



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Blenheim Drive Allestree www.woodlandschurch.org.uk

A very warm welcome to our services today.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas 😊

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

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

Sunday 22nd December 2019 A.D.

Please note this notice sheet also covers 29th December

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

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	23 rd	2pm Thanksgiving service for Glen Butler
Tuesday	24 th	
Wednesday	25 th	*Happy Christmas* 10.30am Christmas Day service
Thursday	26 th	
Friday	27 th	
Saturday	28 th	
Sunday	29 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age service praise with communion – everyone in together Good news about a great joy – Luke 2:8-20 (p.1027-28) Susi Dumbleton & Tim Gunn</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM @ Warrick & Esther’s home Social & Bible thought – Warrick Martin</p> <p>*No evening service*</p>

Week beginning 30th December at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	30 th	
Tuesday	31 st	6.30pm New Year Eve’s ceilidh
Wednesday	1 st	*Happy New Year*
Thursday	2 nd	
Friday	3 rd	
Saturday	4 th	
Sunday	5 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching New Year sermon: Don’t be a Queen of Sheba! - 1 Kings 10:1-13 (p.348-49) Tim Gunn **Church picnic after the service - bring your own food to eat together**</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM Sayings of Jesus: I am the Vine - John 15:1-17 (p.1083) George Case</p> <p>7.00pm New Year Prayer Focus</p>

Responsibilities	22/12/19	29/12/19	5/1/20
SEEDS	9am Nativity breakfast	Charlotte, Dave & Rachel	Esther W, Megan & Lucie S
Welcome Team	George & Mona	Philippa	Tim & Jane
Stewards	9am David & George T	Trevor & Ros	Mona & Sarah J
Stewards pm	7pm Carols by candlelight	No eve service	David
Duty Elder	Oli/Mark	Tim/No eve service	Nick/Jon
Chairs	Jonda, Greg & Jonathan	Kevin & Sue	Trevor, Rich & Jon
Refreshments	9am breakfast: separate team Coffee after breakfast: Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg	Jeanette, Carol H, Karin & Dawn M	Sue D, Rachel C, Jo & Dave L & Claudia
Flowers:	Christmas decorations (Zoe R)	Christmas Decs (Jan R)	Sue W

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Church events

New Year's Eve ceilidh – from 6.30pm onwards on Tuesday 31st December at the church building. This event has been running for a few years now and it's great fun! Pam Loweth is organising it so please speak to her for further details. Suggested donations are £10 per family and £3 for individuals. Pay on the door. Soft drinks will be provided but please bring your picnic food. All monies raised will be given to Just Ice. All welcome - so please invite friends and family.

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.

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 this 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.

Mission Support

This week we are focussing on **Upbeat Communities:**

Praise for: All the work done in 2019, that seeds would be sown in hearts.

The chance to show God's love through hospitality and Christmas activities at this time of year. For the money raised to support homeless refugees through the recent "big give" fundraising drive.

Pray for: Energy and wisdom for the leaders and volunteers at Upbeat.

God's love to be shared and lives changed through their work.

Vision for how to continue serving and adapting to the changing needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Derby in 2020.

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Church family news

Eleanor Hall would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Because of a fall towards the end of November, when she broke her wrist on one hand and her thumb on the other, she is not able to write. She is currently in Abbeydale Nursing Home, Kedleston Road, where she is quite content, and expects to be there till sometime in the new year.

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.

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 11th January 2020 – Jo Lambert & Chrissy Hill
- Friday 17th January 2020 – Karin Cooper

Please pray for safety, peace & divine appointments.

Annual leave: (all dates inclusive)

Beth Arnold – Tuesday 24th December 2019 – Thursday 2nd January 2020

Tim Gunn – Wednesday 25th December 2019 – Wednesday 1st January 2020

Warrick Martin – Monday 30th December 2019 – Sunday 5th January 2020

Oli Ward – Thursday 26th December 2019 – Thursday 2nd January 2020

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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