



# **WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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

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

## **Church Weekend Together**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 A.D.**

- 9.00am**      **Breakfast at church**
- 9.30am**      **Prayer time**
- 10.30am**     **How long, O Lord? The problem of suffering**  
**Professor John Wyatt**  
**GIG/Impact in their groups & MIX in the service**
- 12.30pm**     **Church picnic**
- 4.00pm**      **No Woodlands PM**
- 7.00pm**      **No evening service**

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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:**

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

**Youth & Young adult worker: Thiago Holanda**

**[thiago.holanda@woodlandschurch.org.uk](mailto:thiago.holanda@woodlandschurch.org.uk)**

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

Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10am Oaks; 10am-4pm Tim Gunn's preaching group (downstairs); 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns; 4-5pm external hire
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Ladies Bible study (Philippa's group); 9.45-11.45pm Betty Killick's Bible study group (room behind the office); pm Littleover 2:42 group cleaning at church
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Am Acorns; 2-3.15pm Acorns coffee alumni group
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am-12 noon Star of Wonder advent crafts
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><b>9.30am Prayer time</b></p> <p><b>10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion &amp; Bible teaching</b>                      The image of the invisible God – Colossians 1:15-20 (p.1182)                      Jim Bathgate, Steep Turnpike Evangelical, Matlock                      GIG/Impact &amp; MIX in their groups                      **No Picnic lunch – the next one will be <u>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u>**</p> <p><b>4.00pm Woodlands PM</b>                      The Great Woodlands Bake off</p> <p><b>7.00pm Praise, prayer &amp; Bible teaching</b>                      Learning to be content – Philippians 4:10-23 (p.1181)                      Steve Adam</p>

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>25/11/18</u>	<u>2/12/18</u>
<b>SEEDS</b>	Jane M, Dave & Tim D	Charlotte, Shufan & Chrissy
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	George & Mona	Ian & Phyllis
<b>Stewards:</b>	Greg & Behrouz	Mona & Ros J
<b>Stewards pm:</b>	No evening service	Tim Gunn
<b>Duty elder:</b>	Nick/no evening service	Tim Gunn
<b>Chairs:</b>	Steve K, Graham & Dave L	Steve, Graham & Dave
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg	Jeanette, Carol H, lone & Gill
<b>Refreshments pm</b>	No evening service	Sharon
<b>Flowers:</b>	Liz	Philippa

## Events

**Citywide prayer gathering:** This will take place this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at St Werburgh's in town. This will be the last one of 2018 and will be focusing on two areas: issues facing young people today and international organisations that are connected with Derby.

**Star of Wonder advent craft morning:** This will take place next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10am till 12 noon at church. This event is free and is for children aged 3 – 11 (need to be accompanied by an adult). Kids - come and make an advent calendar ☺. Flyers are available, so invite all your friends! For more information, or to offer help, please see Abby Richards.

Think and pray boldly about inviting your elderly neighbour or a friend/relative who would particularly appreciate the treat of some great food, company and community this Christmas. **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 the back of church. Please help yourself and invite them along remembering to book early to avoid disappointment!

## **Information**

**Church AGM:** This meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm in the church building. Please make every effort to be there. Agendas will be available next week.

**Shoebboxes:** A massive thank you to all who helped with the shoebox appeal – 127 were collected last Friday to be sent on their way to bless children in other parts of the world.

There is now an **Outreach Team** who will be visiting the older members of our community in the lead up to our Christmas programme, including the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner. This presents a great opportunity to reach out to the older generation in our community, many of whom are often isolated or lonely, with Christ's love. If you would like to join the team, there are still opportunities for you to serve in this way. Please speak to Tim G or Tim R ASAP.

**Christmas Choir:** The carols by candlelight service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December needs a choir! If you have some choral experience or can read music a little and would be happy to sing in a small choir please contact Pam Loweth asap. All ages welcome. We will have 3 to 4 rehearsals before the event. Come and sing! Contact Pam by email.

**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, many 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.

**Transform Work UK** (<https://www.transformworkuk.org>), are a Christian organisation encouraging Christian workplace fellowships. They are holding an event on Thursday 6th December, 5:30-7:30pm at Reach Derby, Elvaston Room, Bridge House (next door to the Riverside Centre), Riverside Court, Derby DE24 8HY. If you live or work in the Derby or Nottingham area and keen to meet other workplace Christians, this informal networking event is for you. They will share good practice on how an organisation's diversity and inclusion framework can support the establishment and growth of Christian staff network groups. Whether you lead a workplace group, or are a member, or you are simply interested and want to know more - you are welcome.

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**Sharpening your interpersonal skills (SYIS):** The costs have been finalised and registration forms have now been sent out to those who have expressed interest. This is the first time the course has been run in the UK by International Training Partners. The dates for the course are the consecutive weekends, March 15-17 and March 22-24. We only have a maximum of 24 places available so please do let Colette Patterson know by the end of November. We will then offer places out to other churches.

## **Church family news**

Please be **praying** for the elders as they seek to move forward in finding a 3<sup>rd</sup> full-time pastor.

**Annual leave:** Tim Gunn will be on leave from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

**Church picnic lunch:** There will be **no** picnic after next week's morning service (2<sup>nd</sup> December). The next one will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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**QUOTE, UNQUOTE:** "The serpent told the human race that disobeying God was the only way to realize their fullest happiness and potential, and this delusion has sunk deep into every human heart".  
~ Tim Keller

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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@woodlandchurch.org.uk](mailto: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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Term time office hours: Monday 9.30-12.30, Tuesday 9.30-14.00 and Friday 10-13.30