



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Springwood Drive, Oakwood

(Partner church at Blenheim Drive, Allestree)

A warm welcome to our services today

Sunday 5th October 2008 A.D.

Oakwood

10.30am

All-age praise, prayer, Bible teaching and 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

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.

"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

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.

Autumn thanksgiving and gift day was last Sunday. A total of £4509.82 was received. The money will be given to support the following:

- The work of Chris, Interserve partner in Lebanon who is in Allestree today
 - The 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 one of the church leaders

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

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

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

Luke: 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:

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France

Sunday 12th October

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

Responsibilities for 5/10/08

Stewards: Chris & Craig

Piano: Mike

Crèche: Craig & Vicki

Jam: Paul

Refreshments: Elaine

Responsibilities for 5/10/08

Stewards: Keith & Mike

Piano: Sarah

Crèche: Ying & Ruth W

Jam: Ruth I

Refreshments: Merle

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

Sermon notes: