



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

A warm welcome to our services today.

Sunday 5th October 2008 A.D.

Visiting? Please do take a moment to give us a record of your visit by filling in one of the "Welcome Cards" which can be found on the tables as you came in.

If you are thinking about regularly worshipping with us, do take a WELCOME PACK, giving more details about ourselves and the activities that run mid-week – see one of the Stewards.

Stewards can help you find your way around our building if you need assistance.

Toy bags are available to borrow in the front foyer under the tables if you feel your children would appreciate them during the service.

Children & Young People have their own groups part way through the morning service. Crèche facilities are available.

Refreshments are served after the morning service and again before the evening service. Do please join us.

Allestree

9.30am PRAYER downstairs in the Holt – All Welcome!!
10.30am All-age praise, prayer and Bible teaching
Going the Distance
Confident Christianity
Hebrews 10: 19-39 Tim Gunn

Oakwood

10.30am All-age praise, prayer, Bible teaching & communion
Going the distance
Don't be hard-hearted!
Hebrews 3: 7-19 Phil Butcher

Allestree

7.00pm Praise, prayer, Bible teaching and communion
News of the hour
Crucified!
Mark 15: 21-41 Jon Butler

If you would like someone to pray with you after our services there are a number of people available to do this. Please do approach one of our Church Leaders, who are all

wearing badges

There is an **afternoon walk** TODAY, around Meynall Langley & Mackworth, approximately 5 & a half miles. All ages are welcome, good footwear is needed. Please bring a packed lunch with you. For further details speak with Betty Killick

Youth Leaders' Meeting: As we have prayed & talked over the last few weeks, some visionary ideas & thoughts about the future have slowly developed. There is still more to think and pray about before new initiatives commence or old ones are relaunched. We will meet again **tomorrow** (Monday) for prayer & discussion at 7.45pm at Tim & Philippa's home, 49 Birchover Way. This is for ALL currently serving God or interested in serving God in children's & young people's work.

Allestree Elders are meeting together on Tuesday evening. Please continue to remember them in your prayers at this time.

"Teenagers - what every parent has to know" - presentation by Care for the Family. An evening to help you: deal with really testing teenagers, find out what's going on in your teenager's brain and also addressing big issues. It is at the Riverside Centre, Pride Park at 7.30-10 pm THIS THURSDAY 9th October. Leaflets are on the table, tickets £6 on 029-2081-0800

Gideons Update

On **Monday and Tuesday** the Gideons were able to give out 2,000 Testaments at the Freshers' Fair. This number far outweighed our earlier distributions. More importantly we were very encouraged by the positive attitudes shown by many students and staff when offered the Scriptures. Some came back and asked for copies for their friends. Some expressed their appreciation of the work we were involved with. Let's pray that in the future Heaven will ring with the praises of people who came into the University Atrium earlier last week without then knowing Christ!

On **Wednesday** the Gideons, plus Phil Butcher, were able to give out about 200 Testaments to Year 7 pupils, plus some to staff, at Woodlands School. We were encouraged by the very positive support and welcome given by Mr Alan Brady, the Christian Head of the School. He would appreciate our prayers for his work in our neighbourhood.

Next Saturday there is a 'Meet the Gideons' day at New Life Christian Centre, Normanton Road. It is an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Gideons in Derbyshire and internationally. Peter Grange will be speaking, he has recently returned from a 'Bible Blitz' in Italy. It starts at 11am, with a free buffet lunch at 12.30pm.

"So who is this Jesus?" We still have a large number of this short video featuring Russell Boulter which introduces people to the startling reality of who Jesus is. Although videos are being replaced by DVDs this excellent resource is free to anybody who can give them away to family or friends. Please take them

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from the table in the entrance hall. **This really is an excellent resource and can be used in small groups or simply as a one off free gift!**

Tim Gunn is speaking at the Myton Church, Warwick, "Away Day" next Saturday on the subject of, "the church"! Please pray for Tim as he prepares and speaks. Little entries in the diary assume the size of elephants as they approach!! Tim is also in Ecclesbourne School tomorrow helping with GCSE RE groups on the subject, "An introduction to basic Christian beliefs".

"Being an Inclusive Church" is a day conference by Prospects about including those with learning difficulties in church life. It is on Saturday 18th October at the Kings Centre in Manchester. If you are interested and want more information please speak with Gerry Henderson.

Sunday morning refreshments: Ros Case is looking for more volunteers to help serve refreshments on Sunday mornings. You would be part of a team making drinks and tidying up afterwards – having fellowship at the kitchen sink! Currently the teams are on the rota one week in ten. Please speak with Ros if you are interested in serving this way.

Autumn thanksgiving and gift day was last Sunday. A total of £4509.82 was received. The money is to support the following: Chris, Interserve partner in Lebanon; UCCF 'FREE' initiative; The 'Life Exhibition', taking place at Ashbourne Road Methodist church; Mark & Pam as they return to Central Asia with all the associated costs. If you were unable to give last weekend but still wish to do so, please place your gift in an envelope clearly marked, "gift day", and hand it to the church treasurer, Sue Smith, or to one of the church leaders

<p>Anthony and Emma Adams have a new address. It is: 82 Empress Road, Derby DE23 6TE. Tel: 01332 361290. They say thanks to everyone for their prayers and support over the last 6 years, and in recent couple of months in particular. They are still looking for tenants/buyers for their house in Allestree, so please keep praying about that situation and for the start up of Urban Life</p>

Operation Christmas Child: Please pick up a leaflet from the table, and prepare your shoe box – we have received our first completed boxes! You do not need to put together a shoe box to contribute to this annual event. If you can knit, Ros Jackson has patterns to follow to make hats, scarves mittens and hand puppets that can be put into boxes. We have until late October.

Fulwood Conference is on 6th & 7th November in Sheffield. Leaflets can be found on the table. The theme this year is the person and work of God the Holy Spirit, a vital topic for our church and work. It's great to have such a good conference so local to us, so if you can come - even for only one of the days - it would be well worth it. Lifts can be arranged. If you are interested in going please speak with Tim or Phil.

Email contact addresses for members of the Butcher family are:

Phil: phil@vennsacre.fsnet.co.uk

Briony: briony_63@hotmail.com

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Although the heaters blowing hot air in the two lobbies may be annoying PLEASE DO NOT turn them off - EVER - as they are part of the SAFETY system of the boiler. If they are turned off there is every chance that the heating system will stop working.

Esther Gunn: Thanks for all your prayers. She is settling in well but could do with some good friends! Please keep on praying. Her new address in France is:

Mlle Esther Gunn

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Responsibilities for 5/10/08

Baby Crèche: Claire & Claire

Toddler Crèche: Philippa, Jo & Hilary

Stewards: John & Maureen

Stewards pm: David

Refreshments: Sue, Richard & Jenny

Refreshments pm: Philippa

Chairs: Jonda, Tim, Steve K & David A

Flowers: Sue Walsh

Responsibilities for 12/10/08

Baby Crèche: Jenny & Pam

Toddler Crèche: Sue, Chris & Alison

Stewards: Stuart & Mona

Stewards pm: Stuart

Refreshments: Mandy, Shirley, Angela & Lesley

Refreshments pm: Ros, George & Scott

Chairs: David, Peter, Nick, Gideon & Becky

Flowers: Mary Hart

Church Notice Sheet: Items for the notice sheet, next Sunday, must be passed to **Esther Watson** by Wednesday evening. Details can be left in her pigeonhole or you can ring the office, 551336, where there is an answerphone or email: church-admin@hotmail.co.uk. Esther's home phone number is 510025.

Sunday 12th October

Allestree
10.30am

All-age praise, prayer and Bible teaching
Going the Distance
Faith – seeing the invisible
Hebrews 11: 1-16 **Phil Butcher**

Oakwood
10.30am

All-age praise, prayer & Bible teaching
Going the distance
Don't miss out!
Hebrews 4: 1-13 **Norman McCrone**

Allestree
7.00pm

Praise, prayer, Bible teaching and communion
News of the hour
Dead and buried!
Mark 15: 42 - 47 **Tim Gunn**

Quote unquote: "The Christian who wants to encounter God without listening to what He has to say may remain in the condition of a smilingly sub-literate and disobedient two-year-old! Sanctification of the mind is of pivotal importance in sanctification of the whole life, and sanctification of the mind involves an

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increasing ability to think biblically under the empowering of the Spirit" - *Richard Lovelace, "Dynamics of spiritual life", p.282*

What has God been saying to you today?

What do you need to do?

Giving to Woodlands: If you would like to make a gift on a Sunday to Woodlands, there are collection boxes fixed to the walls as you come into the Church Hall in Allestree.