



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Blenheim Drive Allestree www.woodlandschurch.org.uk
(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

**A warm welcome to our services today.
Sunday 17th December 2017 A.D.**

****Refreshments are served after the morning and evening services today.
Do please join us.****

10.30am **All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching**
The Word became flesh
Jesus or religion – spot the difference
John 2:13-25 (p.1065)
Phil Butcher
GIG/Impact & MIX in their groups

6.00pm **Carols by candlelight**
Tim Gunn

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.

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Youth & Young adult worker: Thiago Holanda (01332) 405345

This week at Woodlands – in the church & community – please be praying

Monday	18 th	Am Acorns
Tuesday	19 th	11am Portway Juniors assembly; aft WI upstairs; 7.30pm GIG youth
Wednesday	20 th	8-10 Christmas at Costa Coffee at the Kingsway retail park
Thursday	21 st	
Friday	22 nd	
Saturday	23 rd	4-10pm Party hire
Sunday	24 th	Woodlands PM – breakfast at George & Ros' house 9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age Christmas praise Everyone together all the time Phil Butcher No evening service

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>17/12/17</u>	<u>24/12/17</u>
SEEDS	Amy, Esther, Shufan & Naomi	All age service - parents cover.
Welcome Team:	George & Mona	Philippa & Phyllis
Stewards:	David & Angela	Mona & George T
Stewards pm:	6pm service - David	No service
Duty elder:	Tim	Jon
Chairs:	Andy, Peter B & Pete R	Steve K, Graham S & Dave L
Refreshments:	Jeanette, Glen, Kay, Becky & Jo S	Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg
Refreshments pm	6pm Carols by candlelight	No service
Flowers:	Christmas decorations	Christmas decorations

Events

The Growing in Maturity Men's Group meets this Monday 18th December. See Phil Butcher for more details.

The Real Change course The dates for the final 3 sessions are:- 8th January, 5th February & 5th March 2018. For more information speak to Phil Butcher.

"Christmas cafe at Costa Coffee" at the Kingsway retail park this Wednesday 20th December at 8.00pm. Please speak to Tim Gunn for further information.

New Year Ceilidh (barn dance): This will take place on Sunday 31st December from 6-9pm. All ages welcome. Please bring your own picnic ~ soft and hot drinks will be provided. Please let Pam Loweth know if you intend to come. The event will raise money for Upbeat Communities - suggested donation £5 per adult, £2 per child. Please pay on the door.

New Year prayer evening: On Wednesday 3rd January 2018, we have set aside the hours of 7-11pm to come together as a church family to seek the Lord our God in prayer. What else is there to say? If we truly believe that the church praying together is vital for the health and growth of its life and witness, we'll be there for some or all of the time. All of us who can. See you there!

Administrator: Colette Patterson (01332) 551336, email office@woodlandschurch.org.uk
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Term time office hours: Monday 9.30-12.30, Tuesday 9.30-14.00 and Friday 10-13.30

“Sexual Sanity for families” raising children in a sex-saturated world! There will be an important half day conference at our church on Saturday 10th February. Please put this date in your diaries. More details to follow in the New Year. (Please note there will be no childcare provision at the conference).

Training and Information

The whole of **Portway Juniors** are coming to our building for a **special Christmas assembly** on Tuesday 19th December at 11 am. They invite anyone of retirement age and older to come and watch. Their choir will sing, musicians play and the Christmas story will be told. Phil Butcher is also taking part in the assembly.

Christmas publicity: There are still plenty of copies of our Christmas leaflet available to distribute. PLEASE do take some and deliver/handout to as many people as possible this week. Who knows what the living God will do with our efforts? Let's 'go out into the streets and compel them to come in'!

The Nightshelter for the homeless people of Derby has begun for the next 4 months so please could you remember this work and the people in your prayers. If you are able to help with food for the food bank please place this in the box in the main foyer. Thank you.

Midlands Gospel partnership Annual Conference: This will take place on Saturday 20th January 2018, 10am-3pm at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. We have already done an early bird booking so if you would like to attend you will need to book your own ticket – they cost £15. There are leaflets in the foyer – you need to choose a seminar when booking your ticket.

****Save the date**** Saturday 27th January 2018 at Woodlands Church - Kosovo Fundraiser Film Night- Mbretëria - The Kingdom (A tale of two sons) based on the story of the Prodigal son and produced by our new mission partners Pajtim and Nora Smolica. More details to follow in the New Year.

Toddler rocks training day (making the most of your toddler group's mission opportunities): This will take place on Saturday 27th January, 9.30-4.30pm at Broadway Baptist. It is run by the Entheos Trust and costs £25 per person (£20 per person if 4 of you book together). If you would like more information then please contact Colette Patterson, the church administrator.

Church family news

This Sunday 17th December we will take up a **Christmas Offering** to remember the poor at this time of year. We will split the gifts given between Derby City Mission general funds, Derby City Mission Night Shelter & Tear Fund. If you are a tax payer and can gift aid your gift, please mark so on the envelope you use, stating your name.

Operation Christmas child shoe boxes: A big thank you to everyone who contributed shoeboxes or items and extra supplies. Altogether we sent off 123 shoeboxes which is an increase from last year when we sent 100 boxes. An email was received this week to inform us that the shoeboxes from Derby have been sent to the **Ukraine**. Well done everyone!

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Christmas presents for our youth group? If you would like to give a Christmas gift to our church youth group they would gratefully receive a board game. The group are in need of new board games and have a few ideas on their wish list. Please have a chat to Thiago Holanda. Also if you have any good quality second hand games that you no longer use please speak with Thiago to see if they could use them with the youth.

Thank you: Gladys Kibe, our ministry trainee, would like to thank the church for all the support, love and prayers during the last few weeks since her grandmother died and went to be with Jesus.

Wanted: Debora Morais would like a large suitcase to use to take back her items to Brazil. Please speak to her if you have one that you are able to give her.

4 wheeled mobility scooter: Does anyone have a need for this? Helen Jones' father was given it by someone in his church and would like to gift it on to someone else. Please contact Helen Jones for further information.

Annual Leave: Phil Butcher is on annual leave 25th December to 2nd January inclusive.

2 weekly notice sheet: Next week the notice sheet will cover the 24th & 31st December so please let Colette Patterson, our church administrator, have any notices by Wednesday 20th December at the latest. Thank you.

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

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "God became a real man, had a real birth, and had a real, physical body. This is an essential point of the Christian faith" — Henry Hon

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.

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.