
So let us come boldly
to the throne of our
gracious God. There we
will receive his mercy,
and we will find grace
to help us when we
need it most.
Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

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CHURCH CENTRE

Sunday 15th November 2026

10am – Morning Worship

This week

Monday 16th November
9:15am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 17th November
2pm Homegroup
5pm Rainbows
6pm Brownies
7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 18th November
10am Midweek Communion
10am Homegroup
1pm Toddlers
5:30pm Puppets
5:45pm Brownies
7:30pm Guides and Rangers

Thursday 19th November
11am—1:30pm Café
11am Hong Kong Support Group
4:30pm Rainbows
5:45pm Brownies
7pm Guides
8pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Friday 20th November
10am Friday Friends
8pm Music Practice

Sunday 22nd November
10am Oasis

Pre-School
Pre-School is open from 8:45am to 3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and Wednesdays from 8:45am –12pm in term time

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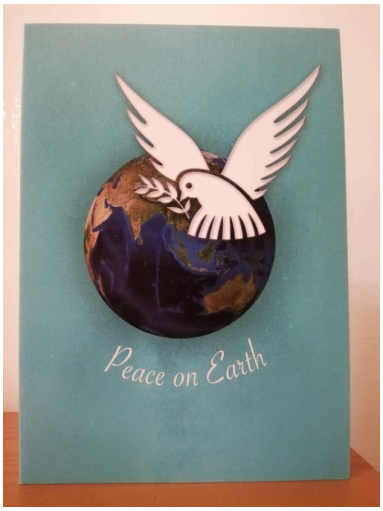
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Notices

Building Project Questionnaire
If you haven't already done so, this is a reminder to please complete a Building Project Questionnaire. You will have received an email invite to complete one online or there are paper copies in the church lounge. Please put them in the box provided.
Your thoughts are vital as we discern what our next steps are! **The closing date for responses is midnight on Friday 20th November -** please take time to pray through your answers before responding. The questionnaire should then take no more than 5 minutes, and all answers are anonymous. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
in support of LAMB Bangladesh will be on sale again this year, after church, from 1st Nov. All the money received from the sales (£2.50 for 5 cards) goes directly to LAMB, as a kind donor has covered the cost of the cards.



Pray for Yeldall Manor Rehab.
Pray for former residents at Yeldall, now facing life outside the Manor. Pray that they will avoid the temptation to try drugs again, that families will accept them back, that they will find employment and housing, and that those who have come to faith will find a supportive church.

Mission Partner Christmas Cards
The Christmas cards for our Mission Partners are on Rachel's Table from this Sunday. Time is passing by so please could you sign them. If they are not on the table for other days please see Becki in the office Thank you, Jane Fulford

ECO Prayer

Many of us have seen the film hosted by Chris Packham on the effects of Climate Change and have signed the petition for the government to urgently address these issues. Responding to over 130,000 signatures, Parliament will now debate these matters on Monday 16th November at 4.30pm.

Loving God, we thank you for the progress made and for the debate that is due to take place. Forgive us our slowness and lethargy in addressing climate change, the effects of which are now so clear. We pray that the debate will be well attended and that the media will give it due prominence in their news coverage. We pray that hearts and minds will be changed to enable real and lasting change in our country and the wider world.

ACTION POINT: Ask our MP, Yuan Yang to be at the debate on Monday 16th November at 4.30pm and to back the call for the government to hold a live emergency briefing. Follow coverage of the debate on TV news channels if, as we hope and pray, it is broadcast. See: https://www.nebriefing.org/petition-debate See also last week's, Panorama - 'Fire and Floods available on BBC iPLAYER

Prayer for Woodley

On Saturday 21st November at 9am you are welcome at Woodley Baptist Church to pray for an hour for Woodley. The meeting in December will be on the 2nd Saturday, not the usual 3rd, so will be on 12th December again at WBC. In January, February and March they will be on the 3rd Saturdays of those months at St John the Evangelist.

Community Christmas Card

The Eco Church Team will be hosting the St James Community Christmas Card, inspired by God and created by our resident artist Margaret Mayer.

Donations received in lieu of sending cards will support Launchpad Reading (a Reading based charity helping the homeless in Reading) and A Rocha UK (Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and equipping Christians and Churches in the UK to care for the Environment).

Available in Church throughout Advent - so start thinking of your message!.

RE WOODLEY INSPIRED
Bringing RE to life

November prayer points

Tues 3rd Nov: Yr 4 Highwood: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?
Mon 9th Nov and Mon 16th Nov : Yr 3/4Woodley CofE: What do the biblical names for Jesus tell us about who Christians believe him to be?
Tues 17th Nov: Yr 3 Highwood: What is the trinity?
Mon 23rd Nov: Yr 2 Highwood: What is the good news that Jesus brings?
Tues 24th Nov: Yr 2 Southlake: How and why do Christians pray?

- Please pray for the lessons to be delivered this half term
- This is a busy month pray for enthusiasm and energy for each team as we deliver all these lessons.
- Pray for Linda as she writes all these new lessons. Pray for time, inspiration and creativity that will enable pupils to engage well with each lesson.

Our
2026 FOCUS

THE HOLY SPIRIT



Continuing our journey
of discipleship together
Growing in confidence as we
explore new areas of faith
Discovering our own God-given
gifts, and how to use them

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Homegroups

Please see below details of some of the homegroups that meet during the week and contact details for each:

Monday 7:45pm at 104 Wheble Drive, contact - Alison Mullens - 07904039363.

Tuesday 2pm Daytime homegroup at St James, contact David Bagwell - davidgbagwell@gmail.com

Wednesday 9:45am Daytime homegroup at St James, contact Judith Hansford.

Wednesday 7:30 pm various homes, contact Pete and Chris Clarke - 07742953071 prcjc1@outlook.com

Wednesday 8pm on Zoom , contact - Jane Fulford - 0776 494 7495 jfulford49@gmail.com

Thursday 8pm weekly at 97 Reading Road. Contact Laurence or Hannah - laurence.smith@stjameswoodley.org

Thursday 8pm at 17 Harris Close, Woodley. Kelly Robinson and Jeremy Galpin are joint leaders and would love some new members.