



# **WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

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**Blenheim Drive Allestree**

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 A.D.**

**This notice sheet covers 3 weeks. There will be no new sheet on the 25<sup>th</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January. A new notice sheet will be produced for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Happy Christmas 😊**

**10.30am      All age Christmas praise  
And so this is Christmas!  
Waiting for the Saviour  
Phil Butcher**

**Refreshments will be served after both services. Do please stay and join us.**

**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 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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## **This week at Woodlands – in the church & community**

Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	aft WI upstairs
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am Christmas morning praise Joy &amp; Peace</b> Phil Butcher  <b>No evening service</b>

## **Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> December – Holidays!**

**New Year's Eve (31<sup>st</sup> December) Family Ceilidh (or barn dance....)** At Woodlands Church from 5.30pm. All welcome. Bring and share cold buffet, soft drinks provided. Tickets: £5 per family, £2 for an individual. See Pam Loweth or Andy Brown for more details. In aid of Reflex (Youth for Christ work with Young Offenders).

## **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January – in the church & community**

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome!</b> <b>10.30am All age: Short communion service</b> <b>“The ultimate stoop” Philippians 2:5-11 Tim Gunn</b>  <b>No evening service</b>
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oaks
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	TRADE windows in building all day; 7-11pm Church family prayer meeting
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	12-1.15pm Portway Juniors use building over lunch time; 7.30pm Bereavement support group; morning congregation elders meeting
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	2-6pm Birthday party hire
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome!</b> <b>10.30am All age praise, prayer &amp; Bible teaching</b> <b>Enjoying ‘the boundless riches of Christ’ Tim Gunn</b> GIG & IMPACT in their groups  *Church Picnic after the morning service*  <b>4.00pm Woodlands PM at the church building</b>  <b>7.00pm All age praise, prayer, communion &amp; Bible reading</b> <b>Five Trustworthy sayings</b> <b>About salvation – Titus 3:8 Phil Butcher</b>

## Opportunities to serve the Lord and each other.

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>18/12/16</u>	<u>25/12/16</u>	<u>1/1/17</u>
<b>SEEDS</b>	All age service	All age service	Parents to cover
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Ian & Dawn		Philippa & Phyllis
<b>Stewards:</b>	Angela & Sarah J	Mandy & Ros J	David & George T
<b>Stewards pm:</b>	6pm David	<b>No evening service</b>	<b>No evening service</b>
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Jon	Tim	Phil
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Heather, Sue W, Kate & Don & Shirley	No coffee	Mandy, Angela, Colleen & Carole
<b>Refreshments pm</b>	6pm Carols by candlelight	<b>No evening service</b>	<b>No evening service</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	Matt C, Richard S & Thiago	Jonda, Tim, Steve & Greg	Kevin & Sue Smith
<b>Flowers:</b>	Christmas decorations	Christmas decorations	Jeanette Tripp

## Events

**Call to prayer:** Start the New Year as a church expressing our dependence on God at our church prayer meeting on Wednesday 4th January, 7-11 pm.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Many people who are going through grief and bereavement find Christmas particularly difficult, so if you know anyone in that position, why not invite them along to the next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group, which meets on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, here at church, at 7.30pm, and we always finish by 9.00pm. This group is for any adult who is experiencing significant loss through the death of a loved one, or because of separation, divorce, redundancy. Small invitation cards are available in both entrances, or ask one of the stewards for one. Further information from Malcolm Brown.

**HOLIDAY CLUB 2017 - "OUT OF EGYPT".** This will run for 4 mornings in February half term - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. There will be a team meeting on Monday 9th January at 7:30 pm in the church building.

## Information

**Christmas Offering:** So far we have raised £1191.50 to give to Derby City Mission & Tear Fund. There is still an opportunity 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 18<sup>th</sup> December:** 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.

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**Christmas publicity - sharing the good news of Christmas:** There are leaflets available to give out to invite people to our Christmas carol service this evening. 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.

**Loose Leaves:** Just a reminder that if you have some spare time over the Christmas break, feel free to write something for Loose Leaves! I will be putting together the next edition in the New Year, and would welcome both new and old contributors. Ideally if you can get something to me by mid-January that would be great. Many thanks, Lucie Stacey.

**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.

**Refreshments on a Sunday:** We need more helpers. For the morning it involves being on a team of 4 once every 6 weeks to set up, serve drinks and clear up the kitchen after the service. In the evening it would be one person serving a few drinks before the 7pm service and clearing up after. If you are able to help please contact Jenny Wing.

## 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.

Many of you will know Geoff Pickup who has lead New Life Church over many years and been an active church leader in Derby. For some time now his wife Jean has been suffering from cancer - she has now died and gone to be with the Lord. The funeral will be at New Life Church on Wednesday 21st December at 10.30am. Geoff and the family would appreciate our prayers.

### **Annual leave**

Phil: 24<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive.

Tim: 23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

Thiago: 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2nd January inclusive.

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**QUOTE, UNQUOTE:** "The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son."- Robert Flatt

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<p><b>Giving to Woodlands:</b> 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.</p>
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