



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Blenheim Drive Allestree

(Partner church at Springwood Drive, Oakwood)

**A warm welcome to our services today.
Sunday 7th May 2017 A.D.**

10.30am All age praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching
Back to the future
Tim Gunn
GIG/IMPACT in their groups

Church picnic after the service

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

4.00pm Woodlands PM @ the church building

7.00pm Praise and prayer evening

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	8 th	am Acorns
Tuesday	9 th	10am Oaks; aft WI downstairs; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	10 th	am Acorns; 7-10pm Church prayer meeting
Thursday	11 th	9.30am Ladies Bible Study; 11.45-2pm Betty's Bible study group; 7pm Words n music concert rehearsal; Woodlands PM leaders meeting
Friday	12 th	am Acorns; pm Conkers set up
Saturday	13 th	8.30am Conkers; 2pm Words n music concert rehearsal
Sunday	14 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching Overseas Mission Focus Welcome back Andy, Helena and the boys</p> <p>GIG/IMPACT in the service</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM@ the church building</p> <p>5.15pm Bring and share tea - Warrick Martin visiting</p> <p>7.00pm Praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching No longer slaves! No other Gospel Galatians 1:1-10 (p.1168) Phil Butcher</p>

Opportunities to serve the Lord and each other

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>7/5/17</u>	<u>14/5/17</u>
SEEDS	Tim R, Tim D, Megan A & Anna D	Lucie, Helen W, Chrissy H & Jane Z
Welcome Team:	George & Mandy	Ian & Dawn
Stewards:	Malcolm & Colleen	Mandy & Ros J
Stewards pm:	David	Colleen
Duty Elder	Phil/George	Jon/Mark
Refreshments:	Mandy, Angela, Colleen & Carole	Philippa, Ros J, Christine & Sue D
Refreshments pm	Philippa	Phyllis
Chairs:	Kevin & Sue	Trevor, Rich L & Jon H
Flowers:	Sue W	Jean Mackervoy

Events

SEEDS meeting: This is tomorrow evening at 7:30pm at Charlotte Kawalek's house for a review of SEEDS.

Dying Matters Awareness week 8th-12th May: There will be an event at the Quad in the Market Place on Thursday 11th May 10am-2pm. This has been funded by G.Wathall & Son Ltd (funeral directors). Please see the poster in the foyer for more information.

Church family prayer evening: the next meeting will be this Wednesday 10 May from 7-10pm .

CONKERS (dads & under 5s): This takes place next Saturday 13th May 8.30-10:30am - £3 per Dad, kids are FREE! Cooked breakfast for Dad, cereals and fruit for the kids, wide selection of toys and activities. Great opportunity for Dads to spend quality time with their kids and meet other Dads. Invite your mates! See Tim Rosier for more details.

Pudding Club is pleased to welcome Helen Buckley as the next After Pudding Speaker on Friday May 19th at 7.30 pm. Helen has many skills in storytelling and will use these to speak, after puddings have been enjoyed, under the title "And they lived happily ever after!" This is a great opportunity for all ladies in church to invite your friends to an informal evening of food with a gospel message. Please come, please bring a pudding if you can and please be praying about who to invite to this evangelistic event. Sign-up sheets to give a rough idea of numbers will be at the back of church for the next few weeks.

Words 'n' Music concert: You are invited to an evening given by members of our church on Saturday 20th May at 7pm. All proceeds will go to Release International to help the persecuted church. It will be an enjoyable evening listening to some of our talented members perform a variety of styles of music. Tickets must be pre-ordered for catering purposes and paid for by 14th May. £10 for adults, £5 for children under 10 – this includes supper and drinks. The tickets will be available from today and on the Sundays running up to the concert or you can contact Glen or Hedley Butler. Please come and support. Thank you.

The Christian Institute: There will be a meeting entitled 'Standing for Christ in the public square' on Tuesday 23rd May 7.30-9pm at St Mary's Church, Chaddesden, DE21 6LS. The meeting aims to give simple and powerful ideas to help you make a stand for the truth. It will cover the potential threats to gospel freedom from the government's extremism policy; transexualism issues & the Ashers Baking Company legal case. More details on the fliers on the foyer table.

Training and Information

New prayer diary 2017/2018: This is available for you to take today and use.

New teaching programme for Sundays is now available for you to take and pass on to others.

Spring Gift Day: Our annual gift day for needs within the church takes place today. We anticipate some extra costs in the coming months such as relocation for a new full-time elder, & maintenance and decoration in some parts of the building. If you are a UK tax payer and can gift aid, please indicate this on your gift envelope or to Sue Smith if by bank transfer. If you have not come prepared to give and want to, then please make sure any gift is marked as gift day when you put it in the box or do a bank transfer.

Loose Leaves

Calling all budding writers and contributors! It's that time again when we are looking for submissions for the next edition. Please email Lucie Stacey with your musings, articles and reviews, ideally by the 8th of May. Many thanks.

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Upbeat communities is having a baby shower on 20th May for new and expectant refugee and asylum seeker mothers. They are looking for donations of new baby or young baby equipment, clothes, nappies and wash supplies so they can put together gift packs for the mums and then allow them to 'shop' for what they need. If anybody has anything to donate please contact Chrissy Hill who is happy to collect it. Thank you.

Church family news

Warrick Martin: Warrick is being considered as a potential full-time elder to work alongside Tim Gunn and Phil Butcher. He will be with us next weekend, along with his wife Esther. Warrick will be introduced again in the morning and will be involved in the Woodlands PM service in the afternoon. This will be followed by cake and drinks at 5.15pm when we will have the opportunity to meet Warrick and his wife both formally and informally. This appointment is vitally strategic for the next phase of Woodlands' life. Please make every effort to be there next Sunday. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. Please leave them in the church kitchen after the morning service or bring them with you in the afternoon. Many thanks.

Julie and Andre Bailey send their thanks to the church for all their support over the past years. They are hoping to send out a final newsletter soon.

Helen Jones would like to express her thanks to the church family for all their prayers, support and cards during this time of personal illness and the death of her mum. All the care and support is very much appreciated.

Update from the Wearings: Following much prayer, we are seeing God move in awesome ways! Our house sold to cash buyers and we have found a new home in Buckley, 6 miles west of Chester, just across the border into Wales. We anticipate that we will move in the first week of July, with Joanna starting at her new school and having 2 weeks there before the summer holidays. We feel such peace about this move. We have tried to explain to friends that yes, it will be an emotional wrench, but that we cannot be sad. God has shown us repeatedly that this is where He wants us to serve Him next and we go willingly....BUT, humanly, we will miss so many and especially the fellowship we have been blessed with at Woodlands. We are already taking bookings for visitors (first one is on the calendar!) – please look us up if you are in the vicinity of Chester/N.Wales! Thank you for continued prayers as we draw closer to the move.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."

~ Oswald Chambers ~

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: church-admin@ hotmail.co.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.