

Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY15th NOVEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Service with Pastor Danny leading and preaching
- FOUNDATIONS Solus Christus – Christ alone
Acts 4:8-12

Refreshments: Ginny Priddy and Paul Kingsnorth

Prayer Team: Ann Royston and Graham White

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Pastor Danny leading

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Pastor Danny preaching
- FOUNDATIONS Soli Deo Gloria – God's Glory Alone
1 Corinthians 10:31

Refreshments: Elspeth Cooper and Vicky Lanfear

Prayer Team: John and Julie Russell

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 26th November at 7.30pm. Please join us as we seek the Lord for the ministry of WBC.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We spend a great deal of energy protecting the person we need to believe we are.

Capable. Decent. In control.

Perhaps that is why needing a Saviour can feel more threatening than needing advice. In Acts 4, Peter speaks of Christ as "the stone you builders rejected".

That image is unsettling. We often reject what exposes our deepest dependence. Jesus does not come merely to strengthen the self we have carefully constructed. He becomes the foundation beneath it.
And then Peter says: "Salvation is found in no one else." Acts 4:12

This is the end of an exhausting illusion:
We were never meant to carry the weight of saving ourselves.

Christ Alone means that our hope no longer depends on how well we hold ourselves together.
Our hope rests on the One who entered death and came out the other side.

So, whatever is unfinished, whatever is fragile, whatever still frightens us, Christ is not fragile.

He has already gone where we cannot go, carried what we could not carry, and defeated what we could never defeat. Christ Alone means that our future is no longer held together by our strength, but by his.
And that is a hope strong enough to live on.

Acts 4:8–12

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES



The start of November signals the start of Woodley Food Bank's Christmas campaign. As in previous years, they are running their 'Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal' during November. If anyone would like to take part and buy the items on the sheet to be packed into a Christmas parcel for Food Bank clients, please pick up a list from Lesley in the office.

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS

There are a couple of remaining gaps for folk to serve refreshments after the Sunday Services on 29th November & 27th December. We also need 3 people to serve at the Carol Service on 20th December.

Please add your name to the list on the table in the foyer if you are able to help out.

REinspired in Bulmershe Secondary School

From 9th to 20th November Christians from Woodley and Earley will join the students of year 9 (aged 13/14) in Bulmershe School, looking at some of their questions around faith and ethics as part of their RE curriculum.

Please pray for Chris van Es as he leads the lesson with the ten classes, along with Graham from WBC and volunteers from other local churches, that they will be clear, respectful and creative as they engage with the students and their questions.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

Papers have now been circulated for the Members' Meeting on Tuesday 24th November. The main item will be the 2027 budget.

COULD YOU HELP SHARE GOD'S STORY

REinspired Woodley is looking for volunteers to join their primary schools' work. If this is something you would like to get involved in please see the poster on the noticeboard in the foyer for further information.

COULD IT BE YOU?

Would you be able to give a lift to some-one, to and from church, just once a month on a rota basis?

If you feel you could help in this way,

Please speak to **Julie Russell.**

FAMILY MATTERS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Ann Penson's funeral will take place on 27th November, 1.00pm at Kennet Valley Free Church, Carters Rise, Fords Farm, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7YT.

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 21st November from 9 to 10am. It would be lovely to see lots of WBC folk attending.

Please note that the meeting in December will be on the 2nd Saturday, not the usual 3rd, so will be on 12th December again at WBC.

In January, February and March they will be on the 3rd Saturdays of those months at St John the Evangelist.

BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

The Bible Journaling Group will be meeting on Monday 23rd November from 7.30-9pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us.

INVITATION FROM PROVIDENCE ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

We would like to extend a warm invitation to Woodley Baptist Church family to join us for a special service on **Sunday, 29th November 2026**.

This will be a particularly meaningful occasion in the life of our congregation, as we will be holding the official pastoral installation ceremony of **Pastor Lucian Ciofirdel**, as well as the ordination of **Daniel-Ovidiu Stir** to the office of elder.

We will be honoured by the presence of representatives from the Romanian Baptist Communities of Sibiu and Brașov, Romania.

Further details regarding the service and timings to follow.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING SOCIAL

Save the Date: If you enjoy crafting why not come along on Saturday 5th December, 6-8.30pm when we will be enjoying an evening of creativity and chatter in the lounge. Further details can be found on the flyer at the back of Take Note.



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 the family of Ann Penson, Kevin & Denice Lowen and the extended family, **Sheena Wall, Anne Duffin, Lynne Gibson, Peggy Reynolds, Margaret Stamp, Val & Brian Lee and family, and Mandy & Allan Dodd.**

MISSION UPDATE



It was very special to see Debbi briefly when she was in the UK a couple of weeks ago. She was here to be present at the graduation ceremony of their older son Chris. She was also able to spend time with her elderly parents.

Give thanks
Congratulations to Chris who, at the graduation ceremony, also received an award for being the best final year undergraduate student. He has now completed his probation period with the company in London where he works.

Give thanks that Matthew, their younger son, is going to be baptised on the last Sunday in November. **Please pray** for him.



Give thanks too for the new part-time Pastor at their International church – an answer to many prayers!!

Please pray for a new Operations Director to be appointed in Debbi's team. The previous Director had to return to the States earlier in the year, as his wife had been diagnosed with cancer. Debbi has taken on some of his responsibilities and is carrying a heavy workload at present.



Will and Judith are preparing to go to Central African Republic from November 21st to December 11th. **Please pray for them**, as they prepare. Will, amongst other jobs, is going to be checking the translation of Acts. **Please pray** that Judith's programme will make the best use of her time while she is there. Please pray too for safe travel, good health and a productive visit.

FOUNDATIONS
FIVE TRUTHS THAT STILL STAND

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES
18th October – 29th November 2026

18/10/2026	10am 6.30pm	CAFE CHURCH Intro FOUNDATIONS: Five truths that still stand Informal worship service
25/10/2026	10.15am 6.30pm	FOUNDATIONS: Sola Scriptura - Scripture alone Zoom prayer meeting – See Take Note for details
01/11/2026	10.15am 6.30PM	FOUNDATIONS: Sola Gratia - Grace alone Informal worship service
08/11/2026	10.15am 6.30pm	FOUNDATIONS: Sola Fide - Faith alone Remembrance Sunday with All age communion Zoom prayer meeting – See Take Note for details
15/11/2026	10.15am 6.30pm	FOUNDATIONS: Solus Christus - Christ alone Informal worship service
22/11/2026	10.15am 6.30pm	FOUNDATIONS: Soli Deo Gloria - God's glory alone Zoom prayer meeting – See Take Note for details
29/11/2026	10am 6.30pm	CAFE CHURCH FOUNDATIONS finale - SO WHAT? When belief becomes life Zoom prayer meeting – See Take Note for details

Adults Christmas Craft Event



Come along, get creative and enjoy some festive fun!
Decorate Christmas baubles, make cards, create a gift box and more.
Crafts for all abilities.

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Saturday 5 December 6 pm – 8.30 pm

Enjoy hot drinks, mince pies and biscuits.

Get creative for a good cause
Donations are required, with all money raised going to Yeldall Manor.

Need a lift? Lifts can be arranged if required.

Please add your name to the sign-up in the foyer.