



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

A warm welcome to our services today.

Sunday 18th December 2016 A.D.

This notice sheet covers 3 weeks. There will be no new sheet on the 25th December or 1st January. A new notice sheet will be produced for Sunday 8th 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 th	
Tuesday	20 th	aft WI upstairs
Wednesday	21 st	
Thursday	22 nd	
Friday	23 rd	
Saturday	24 th	
Sunday	25 th	10.30am Christmas morning praise Joy & Peace Phil Butcher No evening service

Week beginning 26th December – Holidays!

New Year's Eve (31st 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 1st January – in the church & community

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

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>
SEEDS	All age service	All age service	Parents to cover
Welcome Team:	Ian & Dawn		Philippa & Phyllis
Stewards:	Angela & Sarah J	Mandy & Ros J	David & George T
Stewards pm:	6pm David	No evening service	No evening service
Duty Elder	Jon	Tim	Phil
Refreshments:	Heather, Sue W, Kate & Don & Shirley	No coffee	Mandy, Angela, Colleen & Carole
Refreshments pm	6pm Carols by candlelight	No evening service	No evening service
Chairs:	Matt C, Richard S & Thiago	Jonda, Tim, Steve & Greg	Kevin & Sue Smith
Flowers:	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 5th 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 14th - Friday 17th. 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 18th 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: 24th December – 2nd January inclusive.

Tim: 23rd -31st December inclusive.

Thiago: 19th December – 2nd January inclusive.

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

<p>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.</p>
