



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 8th December 2019 A.D.

- 10.30am** **All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching**
Unspeakable joy!
Romans 5:1-11 (p.1132) – Tim Gunn
GIG & Impact in their groups
1-2.30pm Christmas orchestra/choir practice
- 4.00pm** **Woodlands PM**
The prophets Christmas present: He will come to save
Isaiah 35:1-10 (p.720) – Warrick Martin
- 7.00pm** **Praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching**
'This generation will not pass away'
Mark 13:30 (p.1019) – Steve Adam

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	9 th	9-11.15am Acorns
Tuesday	10 th	10-11.45am Oaks; 1pm Staff meeting (upstairs); aft WI downstairs; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	11 th	9-11.15am Acorns
Thursday	12 th	9.30-11am Ladies Bible study; Pm Woodlands PM leaders meeting
Friday	13 th	6.30-10.30pm Derby hospital band concert (external hire)
Saturday	14 th	
Sunday	15 th	<p>9.30am Prayer – all welcome (now in the room upstairs behind the office)</p> <p>10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching</p> <p>Amazing grace Romans 5:12-21 (p.1132) – Oli Ward GIG & Impact in their groups **The children & young people will be served refreshments in their time together each week**</p> <p>1-2.30pm Christmas Orchestra/choir practice</p> <p>4.00pm Kids Community Carols Warrick Martin</p> <p>No 7.00pm service</p>

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>8/12/19</u>	<u>15/12/19</u>
SEEDS	Suzy P, John, Amy & Esther B	Susi D, Amy & Matt C
Welcome Team:	Tim & Jane	Ian & Dawn
Stewards:	Mona & Sarah J	Greg & Behrouz
Stewards pm:		No eve service
Duty elder:	Tim/Oli	Nick/no eve service
Chairs:	Steve, Graham & Dave L	Matt, Nat & Richard S
Refreshments (morning only):	Philippa, Ros J, Christine, Sue D & Anna	Kay, Becky, Jo S & Jo F
Flowers:	Jeanette	Jo L

Church events

Interserve prayer meeting: Please join us to pray for Interserve mission partners and the church in those countries where they work. Place: Peter & Christine's home; date/time: Thursday 12th December, 7.30pm. Contact Peter or Christine Hill for more information.

Information

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.

4Front Theatre, a Christian Theatre company are coming to Broadway Baptist (DE22 1BP) on Monday 9th December at 6pm. The show is called 'Back in time for Christmas'. It is for all ages, no need to book, donations are welcome but no fixed ticket price.

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

Christmas offering: As in previous years, we will take up a special 'Christmas offering' for the works of Derby City Mission and Tearfund. This will take place on Sunday 15th December in both congregations. Please give generously as we 'remember the poor' at this time of the year.

Allestree Churches Together events – there is a leaflet in the foyer with more details but here is a snapshot:

- From 1st December Churches Together #Follow the Star Nativity Trail – Can you find the Stars around Park Farm shops? Collect your free trail leaflet from Allestree Post office and the library.
- Joint Churches Together Carols at Park Farm on Saturday 14th December at 11am (outside Birds Bakery) followed by refreshments at St John's church.

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 Esther Martin or email her. Thanks!

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.

Thank you: We have received letters of thanks from Urban Life, Grace Church Hilton, UCCF and Tearfund for the kind and generous gifts we have recently passed on to them. They all appreciate our support and it makes a massive difference to the work they are involved in. Thank you to you all for giving generously.

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 7th December – Chrissy Hill
- 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.

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Help needed: There is a rota to bring Eleanor Hall to Church on Sunday evenings, and it would be great if we could add some new people who would be willing to serve in this way. You could offer as little as 1 Sunday per 4 months, or more if you were able. Could you e-mail or phone Malcolm Brown if you can help, as soon as possible, please, as the new rota is being prepared. Thank you.

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.

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