

Woodley Baptist Church

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'United in knowing Jesus and making Him known'.

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026

TODAY'S SERVICES

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: Jo Walder, Emily Wong and Kosen

Prayer Team: Grace Hope and Jane van Es

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

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2026

7.30-9.00pm **WOT (World Out There) Prayer meeting for mission**
All welcome to join via Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84363860623?pwd=NFBYK2RwV0FKbXJ0dFMwVHpvcDZZUT09
Meeting ID: 843 6386 0623
Passcode: 218514

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

10.15am: Communion Service with Pastor Danny leading and preaching
- Home for Christmas – The longing for home

Refreshments: Paul Kingsnorth and Ginny Priddy

Prayer Team: Carol Runnalls and Anne Ballard

6.30pm: Informal Service of Worship and Praise with Mary Kareem-Osho and Ann Royston

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
We will not be having a meeting during December.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The Longing for Home

Sometimes what we call nostalgia is a deeper kind of homesickness.

We miss a house. A person. A season of life. The way things used to feel.

But even when we return, something is not quite the same. Perhaps because the ache was never only for a place.

The Bible speaks of humanity as people who have lost more than comfort. We have lost home with God. That is why Christmas reaches deeper than sentiment.

Isaiah speaks into darkness and announces a child:
"For to us a child is born…" Isaiah 9:6

The answer to our deepest longing is not a return to the past. It is the arrival of a King.

Christmas is the story of God entering our darkness to bring exiles home. We were made for a home no earthly place can fully become.

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.

CAROL SINGING OUTSIDE TESCO

You are all warmly invited to join us in singing carols outside the Tesco store on Saturday 19th December for about an hour.
We will meet at WBC at 10:30am for a short time of prayer before our singing, with Howard Ballard accompanying us on his accordion.
This is a wonderful opportunity to bless our neighbours and shoppers, so please try and join us if you are able.
God bless from Grace

WARM SPACES AT WBC

We would like to open the church lounge on Thursday and Friday mornings 10am to 12noon from December to February, so that people can come and sit in a warm space and enjoy a hot drink and a friendly chat. In order to do that we need people to volunteer, maybe as a regular weekly session, or just a few dates when you are available.
In these days of concern over rising fuel prices, please think if you could be that friendly face as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel in a practical way, with our community.
If you are able to help please add your name to the sign-up sheet or speak to Grace if you would like to find out more.

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 printed. 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

We do not have anyone to serve refreshments after the Service on Sunday 27th December and we also require a couple more people to join Giovana in serving at the Carol Service on 20th December,

If this is something you are able to help with please add your name to the list on the table in the foyer.

ADVANCE NOTICES

INVITATION FROM PROVIDENCE ROMANIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The leadership of Providence Church have invited us to join them for a special service this Sunday - 29th November. The service will start at 2pm and run through until about 4. It will be followed by a shared meal.

This will be a particularly meaningful occasion as they will be ordaining Lucian as their Pastor and Daniel as an Elder.

Representatives from the Romanian Baptist Communities of Sibiu and Brașov will be taking part.

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.

If anyone has any old Christmas card fronts they are willing to donate for one of the craft tables, please pass them to Grace Hope as soon as you are able.

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 12th December at 9.00am, the 2nd Saturday in December, not the usual 3rd. In January, February and March they will be on the 3rd Saturdays at St John the Evangelist.



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 Pat Boniface following hip replacement surgery this past week.

Please pray for the family of Norman New, a former WBC member, who passed away suddenly last week.

Please pray for the family of Ann Penson, for Tobias McGeough, Anne Duffin, Lynne Gibson, Peggy Reynolds, Margaret Stamp, Val & Brian Lee and family, and Mandy & Allan Dodd.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES WHO ARE ABROAD AT PRESENT



Please pray for Samy and Susan this week – for Susan that she will have a good return journey back to the UK this weekend and for Samy as he begins his work with City to City.

Samy will be working through a review of City to City's training programme for Senior Pastors whose role is to coach church planters.

Please pray that Samy will stay well and sleep well, also that he 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.
Pray too that the review will be a real blessing to all those who will be using the material. Pray also for a good journey back to the UK on Sunday December 6th.

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Please pray too for Will and Judith Sawers in Bangui, the capital of Central African Republic. **Please pray** that they will both stay well during their time there.

Pray for Will to make good progress with checking the Acts of the Apostles with the Yangere team and that they will not be hindered by lack of power to their computers!

Pray for Judith, that she will be able to accomplish all the goals which she had in mind for this visit.

Give thanks that Judith's luggage has arrived safely!! Thank you for praying.

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 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.

WE'D LOVE YOU TO JOIN US AT

WOODLEY BAPTIST CHURCH'S

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The story of God coming to bring us home

SUN 6 DEC — *The Longing for Home*
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10.15AM

SUN 13 DEC — *No Room*
CHRISTMAS CAFE CHURCH - 10AM

SUN 20 DEC — *God Left Home*
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10.15AM

SUN 20 DEC — *Christmas Carol Service*
4PM

THU 24 DEC — *Family Fun 'The Star' film*
CHRISTMAS EVE - 3PM TO 5PM

FRI 25 DEC — *Welcome Home*
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 10.15AM



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