



# **WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

**Blenheim Drive Allestree** [www.woodlandschurch.org.uk](http://www.woodlandschurch.org.uk)  
(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

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

**Sunday 24th December 2017 A.D.**

**\*Please note this notice sheet also covers 31st December\***

**Refreshments are served after the morning service today.**

**Do please join us.**

**10.30am All age Christmas praise**  
**Everyone together all the time**  
**The star of Christmas**  
**Phil Butcher**

**\*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.**

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

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

Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am</b> Christmas Day service – Warrick Martin
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome!</b>  <b>10.30am All age praise, prayer &amp; Bible teaching</b>            The Word became flesh. A tale of two teachers            John 3:1-21 (p.1065-66) Thiago Holanda</p> <p><b>4.00pm Woodlands PM informal meeting</b>            at Warrick &amp; Esther's house - 14 Nether Park Drive</p> <p><b>6.00-9.00pm New Year Ceilidh (barn dance)</b>            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.</p>

## **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at Woodlands – in the church & community**

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Oaks
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7-11pm New Year prayer evening
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	pm Allestree elders meeting
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	am Acorns toy wash
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>9.30am Prayer time in the Burrow – all welcome!</b>  <b>10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion &amp; Bible teaching</b>            New Year sermon Tim Gunn            GIG/IMPACT &amp; MIX in their groups            *Picnic lunch after the morning service*</p> <p><b>4.00pm Woodlands PM at the church building</b>            The way, the Truth &amp; the Life Warrick Martin            Followed by farewell tea for Debora</p> <p><b>7.00pm Prayer &amp; Praise evening</b> Tim R, Jonda &amp; Pam</p>

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<b><u>Responsibilities</u></b>	<b><u>24/12/17</u></b>	<b><u>31/1/18</u></b>	<b><u>7/1/18</u></b>
<b>SEEDS</b>	All age service - parents cover	Charlotte, Philippa & Megan	Lucie, Janine & Matt
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Philippa & Phyllis	Tim & Jane	Malcolm & Colleen
<b>Stewards</b>	Mona & George T	Angela & Sarah T	Malcolm & Colleen
<b>Stewards pm</b>	No service	No service	Malcolm
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Jon	Phil	Tim/Mark
<b>Chairs</b>	Steve K, Graham S & Dave L	Matt, Richard S & Thiago	Jonda, Josh, Greg & Jonathan
<b>Refreshments</b>	Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg	Phyllis, Jacky, Carol H & Priscila	Heather, Sue W, Kate, Don & Shirley
<b>Refreshments pm</b>	No service	No service	Philippa
<b>Flowers</b>	Christmas decorations	Kay	Glen

## **Events**

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

**New Year prayer evening:** On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**13:3 Partners:** The group will meet in the New Year on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am at Glen Butler's home. If you have a concern for the persecuted church do come and pray and learn of individuals suffering for their faith. For more information please speak to Glen Butler.

**CONKERS (A group for Dads & under 5s):** The next meeting will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 8.30-10:30am - £3 per Dad, kids are FREE! Cooked breakfast for Dad, cereals and fruit for the kids, wide selection of toys and activities. Great opportunity for Dads to spend quality time with their kids and meet other Dads. Also if you are free Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 8.15pm for approx. an hour and can help set up for Conkers please let Tim Rosier know.

**"Sexual Sanity for families" raising children in a sex-saturated world!** There will be an important half day conference at our church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**\*\*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.

## **Church family news**

**Christmas offering:** There is still time to give for our special Christmas gift day. Please put any money in the collection box in a marked envelope or you can give online putting "Christmas Gift" in the reference box. Thank you.

**Refreshments rota at Acorns:** More helpers are needed on a Wednesday morning to help with the refreshments at Acorns next term. If this is something you can help with or want to find out more about please contact Philippa Gunn, Acorns leader or Colette Patterson, church administrator.

**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 & Tim Gunn 25<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive.

Thiago Holanda 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

Warrick Martin 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December inclusive.

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

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**QUOTE, UNQUOTE:** Larry King, the US talk-show host, was once asked who he would most like to interview. "Jesus Christ!" When asked what he would ask Him, he replied: "I would ask Him if He was born of a virgin. Because if the answer is 'yes', it defines history!"

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**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](mailto: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.

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