



# Woodlands Evangelical Church Mission Statement



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## Our purpose

Woodlands exists to help people become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

People become true followers by repenting and believing the good news about Jesus: that He is the eternal Son of God; that He died to pay God's just penalty for their sins and that He rose again for them.

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## Our mission

To see people become devoted followers of Jesus Christ, firstly from Allestree, then from the whole of Derby and ultimately, through our wider work, from 'all the nations'.





# Our values



## 1. The Bible

- The Bible is the inspired word of God and is therefore our ultimate authority in all matters of faith and practice
  - We are therefore passionate about understanding it, obeying it and applying it to all areas of our lives
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## 2. Prayer

- Prayer is our greatest privilege and the means by which we commune with God concerning all matters of life, faith and ministry
  - Praying is therefore fundamental to everything we do as a church
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## 3. People

- Everyone is made in the image of God and is loved by God
  - Everyone has 'sinned and fallen short of the glory of God'
  - Everyone has the potential to be redeemed by the loving sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ
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## 4. Church

- The church is a community of people saved by the Lord Jesus Christ
  - The church is a community where everyone is welcomed, valued and considered important
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## 5. Ministry

- Everyone in the church is uniquely gifted by God and has a significant part to play in serving the Lord Jesus Christ and building His church
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## 6. Mission

- Making the good news of Jesus Christ known is central to all that we do
  - Everyone has a role in carrying out this great task
  - Mission involves proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ
  - Mission involves promoting the good news of Jesus Christ by lives of sacrificial service to others
  - Making the good news of Jesus Christ known focuses on the whole person – their spiritual, emotional and physical needs
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## 7. Leadership

- Leadership is best carried out in teams
- Servant leadership is the true model of biblical leadership
- Biblical leadership is rooted in godly character
- All leaders are accountable – to each other, to the church and to God



# Our vision



**We are devoted to:**

## **1. Worshipping together** *'Let us exalt His name together'* Psalm 34:3

- We will emphasise that all aspects of our lives are to be lived for the glory and honour of God
- We will help people to engage intentionally with God when we are together
- We will seek to be real and wholehearted in our corporate praise
- We will be God-centred, Jesus-focused and Spirit-led in all we seek to do

**AIM: to see all members enjoying their relationship with God**

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## **2. Belonging together** *'Each member belongs to all the others'* Romans 12:5

- We will meet together regularly as a whole church and in small groups
- We will practise hospitality as much as we are able
- We will develop accountable relationships with each other
- We will welcome newcomers into the family of the church

**AIM: to see all members actively involved in church life**

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## **3. Growing together** *'Building yourselves up in your most holy faith'* Jude 20

- We will read and study the Bible individually, in small groups and all together
- We will pray for one another and for the whole church on a regular basis
- We will talk about our faith and our lives with each other
- We will care for, value, and love each other and carry each other's burdens

**AIM: to see all members in discipling relationships**

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## **4. Serving together** *'Serve one another humbly in love'* Galatians 5:13

- We will identify our individual gifts and use them in the life of the church
- We will train people in the use of their gifts
- We will publicise all the areas of service where gifted people are needed
- We will set up 'teams' of people in all these areas

**AIM: to see all members serving in at least one area of church life**

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## **5. Witnessing together** *'Always be prepared to give an answer'* 1 Peter 3:15

- We will encourage everyone to be involved in the work of evangelism
- We will give specific training on how to share the good news
- We will run formal courses for outsiders which explain the good news
- We will be involved in external mission activity both in the UK and overseas

**AIM: to see all members able and willing to share the good news**



# Our commitment

**Jesus said, 'without me, you can do *nothing*'!**

In recognition of this, we will meet regularly to pray for the life and work of the church in humble dependence on our amazing God – our loving heavenly Father, our great Saviour Jesus Christ and His powerful Holy Spirit.

'To Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen!'

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