



WOODLANDS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

**A warm welcome to our services today.
Sunday 10th December 2017 A.D.**

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

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

4.00pm Children's carol service
Led by Woodlands PM - Warrick Martin

****No evening service****

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	11 th	Am Acorns; 6-7 External hire – Beavers
Tuesday	12 th	Oaks at their Christmas meal; aft WI downstairs; 7.30pm GIG youth
Wednesday	13 th	Am Acorns
Thursday	14 th	Am Ladies Bible study; pm Allestree elders meeting
Friday	15 th	Am Acorns; 8.30-9.30pm Choir practice at church
Saturday	16 th	
Sunday	17 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome!</p> <p>10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching</p> <p>The Word became flesh Jesus or religion – spot the difference John 2:13-25 (p.1065) Phil Butcher GIG/Impact & MIX in their groups</p> <p>6.00pm Carols by candlelight</p> <p>Tim Gunn</p>

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>10/12/17</u>	<u>17/12/17</u>
SEEDS	Anna, Tim R, Naomi & Charlotte K	Amy, Esther & Shufan
Welcome Team:	Ian & Dawn	George & Mona
Stewards:	David & George	David & Angela
Stewards pm:	4pm service – no eve service	6pm service - David
Duty elder:	Phil	Tim
Chairs:	Kevin & Sue	Andy, Peter B & Pete R
Refreshments:	Philippa, Christine & Sue D	Jeanette, Glen, Kay, Becky & Jo S
Refreshments pm	4pm service – no eve service	6pm Carols by candlelight
Flowers:	Christmas decorations	Christmas decorations

Events

The Growing in Maturity Men's Group meets on Monday 18th December. See Phil Butcher for more details.

The Real Change course The dates for the final 3 sessions are:- 8th January, 5th February & 5th March 2018. For more information speak to Phil Butcher.

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

New Year Ceilidh (barn dance): This will take place on Sunday 31st December from 6-9pm. All ages welcome. Please bring your own picnic ~ soft and hot drinks will be provided. Please let Pam Loweth know if you intend to come. The event will raise money for Upbeat Communities - suggested donation £5 per adult, £2 per child. Please pay on the door.

"Sexual Sanity for families" raising children in a sex-saturated world! 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).

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

Training and Information

Christmas publicity: There are still plenty of copies of our Christmas leaflet available to distribute. PLEASE do take some and deliver/handout to as many people as possible this week. Who knows what the living God will do with our efforts? Let's 'go out into the streets and compel them to come in'!

Pop-up bookstall: There will be a Good Book company bookstall this Sunday 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.

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.

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

On Sunday 17th December we will take up a **Christmas Offering** to remember the poor at this time of year. We will split the gifts given between Derby City Mission general funds, Derby City Mission Night Shelter & Tear Fund. If you are a tax payer and can gift aid your gift, please mark so on the envelope you use, stating your name.

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.

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.

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE: "Without the incarnation, Christianity isn't even a very good story, and most sadly, it means nothing. "Be nice to one another" is not a message that can give my life meaning, assure me of love beyond brokenness, and break open the dark doors of death with the key of hope. The incarnation is an essential part of Jesus-shaped spirituality."

— Michael Spencer

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@woodlandchurch.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.

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