

Tim Gunn is preaching at Myton Church, Warwick on this morning.
Phil Butcher is preaching at Ashbourne Baptist Church this evening.

This week at Woodlands – in the church & community

Monday	22 nd	am Acorns; aft Portway Juniors assembly practice
Tuesday	23 rd	10am Oaks; am Phil Butcher is taking an assembly at Portway Infants; aft Portway Juniors assembly practice; 7.30pm GIG
Wednesday	24 th	am Acorns; 12 noon Preaching group; 7.45pm Discussion/vote meeting
Thursday	25 th	9.30am Ladies Bible Study (downstairs); Y5 Portway Juniors assembly
Friday	26 th	am Acorns; 11.30am-1pm Y13 Woodlands assembly
Saturday	27 th	Am Gideons prayer meeting
Sunday	28 th	<p>9.30am Prayer in the Burrow – all welcome! 10.30am All age praise, prayer & Bible teaching Every Promise kept Surprising faith Joshua 2 (p.216-7) Tim Gunn GIG/IMPACT in the service</p> <p>4.00pm Woodlands PM@ the church building Colossians 2:1-7 (p.1183) George & Ros Case</p> <p>7.00pm Praise, prayer, communion & Bible teaching No longer slaves! Total Truth Galatians 2:1-10 (p.1168-9) Phil Butcher Sunday night youth group after the evening service</p>

Opportunities to serve the Lord and each other

<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>21/5/17</u>	<u>28/5/17</u>
SEEDS	Charlotte, Samantha12 & Amy	Jane M, Esther, Shufan & Matt C
Welcome Team:	Malcolm & Colleen	Philippa & Phyllis
Stewards:	Malcolm & Colleen	David & George
Stewards pm:	Malcolm	David
Duty Elder	Phil	Tim/George
Refreshments:	Kay, Jo, Jeanette & Glen	Tracey, Karin, Linda, Mona & Greg
Refreshments pm	Colleen	Glen
Chairs:	Andy, Peter B & Pete R	Steve, Graham & Dave
Flowers:	Kay Jones	Glen

Events

2:42 leaders meeting: This is tomorrow evening at 7.45pm at the Dumbleton's house. A time for prayer, discussion and training.

Mid Derbyshire Election Forum: This will take place tomorrow at 7.30pm at St Alkmund's Parish Church, Church Drive, Duffield DE56 4BA. All the Parliamentary Candidates for the constituency have been invited. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

The Christian Institute: There will be a meeting entitled 'Standing for Christ in the public square' this 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.

Extraordinary Church Meeting: This will take place this Wednesday in the church building at 7.45pm. The purpose will be to take a final decision on whether or not we want to appoint Warrick Martin as a new full-time elder at Woodlands from September this year. Please make every effort to attend and vote. If you are not able to attend, please make your personal views on this appointment known to the elders of the church BEFORE Wednesday evening. However, please note that only votes cast at the meeting will count in the final decision.

Derby City Wide prayer meeting: This will be held at Community Church, Riverside, Derby on Sunday 4th June at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Oaks Summer outing: This will be a canal trip in Birmingham on Tuesday 27th June. It will include fish and chips on board the boat and will cost £20. The coach will leave church at 9.15am or 9.25am from Park Farm, arriving back approx. 3.30pm. The closing date for bookings is 13th June. Please see Malcolm Brown or John & Maureen Riley if you would like to book or require further information.

Training and Information

Growing in Maturity course: the last meeting of the 2016-17 group is tomorrow night. The 2017-2018 course starts in June. Any men interested in starting it? Talk to Phil Butcher ASAP. Here's a short recommendation from Rich Lock:

"I've really enjoyed being part of the Growing in Maturity group this year with Matt, Keith, and Phil. We've met once a month to discuss two books we've been reading as a group, and to pray together. I've found it encouraging to learn with the other guys and be reminded again of different aspects of God's character and everything he has done for us in saving us, making us part of his church, and equipping us to love him and others. Having space to reflect on what God is like and how we relate to him has helped me grow in praise for him, and it's been a good challenge to think through some of the more difficult areas of our faith through the Bible Doctrine book. I like Grudem's approach, in that he aims for the things you learn to be "lived and prayed and sung". The Digging Deeper book has given me some helpful tools to understand and approach different parts of the Bible, and to be better equipped when communicating God's word to the young people and others. Whatever stage you're at in your Christian life, I'd recommend the group to you as a way to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

Reimbursements: Adrian Wing is responsible for the taking receipts & issuing cheques this next week.

Notice sheet: Next week will be a 2 weekly notice sheet covering Sundays 28th May & 4th June. Please send any notices to the administrator by Wednesday 24th May. Thank you.

Gift day: So far we have raised £4990. Thank you if you have given – if you haven't been able to give yet and you would still like to please make sure you mark it for gift day so we know where to assign the money. Thank you.

▶ **Contact: Full time Pastors: Tim Gunn (01332) 556484 & Phil Butcher (01332) 553025
Youth Pastor: Thiago Holanda (01332) 405345**

"30 Days of prayer for the Muslim world": a booklet to help you pray with faith, hope and love for the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan, 27th May to 25th June. Copies available (£1) from Peter and Christine Hill.

Stamps: Thank you to all those who have donated stamps for the Leprosy Mission – all very gratefully received. Please continue to pass on any stamps you have in the future to Betty Killick.

Catering Manager at Littleover Methodist: Please see the job advert in the foyer regarding a 15 hour per week - fixed term appointment. Closing date 9th June.

Church family news

Annual leave

Colette Patterson – Saturday 27th May- Sunday 4th June

QUOTE, UNQUOTE: **"Contemporary secularism, then, is not the ABSENCE of faith, but is instead based on a whole set of beliefs, including a number of highly contestable assumptions about the nature of proof and rationality itself"** - Tim Keller, 'Making sense of God'

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.