



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

A warm welcome to our services today.

Sunday 1 May 2016 A.D.

10.30am All-age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching
‘Fearfully and wonderfully made’
God’s Rescue plan for humanity
Phil Butcher
[MIX] & GIG/IMPACT in their groups.

Church Picnic – this will be today after the morning service. Please stay and share lunch together.

Refreshments are served after the morning service and before the evening service. Do please join us.

7.00pm Praise, prayer & Bible teaching
On the way to the Promised Land
God’s grumbling people
Exodus 15:22-27 *Thiago Holanda*
(p. 73 in the church bibles)

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 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.

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Sarah and Jon Dugan wish to announce the fantastic news of the safe arrival of **Eliana Elizabeth Dugan** born Monday 25th April at 10.55a.m. weighing 8lb 10 oz. All are doing well. Please pray for and support the Dugan family at this exciting time. Praise God and give Him thanks for the creation of new life

ANNUAL LEAVE:

For information Tim is on annual leave from Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May inclusive.

Central Prayer Meeting

This Wednesday 4th May at 7.45pm we will be meeting to pray in the church building instead of 2:42 groups. Please make every effort to join together with us for this important time in church life to call on our Living and Sovereign God.

The new congregation elders are meeting this Tuesday evening and the Allestree elders are meeting this Thursday evening. Please remember to pray for them for God's wisdom and guidance as they seek to lead the church.

Bereavement Support Group

The group is meeting this Thursday at 7.30pm, at church, and is for any adult experiencing grief and bereavement through the death of a loved one, or good friend, or through some other significant loss (redundancy, separation, divorce, etc.). Each person attending is invited to bring another adult with them to accompany them, if they wish, but not essential. The evening is free, and will finish by 9.00pm. Further information from Malcolm Brown.

Working with Children and Young People with Additional Needs

Urban Saints are running a training event at St Giles on Wednesday evening 18th May from 7:30 to 9:30pm. "An essential seminar for all parents, teachers, church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone who cares about children and young people with special or additional needs." For more info see <http://www.urbansaints.org/allinclusiveevent>. If you'd like to go let Colette Patterson know by Thursday 5th May and we can organise a group booking. Tickets cost £5

The Mark Drama

This is a brilliant way to introduce your unbelieving friends and family to who Jesus is and what he has done for us. A cast of 15 from across the Woodlands congregations are now learning Mark's Gospel, to be able to present it in on Saturday 21st May at ParkView School, Oakwood at 7pm & here in our **Allestree** building on Sunday 22nd May at 6pm. It lasts 90 minutes and will be followed by refreshments. It is suitable for 8s and overs - so no infant school, preschoolers or babies please! There are fliers available today that you can use to invite people. Tickets cost £2 and are available from **Helen Bunting** & on the door on the night. Please be inviting people NOW and don't miss out on this great opportunity.

We shall soon be starting a new **Christianity Explored** course. There will be 7 sessions on Mondays on the following dates: 9, 16, 23 May, 6, 13, 27 June and 4 July. There are invitations which you can use to invite people. Please let Tim Gunn know if you or any of your friends are interested in coming along.

INTERESTED IN FOSTERING?

There are two fostering information events happening in Derby in May run by Derby City Council. The first is on Saturday 14th May and is a drop-in session between 10am-1pm at Broadway Baptist Church. The second is on Thursday 26th May starting at 7.30pm at Bridge House, Riverside Court, Pride Park. Please see Ruth Rimmer if you would like more information.

The **Growing in Maturity (GiM) men's group** meet tomorrow night. Since June 2015 three guys have been the guinea pigs (!) on this new year-long discipleship programme. The aim is for men to grow in their understanding of what God's Word teaches, how to handle God's word correctly and learning to pray for one another's growth and maturing in the faith.

So on the GiM course over a year we study Bible Doctrine & Bible handling skills together using two books - "Bible Doctrine" by Wayne Grudem & "Dig Deeper" by Nigel Beynon & Andrew Sachs. Each month there is some prescribed reading and then we meet for one evening a month to go over that reading and apply it to our lives. Additionally, each group member is encouraged to meet with another man once a month for an hour to pray for one another and use some discipleship questions to grow godly accountability in each other.

The course runs from June to May and Phil Butcher is looking for a new group of guys to commit for 2016-17, ready to start in June. Ideally a group of 6 or so men. Please speak to him soon for more information & to sign up. It really has been an encouraging year to see guys grasp God's truths, but also grow in love for him as a result of that understanding!

Confused as to how to vote as a Christian in the EU referendum?

Redcliffe College (where some of our mission partners trained) hosted an event this week led by Jim Memory of European Christian Mission. Jim preached here a number of years ago. You can watch it online at <https://www.facebook.com/RedcliffeCollege/> .

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Oakwood says Thank You

Woodlands Church, Oakwood would like to express our sincere thanks to Woodlands Allestree for allowing us to use your facilities for our two baptisms last weekend. Gareth and Sarah Lyon both gave a wonderful testimony to the Lord's working in their lives and were supported by a large crowd of people from both Fellowships as well as family and friends. Special thanks to Peter Bunting for preparing the water! The Lord continues to draw people into His Kingdom, to the praise of His glorious Name! Aaron Johnson.

Church Grass cutter required

We are now in need of a new volunteer to cut the church grass. Craig Johnson has cut the grass for some time and we are very thankful for all his hard work in this area. Please contact Colette Patterson on church-admin@hotmail.co.uk if you are able to help. Ideally it would be great if you have your own mower to cut the grass with as the church does not own a lawnmower, although we do have our own strimmer which you can use. Thank you.

J.A.M (our children's work for 3 to 11 year olds) is looking for new teachers and helpers.

*Do you love Jesus as your Saviour, and is he King in your life? *Do you have a spare couple of hours in the week? *Are you willing learning how to teach God's word to children? If you answered "YES" to these questions then becoming a JAM teacher maybe the place for you to serve in church! If you don't have spare time in the week for preparation but are interested in working in JAM we have other opportunities too - for example we need people to support some of the children in church who have additional needs. If you'd like to find out more Rachel King would love to speak to you.

THIS WEEK AT WOODLANDS – in the church and community

Monday	2 nd	Bank Holiday – No Acorns
Tuesday	3 rd	OAKS;GIG/IMPACT
Wednesday	4 th	Acorns; Central prayer meeting 745pm at church
Thursday	5 th	Ladies Bible Study; Bereavement group upstairs& external group downstairs
Friday	6 th	Acorns
Saturday	7 th	
Sunday	8 th	Castlefields Church Baptism after morning service

Opportunities to serve the Lord and each other.

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>1/5/16</u>	<u>8/5/16</u>
Crèche:	Charlotte, Jane Z, Sue & Jenny L	Esther, Marie, Priscila & Christine
Welcome Team:	Tim & Jane	Mandy
Stewards:	Mandy & Ros J	David & George T
Stewards pm:	David	Stuart
Duty Elder:	Mark	Jon
Refreshments:	Phyllis, Janet L, Jacky & Marjorie	Mandy, Angela, Lesley & Carole
Refreshments pm:	Phyllis	Glen
Chairs:	Kevin & Sue Smith	Andy, Peter & David
Flowers:	Chris H	Sarah J

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: church-admin@ hotmail.co.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.

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9.30am Prayer downstairs in the Burrow – all welcome!
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Exodus 16:1-35

Tim Gunn

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, even though chequered by failure, than to dwell in that perpetual twilight that knows not victory or defeat"

Theodore Roosevelt

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