



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Blenheim Drive Allestree www.woodlandschurch.org.uk

A very warm welcome to our services today.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas ☺

Sunday 23rd December 2018 A.D.

Please note this notice sheet also covers 30th December

- 9.00am** **Family nativity breakfast & service**
For all – no children’s & young people’s groups
****No additional 10.30am service****
- 4.00pm** **No Woodlands PM**
- 7.00pm** **Carols by candlelight**

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:**

Tim Gunn (01332) 556484 & Warrick Martin (01332) 804714

Youth & Young adult worker: Thiago Holanda

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

Monday	24 th	
Tuesday	25 th	*Happy Christmas* 10.30am Christmas Day service
Wednesday	26 th	
Thursday	27 th	
Friday	28 th	
Saturday	29 th	
Sunday	30 th	<p>10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching The Word of God – John 1:1-18 (p.1063) Tim Gunn</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM The One to follow in 2019 – John 10:11-21 (p.1076) Mark Loweth</p> <p>*No evening service*</p>

Week beginning 31st December at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	31 st	6.30pm onwards New year ceilidh – organized by Pam Loweth
Tuesday	1 st	*Happy New Year*
Wednesday	2 nd	
Thursday	3 rd	
Friday	4 th	
Saturday	5 th	
Sunday	6 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching Where is your treasure? Matthew 6:21(p.971) Tim Gunn</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM David – the King of God’s people: Chosen – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (p.287) Warrick Martin</p> <p>7.00pm New Year Prayer</p>

Responsibilities	23/12/18	30/12/18	6/1/19
SEEDS	Nativity breakfast	Susi D, Jane M, Amy R & Esther B	Esther W, Shufan & Matt
Welcome Team	George & Mona	Philippa & Phyllis	Tim & Jane
Stewards	Greg & Behrouz	Mona & Ros J	Angela & Sarah J
Stewards pm	7pm Carols by candlelight	No eve service	David
Duty Elder	Tim	Jon/No eve service	Nick/Mark
Chairs	Kevin & Sue	Andy B, Josh K & Peter R	Steve, Graham & Dave
Refreshments	Colleen, Jane, Carole W & Chrissy	Philippa, Ros J, Christine & Sue D	Kay, Becky, Jo S & Jan F
Refreshments pm	7pm Carols by candlelight	No eve service	Philippa
Flowers:	Christmas decorations	Sarah J	Maureen

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Term time office hours: Monday 9.30-12.30, Tuesday 9.30-14.00 and Friday 10-13.30

Events

Family Nativity breakfast & service: This will take place this Sunday 23rd December. The event will start at 9am. All children and adults are invited to dress up if they wish. **There will be no additional morning service.** Thank you.

New Year's eve ceilidh – from 6.30pm onwards on Monday 31st December at the church building. This is the 3rd year of running the event and it's great fun! Pam Loweth is organising it so please speak to her for further details. Tickets are £10 per family and £3 for individuals. Soft drinks will be provided but please bring your picnic food. All monies raised will be given to Just Ice. All welcome - so please invite friends and family.

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

On Saturday 12th 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.

Information

Christianity Explored - our next Christianity Explored course is starting on 15th January, 7.45pm, running for seven weeks. A chance to think about the big questions in life and to explore the life of Jesus - who he is, why he came and what it means for us. It's great for those looking into the Christian faith and for those wanting a bit of a refresher. If you'd like to come, or you know someone else who might be interested, please speak to Warrick Martin for more details.

Can you help? We're hoping to run a **Holiday Bible Club** between 20th-22nd February (during half term) and we're looking for leaders. If you can teach a group of children about Jesus, or act, or run crafts, games or cookery activities we need you! Even if you just want to help out, but not necessarily run something, we'd love to hear from you. Do please let Abby Richards know if you think you can help.

ACORNS refreshment helpers: We need more volunteers for the drinks rota at Acorns, especially on a Wednesday or Friday morning. It is 3 or 4 times in a 4 month period. Please speak to Philippa Gunn or Colette Patterson for further information or if you can help with this.

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Church family news

Thank you from Upbeat communities: We've had a letter from Upbeat thanking us for our gift of £1,050. This letter be on the door by the kitchen hatch for you to read. This money was raised by our Autumn gift day for mission partners.

New church directory and GDPR compliance: We need you to check your details in the directory and for you to sign to say you are happy for your details to be in the directory and for us to contact you with emails and updates. There is a cover sheet explaining more about this and it has been emailed out to all on the church distribution list. One adult can sign the directory on behalf of your family. If you would like any details removing or adding then now is the time to do so. If you don't sign this document then unfortunately, we may need to remove you from the directory. If you are new to the church in the last year and you have not been added to this list then please add your details at the end and sign. The plan is to have the new directory out by the end of January but we need your help in order to do this so that we are GDPR compliant going forward 😊 Thank you.

Annual leave – all dates inclusive:

Warrick Martin & Tim Gunn will be on leave from Wednesday 26th December – Tuesday 1st January.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "The dogma of the Incarnation is the most dramatic thing about Christianity, and indeed, the most dramatic thing that ever entered the mind of man; but if you tell people so, they stare at you in bewilderment."
~Dorothy L. Sayers

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@woodlandchurch.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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