiative again this year.

The website: streetsoflight.co.uk provides lots of ideas and information to enable us to share the message of God's love and light during these dark days, and especially as an antidote to the dark messages often broadcast at Halloween. It's simple, low cost and just requires a bit of imagination and lots of sellotape, to bring light into your neighbourhood. It would be great if lots of us took part this year, with your windows being decorated between Monday 26th October - Sunday 1st November 2026.

Come and chat with me if you want more information.

God bless from Grace

The latest edition of **Premiere Radio's Voice of Hope** devotions is now available in the foyer.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

Products that we are in need of this week include:

Tins of Meat, Tinned pies, etc.

Tinned Potatoes

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>.

FAMILY MATTERS

This week we heard the sad news of the death of one of WBC's founder members', Mary Lowen. Mary passed peacefully last Sunday at Christchurch Hospice after being admitted on Friday 2nd Oct. She is with her Lord, Geoff & Timmy after suffering from an on-going heart condition. Please pray for all the family.

Mary's Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday 27th October, 11.45am at:

Poulner Baptist Chapel,
Linford Road,
Ringwood.
BH24 3HZ

UPDATE ON RYAN TYE – Danny prayed for Ryan at the start of last Sunday's service and after a day spent in A&E he has been diagnosed with a herniated (bulging) disc in his spine. He is recovering well at home and is hoping to be back at work, firefighting, in 2-3 weeks' time.

Thank you all for your prayers.

Annie Tye

ADVANCE NOTICES

PRAYER FOR WOODLEY

If you have a heart for Woodley why not join other Christians who will be gathering to pray here at WBC on Saturday 17th October from 9 to 10am. It would be lovely to see lots of WBC folk attending.

ECO OPEN AFTERNOON 2026

St James Eco Church Team are holding their annual Eco Afternoon on Saturday 17th October. For further details please see the poster on the notice board 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 Susie Williams, Cameo member, who had a partial knee replacement just over a week ago.

Please pray for Kevin & Denice Lowen and the extended family as they make preparations for Mary's Thanksgiving Service, Ryan Tye, Susie Williams (a Cameo member), 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.



HARVEST

This harvest time we have the opportunity of thanking God for all His blessings to us and of giving help to those less fortunate than ourselves.



This year we are helping the **Baptist Missionary Society**. Their project this year is to support the Change Agents in Sierra Leone who, through local churches, train people to start small businesses to provide for themselves and their families. In Sierra Leone there is a tendency to rely on foreign aid, but this project trains people

to use their God-given talents to start projects which will give them a way out of their poverty. Money raised will help BMS to train new Change Agents to extend their work through churches across Sierra Leone so that more people will find Jesus and a way out of poverty.

The offering in the collection bags this Sunday will be given to BMS.

We are often reminded in the newspapers and on the news of the growing number of families who rely on food banks to feed their families. Thank you to those who regularly bring gifts to help provide food for the Woodley food bank. Today is another opportunity to bless others. A list of food which is needed is regularly available in Take Note.



Yeldall Manor, our local Christian drug rehabilitation centre, would love to receive our gifts – as on the list on the back page - to replenish their stocks of items which are regularly needed. Harvest gives us the opportunity to help them and encourage them in their ministry.



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:

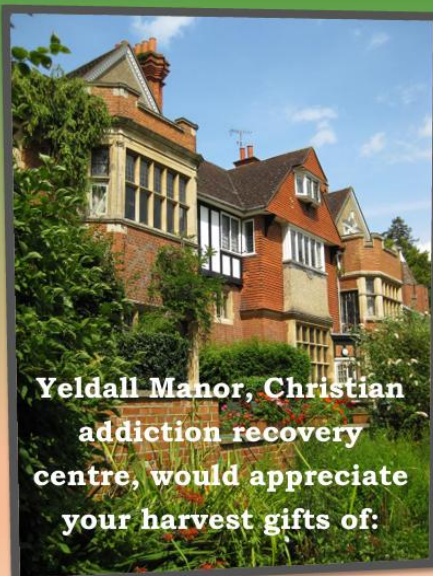
https://www.justgiving.com/page/ryan-tye-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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

Thank you! **Ryan Tye**

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 birch,
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>



October prayer points

Week beginning 12th Oct: Yr 5 Highwood: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving

Week beginning 19th Oct: Yr 6 Highwood: How do Christians live? What would Jesus do?

- Please pray for the lessons to be delivered this half term
These are all new lessons to the team - pray for each volunteer as they prepare for each lesson and deliver them to the classes at Highwood.
- Pray for the lessons being arranged for next half term. Demand for lessons Nov/Dec is always high please pray that we will be able to accommodate as many as possible.
- Pray for Linda as she writes all these new lessons. Pray for time, inspiration and creativity that will enable pupils to engage well with each lesson.

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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