



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Blenheim Drive Allestree www.woodlandschurch.org.uk
(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

A warm welcome to our services today. If you are joining us for Warrick Martin's baptism this morning it is great to have you with us.

Sunday 3rd December 2017 A.D.

****Refreshments are served after the morning service and before the evening service. Do please join us.****

10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching
The Word became flesh
Come and see – John 1:35-51 (p.1064)
Tim Gunn
GIG/Impact & MIX in their groups
Church picnic after the service

7.00pm Praise, prayer communion & Bible teaching
The Word became flesh: preparing for Christmas
A short service at the start of Advent to focus our minds on the wonder of God coming into our world. Quiet. Reflective. Thankful.
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.**

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Youth & Young adult worker: Thiago Holanda (01332) 405345

This week at Woodlands – in the church & community – please be praying

Monday	4 th	Am Acorns; 6-7 External hire – Beavers; 7.30pm Real Change course
Tuesday	5 th	Am Oaks; aft Portway Juniors Y4 baptism class; 5.30pm Grapes small group for Y7-9 girls; 7.30pm GIG youth
Wednesday	6 th	Am Acorns; 7-10pm Prayer meeting
Thursday	7 th	Am Ladies Bible study; 5.30-7pm External hire – Beavers; pm Woodlands PM leaders meeting
Friday	8 th	Am Acorns; 4-8pm Party hire
Saturday	9 th	
Sunday	10 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching The Word became flesh Jesus' glory revealed John 2:1-12 (p.1064-65) Phil Butcher GIG/Impact in their groups & MIX in the service</p> <p>4.00pm Children's carol service Woodlands PM & Warrick Martin</p>

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>3/12/17</u>	<u>10/12/17</u>
SEEDS	Jane M, Jane Z & Tim D	Anna, Tim R & Charlotte K
Welcome Team:	Malcolm & Colleen	Ian & Dawn
Stewards:	Angela & Sarah J	David & George
Stewards pm:	Malcolm	4pm service – no eve service
Duty Elder	Tim/George	Phil
Chairs:	Rich L & Jon H	Kevin & Sue
Refreshments:	Angela, Colleen, Jane & Carole W	Philippa, Christine & Sue D
Refreshments pm	Jonathan	4pm service – no eve service
Flowers:	Sue W	Christmas decorations

Events

The Real Change course continues this Monday (4th) evening starting at 7:30 pm. The dates for the final 3 sessions are:- January 8th, February 5th & March 5th 2018. For more information speak to Phil Butcher.

Church family prayer meeting: Wednesday 6th December 7-10pm at the church building. Please join for one, two or all three hours. Refreshments available in between the time slots. A vital time in church life.

OAKS Christmas meal: There are just a few places available on Tuesday 12th December. Leaving church at 11am (Park Farm-11.10am) & arriving home between 3-3.30pm. Cost £20 which includes 3 course meal at Carsington water & return coach fare. Names are required today so please speak to Malcolm Brown. We'd be very pleased to have you come with us.

"Christmas cafe at Costa Coffee" at the Kingsway retail park on Wednesday 20th December at 8.00pm. Please speak to Tim Gunn if you would like further information.

Administrator: Colette Patterson (01332) 551336, email office@woodlandschurch.org.uk
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Term time office hours: Monday 9.30-12.30, Tuesday 9.30-14.00 and Friday 10-13.30

Sexual Sanity for families parenting children in a sex saturated world: As mentioned last Sunday there will be an important half day conference at our church on Saturday 10th February. Please put this date in your diaries. More details to follow in the New Year. (Please note there will be no childcare provision at the conference).

Training and Information

Christmas publicity: Leaflets are now available for you to take to give away to family, friends, neighbours..... These have all our Christmas events on. Please make use of them.

Pop-up bookstall: There will be a Good Book company bookstall this Sunday 3rd & 10th December after the morning service run by Lucie Stacey. A great opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts, stocking fillers and Christmas cards. Please take a look!

The Nightshelter for the homeless people of Derby has begun for the next 4 months so please could you remember this work and the people in your prayers. If you are able to help with food for the food bank please place this in the box in the main foyer. Thank you.

Baptism lessons: Phil Butcher will be teaching 3 different Year 4 classes from Portway Juniors as they visit our building this Tuesday (5th) afternoon to learn about baptism.

Autumn Gift Day for our Mission Partners: We are so grateful to God that gifts amounting to £7217.48 were given. We can also add a further £1564.34 from gift aid, and this will give us a total of £8781.82. Praise the Lord as the Missions Support Team had budgeted for £8600. This is wonderful and a real encouragement. Pray that Urban Life in Normnaton, our own Kosovo Easter 2018 team, Grace Church Hilton, Sarah Atwood in Bosnia, UCCF, Gideons & Upbeat Communities will all be encouraged as they receive gifts from us shortly.

When Porn is the norm – how to live in a pornographic world: Last Sunday's sermon is on our website. Please take a listen if you were not here & let others know about it – it is one of those sermon's that needs to be listened to by a wider audience.

A Christmas Audience with Jonathan Veira: This concert, hosted by Emmanuel Community Church, Duffield is next Saturday 9th December at 7.30pm at Woodlands School. More information can be found at <http://www.jonathanveira.com/> . Tickets (£5 each) can be obtained via PayPal on <http://www.emmanuelduffield.org/event/jonathan-veira/>. Alternatively, anyone can request tickets by emailing jameson.john1@gmail.com or by telephone: 01332 748924 or mobile: 07400 038915. There are complimentary tickets available if you are bringing guests from outside church.

Churches Together Christmas Carol Concert: This will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 7pm at St Peter's Church, Littleover. It is free entry with a collection to be taken in the aid of Derby Night Shelter. Contact 01332 767802 for more information. There is a poster in the foyer.

Midlands Gospel partnership Annual Conference: This will take place on Saturday 20th January 2018, 10am-3pm at Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. We have already done an early bird booking so if you would like to attend you will need to book your own ticket – they cost £15. There are leaflets in the foyer – you need to choose a seminar when booking your ticket.

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Toddler rocks training day (making the most of your toddler group's mission opportunities): This will take place on Saturday 27th January, 9.30-4.30pm at Broadway Baptist. It is run by the Entheos Trust and costs £25 per person (£20 per person if 4 of you book together). If you would like more information then please contact Colette Patterson, the church administrator.

Church family news

Operation Christmas child shoe boxes: A big thank you to everyone who contributed shoeboxes or items and extra supplies. Altogether we sent off 123 shoeboxes which is an increase from last year when we sent 100 boxes. Well done everyone!

Welcoming our students: We would love to offer our students a meal in a home on Sunday 24th December. There are also opportunities to welcome our students with a Christmas day lunch. If you feel able to offer hospitality in any of these ways please speak to Thiago Holanda, our youth & young adult worker.

Retreat Day: Tim Gunn will be having a retreat day Monday 4th December.

Lost property: Our lost property cupboard in the foyer (Woodlands Road Side) is full – please take a look and see if anything belongs to you. Anything that has not been claimed by Friday 15th December will be removed and given to charity/recycled. Thank you.

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

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "We allow Christmas to be more about created stuff than it is about the incarnation of the Creator. We've turned the story on its head. The glory of this story is that the Creator himself becomes a man to rescue us from our bondage to the creation. For some, Christmas has become about bondage to the creation. This is something we should guard against."
~ Paul Tripp

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, ring her on 01332 987957 or you can ring the office, 551336, where there is an answer phone or email: office@woodlandschurch.org.uk.

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.