



# WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

## A warm welcome to our services today.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
Faith – seeing the invisible  
Hebrews 11: 1-16 Phil Butcher

**Oakwood** All-age praise, prayer & Bible teaching  
**10.30am** Going the distance  
Don't miss out!  
Hebrews 4: 1-13 Norman McCrone

**Allestree** Praise, prayer, Bible teaching and communion  
**7.00pm** News of the hour  
Dead and buried!  
Mark 15: 42 - 47 Tim Gunn

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

**Please pray for Phil** as 2 Year 9 classes from Woodlands School visit the church building to learn about baptism this week - Tuesday 14th afternoon & Thursday 16th morning.

**Oakwood Elders** are meeting together on Tuesday evening – please pray for them as they plan for the future and seek God’s will.

**Leaders Away Day:** Next Saturday morning, 18<sup>th</sup> October, the Elders plus other key leaders from the Church are spending time away together to pray, discuss and plan about the future life of the church. Please do pray for this morning under God, that it would be a significant time and a bold stepping stone towards what lies ahead.

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

**Hot House (formerly EMYJO)** are performing an evening of Big Band and Jazz music on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Woodlands Church, Allestree. Tickets are £10 (£7 concessions) and are available from Jayne on 07817 086062. It is a charity concert, raising money to support Marie Curie Cancer Care.

**European Puppet & Creative Arts Ministry Festival** is at Riverside Centre on 24/25 October. Copies of the booking form are on the table if you are interested.

**Magical Mayhem** are coming to Woodlands! On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we are having a Light and Dark show. It will start at 5pm with a sausage supper, and is due to end around 6.30pm. It is aimed at primary school aged children, to show an alternative to Hallo’wen. Please take a flyer to pass on to friends with school aged children.

**Fulwood Conference** is on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Contacts: Full time Pastors: Tim Gunn (01332) 556484, Phil Butcher (01332) 553025**

**Did you know**.... that this noticesheet can be read on the website and the sermon can be listened to. Just go to [www.woodlands.org.uk](http://www.woodlands.org.uk) and click on the relevent options.

There are still a number of **Barnabas collection boxes** available in which to donate your loose change. If you have not already collected one, please consider doing so & see if it can be filled with small coins (or £1 coins!!) by mid November. If everyone made a small donation we could send a substantial gift to the Barnabas Fund to help those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. Thank you very much.

**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.

**Rotas!** In addition to the above, there are one or two other responsibilities which help keep all our activities running smoothly (e.g. chairs, welcome team etc.). If you are new to the church and would like to be involved in one of these joyful avenues of service please speak with our church administrator, Esther Watson. The more the merrier - and the less frequent your turn comes around!

**HEATERS:** 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.

**Plea to parents:** Could you please ensure that your children do not play downstairs after the service. There are lots of health and safety issues surrounding this request, and we want to make sure no one gets hurt. If they do want to play downstairs then a PARENT needs to be present.

**Autumn thanksgiving and gift day.** A total of £4734.82 was received. If you were unable to give 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

**Email contact addresses** for members of the Butcher family are:

Phil: [phil@vannsacre.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:phil@vannsacre.fsnet.co.uk)

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Luke: [sneaselboy@hotmail.com](mailto:sneaselboy@hotmail.com)

**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

Assistante d'Anglais

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**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

**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

**Responsibilities for 19/10/08**

**Baby Crèche:** Jessica & Esther  
**Toddler Crèche:** Gerry, Sarah & Jane  
**Stewards:** Angela & Sarah  
**Stewards pm:** David  
**Refreshments:** Janet, Bernard, May & Susie  
**Refreshments pm:** Jenny  
**Chairs:** Jan, Kevin & Sue  
**Flowers:** Kay Balderson

**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 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**Allestree** - All-age praise, prayer and Bible teaching  
**10.30am** Going the Distance  
Faith – overcoming the impossible  
Hebrews 11: 17-40 Phil Butcher

**Oakwood** All-age praise, prayer & Bible teaching  
**10.30am** Jesus on the credit crunch  
A rich fool  
Luke 12: 13-34 Steve Adam

**Allestree** Praise, prayer, Bible teaching and communion  
**7.00pm** News of the hour  
Alive for ever!  
Mark 16: 1-8 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 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?**

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## 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.