

MISSION: To introduce people to Jesus Christ and build up his followers in their faith.

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Prayer Topics: 6th: Those in poverty in Woodley
13th: Families with relationship problems
20th: Woodley Town Centre Management team.
27th: Woodley Baptist Church

www.woodley-airfield-church.org.uk (Church of England, Methodist and United Reformed)

August 2017

Services

All services are held in the Woodley C of E School, Hurricane Way, unless indicated. SC = Sunday Club (for children aged from 3 to 11; FB = Food Bank collection).

Sunday 6th August, 10.30am

All-age worship led by members of our congregation: *FB*

Sunday 13th August, 10.30am

United Holiday Bible Club service at Christ Church, Woodley

Sunday 20th August, 10.30am

All age worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Michael Forrer: *HC*

Sunday 27th August, 10.30am

All age worship led by Revd Alan Haine

Woodley Food Bank

Next month's collection for the Food Bank will be on September 10th, which will be our Harvest celebration. The list of suggested items is on Facebook and displayed after worship each Sunday: please check the shelf-life of the items you donate.



Quiet Spaces - an opportunity to come before God in stillness.

You are invited to join us at Christ Church in the worship centre. We will meet on Monday 21st August at 6.30pm.

Holiday Bible Club

The Club will meet each morning from August 7th – 11th and is open free of charge to all children aged 5-10. Gifts of squash and biscuits would be very welcome: please put them in the box provided in the vestibule at Christ Church or give them to Mary C.

Rainbow Café

The Rainbow Café at Christ Church opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during school terms from 10.30am to 1.45pm. It will reopen after the summer break on September 5th. Please pray for its continuing success and for the team who run it.

Church Project – 2 charities

This year we are continuing to support SalGO Assist, a charity which supports the rural poor in the Andhra Pradesh area of India. For more information see www.salgoassist.org.



We are also supporting Jigsaw Kids Ministries (see <http://www.jigsawkidsministries.org> for more information). All money raised will be split between the two charities.

REinspired-Woodley

Each term in schools presents different challenges to Linda and her team. Please pray for them as they seek to continue to support the teaching of RE in our schools in a way which honours God and promotes healthy spiritual development in the students. More volunteers are needed to go into schools: please see Mary C or Martyn.

Advance notice – celebration

On Sunday 24th September 2017 at 3pm you are invited to join with REinspired-Woodley at Christ Church, Woodley to celebrate their 10th year in our schools. More details will be available nearer the time.

Can you help?

REinspired-Woodley needs a certain amount of money to run – and the cost is going up. Could you spare a little each month to help fund this amazing work? Even the smallest gift makes a difference and if you are a tax-payer your gifts can be gift-aided. If you would like to give regularly, ask Martyn for a form or pick one up on a Sunday.

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Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to our revised 'Prayer Chain' (more accurately, a prayer request distribution list) please speak to Mary C. or Martyn.

Christ Church Project – Silent Auction

Please could you search for your unwanted treasures. They could raise money for Alzheimer's Research at our Silent Auction to be held here at Christ Church on Sat 7th Oct. For further information contact Patricia on 3279663.

Fair Trade



Please try to buy products with the FAIRTRADE Mark whenever you shop. For more information about fair trade goods, including details of suppliers, please see the website at: www.fairtrade.org.uk

Boys' Brigade at Christ Church

is in urgent need of volunteer leaders to help run activities on Wed evenings. Age ranges: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17yrs. Leaders should ideally be active members of a Woodley/Reading Church and have a heart for young people. Need is greatest for 8-11years age group. Training and DBS checks can be provided. If interested, please contact Bob Hansford: hansford_robert@hotmail.com

Monday+People

Please continue to pray for our group, for people with learning difficulties and their carers, which meets to worship God on Monday evenings. We thank God for his continued blessing on this work. The dates of our meetings are on the church website.



Ways to help our community

We can support our local Credit Union by using them for our loans and savings instead of banks and building societies. They can be contacted by phone (0118 958 5803) or online (www.cslberks.org).



Online petitions can be powerful: look on websites such as www.change.org and www.sumofus.org. While they do not have any legal status, if enough people support a petition the government often feels they can't ignore it.

The Churches Mutual Credit Union (CMCU) is an ecumenical initiative which shows that credit unions are for everybody and not just about helping the worst off. More information is available on www.cmcu.org.uk.

More Good News

"The Buzz" from the Methodist Church is available from: www.methodist.org.uk/latestbuzz.

"Sharing the Vision", the latest news from the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church is also available from their website www.urcwessex.org.uk.

Hospital Chaplaincy cards

If you do not have one of these cards and would like one please ask Mary Carpenter. They are intended to be carried at all times (like a donor card, for instance) so if you

are admitted to hospital the staff will know who to contact without having to ask.

Churches Together in Woodley Prayer Walk

The Prayer Walks take place approximately monthly and all are welcome to join in. The next one is on September 17th starting at 3pm from 2, Nightingale Road. More details from Peter Munday or Mary C.



Sunday offerings

Sunday offerings and standing orders for June were £335.52.

Prayers

Share & Prayer: An informal prayer meeting held on Tuesdays during school terms jointly with Christ Church, from 10:00 – 11:30am in the Upper Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary Carpenter (961 8144).

Prayer: If you want prayer (especially in urgent circumstances) speak to Martyn or, if he is not available, Mary Carpenter who will pass the request on. Generally we will pray at intervals over a three or four-day period – but it is always helpful if the original request is followed up when the situation changes.



Monthly Prayers for Woodley:

One Saturday each month at 8am there is a prayer meeting at 2, Nightingale Road. All are welcome to come and pray for our community. The next meeting is on September 9th.

House groups

Details of our regular house-groups are as follows:
At Nancy & David's home: please contact Nancy for details of the next meeting
Tuesday/Wednesdays: This group is taking a break: please contact Mary C for details.



Bible Study

This group, usually led by Martyn, meets on Wednesdays during school terms at Christ Church at 10.00 for 10.30, finishing by 12.00. The next meeting will be on September 13th. New members are very welcome: this is suitable for everyone who wants to know more about what the Bible says. For further details please contact Martyn or Mary C. or just turn up.

