

## 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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## Woodlands Evangelical Church Mission Statement

### 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.

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**