



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

A warm welcome to our services today.

Sunday 11th December 2016 A.D.

- 9.00am** **Woodlands PM breakfast church**
At George and Ros Cases' house
- 10.30am** **All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible**
teaching
The church, the world and the good news
On your marks!
1 Timothy 6:11-21 (p. 1194 in the church Bibles)
Thiago Holanda
- GIG/IMPACT in their groups**

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

- 4.00pm** **Children's Carol service**
Featuring Portway Junior School choir
Phil Butcher

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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****Tim Gunn** is speaking at Aspley Evangelical church today.**

This week at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	12 th	9am Acorns
Tuesday	13 th	Am Oaks out for Christmas meal; aft WI downstairs; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	14 th	9am Acorns
Thursday	15 th	am Ladies Bible study; 11am Portway Juniors Carol service in our building – Phil Butcher is taking part; Pm Allestree elders meeting
Friday	16 th	9am Acorns; 6-10 Derby Hospital band concert
Saturday	17 th	3.30-5.30pm Birthday party hire
Sunday	18 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching And so this is Christmas! Waiting for the Saviour All age Christmas praise - everyone in together all the time Phil Butcher</p> <p>6.00pm Carols by candlelight Tim Gunn</p>

Opportunities to serve the Lord and each other

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>11/12/16</u>	<u>18/12/16</u>
SEEDS	Helen W, Shufan, Samantha or Leah	All age service
Welcome Team:	George & Mandy	Ian & Dawn
Stewards:	Mona & Ros J	Angela & Sarah J
Stewards pm:	4pm Malcolm & Woodlands PM	6pm David
Duty Elder	Phil	Jon
Refreshments:	Phyllis, Jacky, Marjorie & Helen	Heather, Sue W, Kate & Don & Shirley
Refreshments pm	4pm Children's carol service	6pm Carols by candlelight
Chairs:	Stuart, Alex G & Mark	Matt C, Richard S & Thiago
Flowers:	Jo S	Christmas decorations

Events

Interserve prayer meeting: This Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm at Peter & Christine's home. Please do join us to pray for Interserve partners and the countries that they work in. All are welcome. Peter and Christine.

Carols at Park Farm: Do come on Saturday, and join the crowd as we share in the REAL meaning and joy of Christmas, starting at 11.00am (for half-an-hour). There will then be mince-pies at St John's Methodist Church. More information from Malcolm Brown.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2017 - "OUT OF EGYPT". This will run for 4 mornings in February half term - Tuesday - Friday 17th. As ever we can only reach out in this way with a raft of volunteers. We need people to work with the children, helpers, musicians, actors, artists, refreshments team etc. Please speak to Abby Richards or Phil Butcher ASAP if you can help if even for 1 or 2 mornings in the week. Thanks.

Woodlands Church Weekend Together - Save the Date! 18th and 19th March 2017 at Littleover Methodist Church on the Saturday, Woodlands on the Sunday. Ray Evans is coming to speak, and Pulse Ministries are coming to do the children and youth work (5 years upwards). Paul Brown from Magical Mayhem, alongside Family Quizzes, Treasure hunts, games, and of course....Fish and Chips will all come together with great Fellowship, learning and worship. Please make sure this is in your diary, calendar, ipad, phone....not to be missed!

Information

Christmas Offering: At Christmas we like to remember Jesus' instruction to remember the poor. As part of this we'll have a special offering on today to be divided between Derby City Mission (with some allocated to the Nightshelter project) & Tear Fund (with some allocated to the Haiti Hurricane appeal). Please come ready to give. If you can gift aid then please write your name on the envelope of your gift. If you wish to give online please put 'Christmas gift' in the description.

Carols by Candlelight 18th December: This is always a popular service for visitors and we love to make them welcome as we share the Christmas message. Refreshments after the service provide a valuable opportunity for us all to spend time with each other and to get to know our visitors. Please could you bring any donations of mince pies to the kitchen after the morning service on the 18th or before the Carol service. Many thanks. Jenny Wing.

Christmas publicity - sharing the good news of Christmas: There are invites available to give out to invite people to our Christmas carol services. The church has also bought some Christmas booklets for you to give away to people to share the news of Jesus. "The Real Christmas", "Christmas in Three words" and "Four Kinds of Christmas" can be found in the foyer. Please feel free to take them, pray and be prepared to give them away.

Derby City Mission is running **The Christmas Connection project** again this year, through which they provide Christmas presents for children from deprived families in our city. Last year they gave parcels to over 850 children. If you would like to give a gift, please visit the Giving Box outside Debenhams in the intu shopping centre, take a tag and buy a gift for that child. Sweets, books, cuddly toys and stocking fillers are also welcome for boys and girls, aged 0-17 years. Please avoid computer games, DVDs, iTunes vouchers or clothing. Thank you for helping to make Christmas special for a child this Christmas.

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Notice sheet over the Christmas period: The sheet on the 18th December will cover the 25th December and the 1st January. The deadline for notices will be Wednesday 14th December. A new notice sheet will be produced for the 8th January.

Operation Christmas Child boxes: A big thank you to all who donated a shoebox full of goodies for children in other countries. The boxes have been sent to Latvia.

Job vacancy: A position for a part time church and community networker is being advertised by Broadway Baptist Church. There is a poster with more information on the notice board in the foyer. The closing date for applications is Friday 20 January.

Church family news

Christmas cards: As in previous years rather than giving individual cards to everyone in the church please feel free to just write one to the whole church. If you pass them to Colette Patterson, our church administrator or leave them in the church office, then she will display them on the doors near the kitchen.

Please contact Thiago at andrade.holanda@hotmail.com for any youth work-related issues as opposed to his joint email with Megan.

Free to a good home/car Britax Eclipse Children's car seat for children between 9 months and 4 years. Please speak to Graham or Marie Spencer.

Does anyone have or know of anyone who has a ladies' bicycle in good working order, which could be given a loving new home? Karin Cooper has met someone through Upbeat Communities (the Christian charity welcoming refugees to Derby) who has no other means of transport and would love the use of one. Karin is happy to collect within the Derby area.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "In the original language, 'Fear the Lord' doesn't mean be afraid. It means sustaining a joyful, astonished awe, and wonder before Him."

- Tim Keller

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