

Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.15am: Service with Jane van Es leading and Pastor Danny preaching
- FOUNDATIONS Soli Deo Gloria – God's Glory Alone
Romans 11:33-36

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

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

10.15am: Café Church with Rachel Hughes leading and Pastor Danny preaching
- FOUNDATIONS Finale – SO WHAT?
When belief becomes life

Please note that refreshments are served from 10.00am and worship will start at 10.15am.

Refreshments: **Servers needed!**

Prayer Team: Grace Hope and Jane van Es

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

One of the quiet tragedies of faith is becoming familiar with a God we should never find ordinary.

We can learn the language, know the doctrines, sing the songs, hear another sermon, and still lose our wonder.
Romans 11 does not end with Paul explaining God. It ends with Paul overwhelmed by him:

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"

There comes a point where theology should become worship.
Augustine spoke of God as the Beauty behind every beauty the One our restless hearts were made to desire.

The deepest danger is not that we stop believing in God. It is that we continue believing, but no longer find him breathtaking.

Soli Deo Gloria is more than giving God the credit. It is discovering again that God himself is the glory.

And when we truly see him, worship is no longer something we have to manufacture. It becomes the soul's astonished response:

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory for ever."

Romans 11:33–36

Pastor Danny

GENERAL NOTICES

LOOKING AHEAD TO CAFE CHURCH. FIVE TRUTHS, ONE GOSPEL.

For five weeks we have explored the great truths at the heart of the Reformation:

Scripture Alone. Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Christ Alone. To God's Glory Alone.

But here is a more uncomfortable question:

What protects the Gospel from slowly becoming something else?

Most distortions don't begin by rejecting Christianity altogether.

Sometimes they begin with something much smaller. An addition here, a difficult truth softened there, something made a little easier to accept.

So perhaps the real questions are:

How much can we change before the Gospel is no longer the Gospel?

Which parts of Christianity are we most tempted to make more comfortable?

And are the Five Solas simply truths we believe or foundations strong enough to carry the weight of our lives?

Before Cafe Church on 29th November, you might want to read Galatians 1:6–9 and sit with one question:

What must never change if the Gospel is to remain the Gospel?

We'll explore that together around the tables.

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.**

WBC DIRECTORY

Paper copies of the new WBC Directory have now been published. Please pick up a copy from Lesley in the Church Office. The directory has also been updated on our website and can be accessed through the Members' Section. Please can you destroy, or bring into Lesley for shredding, any old directories that you may have at home to abide by General Data Protection Regulations.



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 - the most urgent is next week, 29th. We also need 3 people to serve at the Carol Service on 20th December and 2 people for Sunday 27th December.

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

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 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 the Woodley Baptist Church family to join us for a special service on **Sunday, 29th November**.
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 see Debbie Hamblin to sign up.



Please pray for the war in the Middle East and the ongoing situations 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.**

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR SAMY MANSOUR



One of our church members, Samy Mansour, was involved in setting up the Earls Court Community Project as a ministry in the 1980s. It was an outreach initiative primarily focused on the Earls Court area in London. The name was changed to Kingdom Compassion in 2012 to better reflect the ministry which had grown out of the original vision.

Samy is the CEO of Kingdom Compassion. For a better understanding of the work of Kingdom Compassion, please take a look at the mission board in the worship area, which explains the work of the organisation.

One of the projects in which Samy is currently involved is a review of City to City's training programme for Senior Pastors whose role is to coach church planters. City to City, which is a church planting organisation, is planning to move into a new area – Egypt and North Africa. They asked Samy to review their training materials so that they are appropriate for those working in the Middle East and North Africa. Samy, who is Egyptian by birth, will be in Egypt from Saturday November 21st until Sunday December 6th working on this project.

Please pray:-

- For safe travel to and from Egypt. Samy's wife Susan will be joining him for the first week of the trip, which will be a holiday.
- That they will have a good time of fun and refreshment together.
- That Samy will know God's wisdom and guidance as he presents his recommendations for changes to the training programme to make it culturally sensitive whilst keeping the Gospel message central.

Our prayers make a difference!

PLEASE ALSO PRAY THIS WEEK FOR WILL & JUDITH SAWERS



Will and Judith Sawers left on Friday for their trip to Bangui, the capital of Central African Republic. Judith will be returning on December 5th and Will on December 12th.

Please pray:-

- For them both as they readjust to life in Bangui and that they will both stay well during their time there.
- For Will, who will be checking Acts of the Apostles with the Yangere team, that it will go smoothly and they will not be hindered by lack of power to their computers!
- For Judith, who hopes to meet the translation teams she didn't manage to fit in on her previous trip and to sort out some communication related topics with Adelphe, who is the new executive director of ACATBA (the Central African organisation in charge of the Bible translation work)
- That they manage to accomplish all the goals for this 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.

Woodley Baptist Church

Saturday 5th 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.