



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Blenheim Drive Allestree www.woodlandschurch.org.uk

A very warm welcome to our services today.

****Motto for 2019 - Matthew 6:21****

Jesus said: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sunday 15th December 2019 A.D.

- 10.30am** **All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching**
Amazing grace
Romans 5:12-21 (p.1132) – Oli Ward
GIG & Impact in their groups
1-2.30pm Christmas orchestra/choir practice
- 4.00pm** **Kids Community Carols**
Warrick Martin

****No evening service****

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.

▶ **Full time Pastors:**

Tim Gunn (01332) 556484, Warrick Martin (01332) 804714 & Oli Ward (01332) 554739
Youth & Children’s worker: Beth Arnold 07519 526769

Please be praying - this week at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	16 th	9-11.15am Acorns
Tuesday	17 th	10-11.45am Oaks; aft WI upstairs; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	18 th	9-11.15am Acorns
Thursday	19 th	9.30-11am Ladies Bible study; 10.45am Portway Juniors assembly; pm Elders meeting
Friday	20 th	9-11.15am Acorns; aft set up for Senior Citizen's meal
Saturday	21 st	All day set up & clear away for 12-2.30pm Senior Citizen's meal
Sunday	22 nd	9.00am Breakfast in Bethlehem All age service – everyone in together 2.30-3.30pm Christmas Orchestra/choir practice No Woodlands PM – join in with 9am & 7pm services 7.00pm Carols by candlelight Tim Gunn

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>15/12/19</u>	<u>22/12/19</u>
SEEDS	Susi D, Amy & Matt C	Tim R, Megan & Jane M
Welcome Team:	Ian & Dawn	George & Mona
Stewards:	Greg & Behrouz	9am David & George T
Stewards pm:	No eve service	
Duty elder:	Nick/ no eve service	Oli /Mark
Chairs:	Matt, Nat & Richard S	Jonda, Greg & Jonathan
Refreshments (morning only):	Kay, Becky, Jo S & Jo F	Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg
Flowers:	Jo L	Zoe R

Church events

Future dates: *Sunday 5th January* - church family picnic after the morning service.
Wednesday 8th January - church family New Year prayer focus: 1-2pm and 7-9pm.

Just in case you're wondering what to do once all the Christmas events are over, the **kids Holiday Club** is coming up over February half term and we need lots of help to make it happen! We'll be running Gill and Ted's GOING FOR GOLD Holiday club, Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st February, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you can teach a group of children about Jesus, or act, or run crafts, games or cookery activities or do drinks and biscuits, we need you! If you can help at any level, for one day or for all three, we'd love to hear from you. Do please let Abby Richards know if you might be able to help and come along to the team meeting Thursday 16th January, 7.45pm at church.

Administrator: Colette Patterson (01332) 551336, email office@woodlandschurch.org.uk
www.woodlandschurch.org.uk

Term time office hours: Monday 9.30-12.30, Tuesday 9.30-14.00 and Friday 10-13.30

Information

Thanksgiving service: Having run the race and kept the faith, Glen Butler is finally home with her Lord & Saviour. We are so thrilled for her. You are invited to a service of Thanksgiving for her life on Monday 23rd December 2019 starting at 2.00pm at Woodlands Church followed by light refreshments. The family will hold a private burial beforehand. Glen's request was that instead of cards or flowers, people make any donations to Release International (charity number 280577), a Christian organisation supporting the persecuted church worldwide and which was very close to her heart. There will be an opportunity to make such gifts on the day if people wish. Dress code is smart casual - and black/grey is not necessary! Children are of course welcome. We do hope you can join us in thanksgiving for Glen's life and to praise her Saviour. If you could as soon as possible, let us know for catering purposes if you are able to come, that would be really helpful (email or speak to Jon Butler). We really look forward to seeing you there. In Christ, Hedley, Jon, Jo and family.

Christmas lanterns: If anyone has lanterns that they are not using themselves this Christmas please can they lend them to church to help with this year's decorations? Can you let Philippa Gunn know and bring them along by the morning of Sunday 15th December at the latest. It would help in returning them if each lantern was named. Thank you.

Christmas offering: We we will be taking up our Christmas offering this Sunday morning (15th) in aid of Tearfund and Derby City Mission. If you have forgotten to bring your contribution, please hand it to Sue Smith, our Treasurer, as soon as you can in an envelope clearly marked, "Christmas offering". Thanks!

Christmas publicity: There is still plenty of the Christmas publicity available to give out on the table as you came in today. PLEASE take it and use it this week, praying much that people will come to our forthcoming services and celebrations. There are also a large number of Christmas tracts for you to use. Both services next Sunday will be great opportunities for the whole church family to get together and rejoice in the wonderful truth of a Saviour for the whole world. There IS "A WAY in a manger"!!

Pray for street pastors: Some from our church family are street pastors with Derby City Mission. Please can you pray specifically for the following when they are on their night shift duty:

- Saturday 21st December – Karin Cooper

Please pray that Jesus, the 'Light of the World' can be seen in the street pastors by those they meet as they walk around Derby city centre. Pray for boldness and courage and for team unity.

Just-ice employs survivors of modern-day slavery, by creating employment through selling ice-cream. We need your support at this time of year! We have some amazing festive ice-cream flavours on sale at the moment, so do check them out at the Market Hall or pop in for a coffee! Or why not visit our newly opened cafe in Milford, serving light lunches, snacks and freshly ground coffee. Find us at Flumina House, Foundry Lane, Milford, DE56 0RN. We could also do with a chest freezer, if anyone is willing to donate this, or offer support in any other way, please speak to or email Esther Martin. Thanks!

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Church family news

Did You Know....? As a charity we can claim 25% back from an anonymous donation or gift of cash which is up to and including £30. The person giving the gift doesn't have to be a tax payer. So if you are giving a Christmas Gift donation of £40, say. Please put the 2 £20 notes in separately rather than folding them together! We can claim GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme) from the £20 each but not the £40. So, if you are thinking of sponsoring or giving a donation towards the OAP Christmas Lunch, £15 was suggested, please pop the cash in an envelope marked OAP lunch and we can claim gift aid back. We cannot claim back gift aid on a cheque unless the donor already pays tax. Any questions? Thoroughly confused? Please speak further, in confidence, to either Sue or Kevin Smith, Treasurer and Gift Aid secretary.

Helpers for ACORNS refreshments: We need more volunteers to make refreshments at the Monday & Wednesday morning Acorns sessions. Please speak to Philippa Gunn or Colette Patterson if you can help. The commitment is approximately once a month.

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

Hearing Aid users: The church is fitted with an induction loop and hearing aid users should switch to the 'T' setting to benefit.

Large-print song books: Large-print word copies of "Songs of Fellowship" are available on request from the door stewards if you have any difficulty reading from the screen.

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, you can ring the office (01332 551336) where there is an answer phone or email: office@woodlandschurch.org.uk.

Giving to Woodlands: If you would like to make a money 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 or there are forms in the main foyer for you to fill in and return.