



# **WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**Blenheim Drive Allestree** [www.woodlandschurch.org.uk](http://www.woodlandschurch.org.uk)

**A very warm welcome to our services today.**

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 A.D.**

- 10.30am**      **All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching**  
In very nature God - Philippians 2:5-11 (p.1179)  
Tim Gunn  
GIG/Impact in their groups & MIX in the service.  
\*Impact at Portway Juniors\*
- 4.00pm**      **Woodlands PM**  
Jonah: The God who cares – Jonah 4 (p.929)  
Warrick Martin
- 7.00pm**      **Evening Prayer**  
Come and join us to pray for our church's impact  
on our community this Christmas and for other  
organisations as they bring the Good News of  
Jesus' birth this December.

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**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 our activities – 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 from the sideboard in the front foyer 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.**

▶ **Full time Pastors:**

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## Please be praying - this week at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns; 5.30-7pm External hire (Beavers)
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10am Oaks; aft WI downstairs; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Ladies Bible study (Philippa's group); 1-3.30pm Woodlands Y7 visits to church (Thiago); pm Woodlands PM leaders meeting; 8pm Christmas choir rehearsal
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns; 6.30-10pm External hire - Derby hospital band concert
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm External party hire (upstairs); 11am Allestree churches together carols at Park Farm; 2.30-5.30pm Church members party hire (downstairs & kitchen); 5.45-10pm Church members party hire (upstairs)
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>9.30am Prayer time</b></p> <p><b>10.30am All age praise, prayer &amp; Bible teaching</b>                      The radiance of God's glory – Hebrews 1:1-3 (p.1201)                      Tim Gunn                      GIG/Impact in their groups &amp; MIX at the deli                      Impact at Portway Juniors</p> <p><b>4.00pm Children's carol service</b>                      Warrick Martin  <b>(No Woodlands PM)</b></p> <p><b>No evening service</b>                      (7pm Christmas choir rehearsal)</p>

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>9/12/18</u>	<u>16/12/18</u>
<b>SEEDS</b>	Tim R, Rachel & Shufan	Esther, Amy & Dave S
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Tim & Jane	Ian & Dawn
<b>Stewards:</b>	Angela & Sarah J	David & George T
<b>Stewards pm:</b>	David	4pm Children's carol service
<b>Duty elder:</b>	Jon/George	Warrick
<b>Chairs:</b>	Jonda, Andy, Greg & Jonathan B	Trevor, Rich L & Jon
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Phyllis, Jenny, Rachel & Jo	Heather, Sue W, Kate, Don & Shirley
<b>Refreshments pm</b>	Jonathan	4pm Children's carol service
<b>Flowers:</b>	Christine	Christmas decorations

## Events

**The Woodlands Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner** is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 12 noon to 2.30pm. Special invitations which can be personalised and gold envelopes are available on the table at the back of church. Please help yourself and invite them along remembering to book early to avoid disappointment!

### **'Pudding Club' does a Ladies New Year Breakfast – \*Advance notice\***

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January all ladies at Woodlands are invited to a New Year Breakfast, 8.30am – 10am in the church building. This will be a time to share fellowship and, for any who would like to, to share testimony of how God has been/is working in their lives at the moment. After Christmas there will be sign-up sheets at the back of church for this event. A donation of £3 would be welcome on the day to cover costs. Please do put the date in your new diaries and if you would like to share testimony during the morning please speak to Philippa Gunn or email her. Thank you.

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## **Information**

**Christmas offering:** As was mentioned at the AGM last Wednesday, there will be an offering next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, in aid of Tearfund and Derby City Mission. This is our normal Christmas offering focusing on the poor and marginalised. It does come rather soon after our autumn gift day which was much later this year. However, we know that many like to give financially at Christmas and so we wanted to go ahead as planned and 'remember the poor'! Do come prepared to give generously next Sunday as we focus on the one who gave all for us.

**Rolls Royce Carol Service:** 12pm this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the RR Welfare, Nightingale Hall, Moor lane, Derby. Open to all Rolls Royce employees. Carols, mince pies and guest speaker... our very own Tim Gunn! Tim would very much value your prayers for his preparation and talk.

**Carols at Park Farm** – Allestree churches together will be singing carols at Park farm next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. All welcome to join in. Mince pies and drinks will be served at St John's Methodist afterwards.

**Bookstall:** After the Sunday morning services on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December the bookstall from the church weekend will be available. Most of the books are either £1 or £2 – great stocking fillers! The specialist books from the weekend will also be available. Lucie Stacey will be running the bookstall.

**Desserts for the Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch:** We need approximately 12 volunteers to make and bring desserts for the Christmas lunch (22<sup>nd</sup> December). Each dessert needs to serve 10 people (e.g trifle, chocolate gateaux, pavlova/lemon meringue pie, fresh fruit salad). Philip Batten is co-ordinating this so please speak to him so he can make sure we have a good variety. Thank you ☺.

The **Saltmine Theatre company** are performing at Riverside again this year. The play is called "Hark, A Nativity Story" and it'll be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm. Ticket prices are £8 per person (concessions at £5) and a family ticket (2 x adults 2 x children under 16) is £25.00. The link is here for more information and to book tickets <https://www.derbylive.co.uk/whats-on/hark-a-nativity-story/>

**St. Peter's in the City hosts a project called 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus'.** They provide hampers containing turkey, vegetables, potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, chocolates, Christmas pudding, mince pies and crackers; in fact, everything needed for a really enjoyable and healthy Christmas lunch. There is also an invite to Christmas services throughout Derby City Centre. Last year they distributed 350 hampers to families and individuals on low income who would have struggled to afford a Christmas meal – feeding 1500 people. Over the years, some of you have supported this by packing hampers (this year it is on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9.00am – 2.00pm) and donating (you can sponsor a hamper for £30, or £15 for half a hamper by cheque to 'St. Peter's Derby', or online at [www.stpetersderby.org.uk](http://www.stpetersderby.org.uk)). If you would like to volunteer this year, please see the poster in the foyer for more information.

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## **Church family news**

**Baby news:** Congratulations to Nathan, Anna and Samuel on the safe arrival of Eden Rose D'Oyley. She was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, weighing 7lb 3oz. All are doing well. Praise God.

**Lifts on Sunday evenings:** A group of us take Eleanor Hall to church on Sunday evenings, and it would be great if you felt this was something that you could do. If you can offer one or two evenings a term, please contact Malcolm Brown as soon as possible.

**Free packaging materials:** Don & Shirley have recently moved house and have used removal boxes, bubble wrap and special paper for wrapping items. If you would like any of these for free please contact them by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December otherwise they will be recycled.

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**QUOTE, UNQUOTE:** "Without the incarnation, Christianity isn't even a very good story, and most sadly, it means nothing. "Be nice to one another" is not a message that can give my life meaning, assure me of love beyond brokenness, and break open the dark doors of death with the key of hope".  
~Michael Spencer

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**Communion service:** We use non-alcoholic wine and gluten free bread in our communion services.

**Hearing Aid users:** The church is fitted with an induction loop and hearing aid users should switch to the 'T' setting to benefit.

**Large-print song books:** Large-print word copies of "Songs of Fellowship" are available on request from the door stewards if you have any difficulty reading from the screen.

**Church Notice Sheet:** Items for the next notice sheet must be passed to Colette Patterson by Wednesday evening. Details can be left in her pigeonhole, ring her on 01332 987957 or you can ring the office, 551336, where there is an answer phone or email: [office@woodlandschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@woodlandschurch.org.uk).

**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. For regular giving please speak to Sue Smith, the church treasurer.

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