



# Woodley Baptist Church

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*'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.*

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2026**

## TODAY'S SERVICES

**10.15am:** Service with James Hern leading and Grace Hope preaching on Philippians 4 v2-9 - The Gospel guards our minds

**Refreshments:** Jacky and Ray Crossman

**Prayer Team:** John and Sylvia Saunders

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

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

**10.15 am:** 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

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the ministry of WBC.

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Anxiety often carries a hidden assumption:

- Everything depends on me.

I must anticipate every problem, hold everything together, find the answer, prevent the worst.

And then, almost quietly, Paul writes:

"The Lord is near."

That changes everything.

Prayer is not a religious technique for making ourselves feel calmer. It is the moment we stop pretending to be sovereign.

We bring our fears, needs and uncertainties to God because they were never ours to control in the first place.

Perhaps that is why Paul connects prayer with peace.

The peace of God does not come because every problem has been solved. It comes because, in prayer, we remember who is God and who is not.

So perhaps the question is not simply, "What are you worried about?"

It is:

What are you carrying as though everything depended on you?

The gospel does not promise us control.

It gives us something far better: the presence of Christ.

And the peace that guards the mind begins where our need to be in control finally loosens its grip.

Philippians 4:5-7

**Pastor Danny**

## GENERAL NOTICES

### HARVEST APPEAL 2026

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BOOK CASE** – We have a tall bookcase in the minister's office which is surplus to requirements is in very good condition. It is approx. 6ft high and 2ft wide with 5 shelves. If anyone would like it for a small donation to the church, please speak to **Dot or Andrew Butler**.

### 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](mailto:diahughes@hotmail.com).

## STREETS OF LIGHT 2026

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

The website: [streetsoflight.co.uk](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026.

Come and chat with me if you want more information.

**God bless from Grace**

**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 for a few dates in November and December. 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:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The 'Morning Coffee' team will be hosting their annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care this coming Wednesday (7<sup>th</sup> October) 10am to 12 noon.

Cakes will also be available after the service today for you to donate to this worthy cause.

Cameo members will have their own Coffee Morning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9 to 10am. It would be lovely to see lots of WBC folk attending.



**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 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.**



## BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY



Next week we will be celebrating harvest and as has been our custom for a while now, we will be sending our Sunday morning offering to the Baptist Missionary Society towards their harvest project, which this year is for the work of the Change Agents in Sierra Leone.

After years of war and instability Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in Africa with a dependency on aid from outside. BMS is working to change that culture through their programme of Change Agents, working through the local church, who empower people to recognise ways in which they can help themselves out of poverty.

The BMS harvest video, available online, tells the story of Ruth who, having been helped by the Change Agents, started her way out of poverty by buying a fridge and selling cold water. The proceeds enabled her to buy a house and invest in a pharmacy. The money raised gave her family a home, education for the children and the opportunity to improve their lives. She thanks God for His guidance every step of the way.



Other ideas coming out of these training projects include agricultural projects, animal farming and selling beadwork. The training helps to break the cycle of poverty, giving people tools to use in order to help themselves, rather than rely on outside aid.

The money raised by BMS through their harvest focus will help to raise money to train more Change Agents. It costs £30 to train a Change Agent – empowering the local churches to help people find Jesus and find a way out of poverty. Please pray for this amazing work of God in Sierra Leone.

***We can make a difference in Sierra Leone by helping this project. I know some people don't usually carry cash nowadays, but next week why not bring a gift and put it in the offering bag on Sunday morning? Who knows how many people may live changed lives because of your gift? Thank you.***



## **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](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!

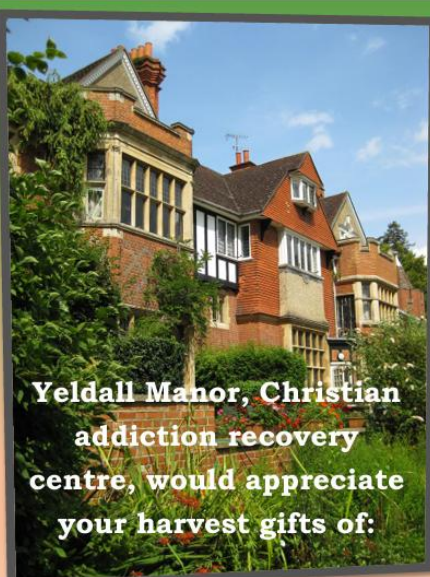
**Ryan Tye**

# 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** **CAFE 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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