



Woodford
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Welcome to WEC:
*Knowing Jesus &
Making Jesus Known*

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June 2025

Sunday 1st June

10:30am All Age Service

Matt Hutchings

Ruth: from ruin to redemption #4
Ruth 4

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 8th June

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Songs for a pilgrim people #1
Psalm 120

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 15th June

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Songs for a pilgrim people #2
Psalm 121

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 22nd June

10:30am Morning Service
with Communion
& followed by church picnic

Luke Baldwin

Songs for a pilgrim people #3
Psalm 122

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 29th June

10:30am Morning Service

Martin Hull

Songs for a pilgrim people #4
Psalm 125

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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Prayer Points

Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin, Luke and Matt as they preach and for our church family as we finish the book of Ruth and move onto Psalms 120-134: the Songs of Ascent. Pray that we will have rich times together in God's word seeing what it means to know God as our redeemer and to trust him as his pilgrim people—a people who are going somewhere but have not yet arrived, and who face many trials along the way but know that they are safe in the hands of their saviour.
- Give thanks and pray for our elders, deacon, members and the many people who serve in different areas of church life. Give thanks for our recent Annual Church Meeting and pray for the elders as they meet each Wednesday morning and at the end of this month. Pray that they might be like Christlike in their service and know the joy of the Lord as their strength.
- Pray for Megan Clifton as she prepares for her baptism and to be welcomed into membership later this summer. Pray for others in our congregation who are considering Christ's call to be baptised.
- Give thanks for all those who make our Sunday services happen, and for those who give up their time mid-week to serve publicly and/or behind the scenes. Pray that the Lord would equip us for his work, encourage and sustain us in it, and raise up new workers for the harvest field.
- Pray for our children and young people, especially those going through exams this summer and planning for transitions. Pray that the Lord would be their rock, refuge and strength, and pray for wisdom, trust and guidance for their parents as they seek to counsel them.
- Pray for the regular ministries of our church. Pray that believers would be encouraged, built up and equipped through our Sunday services, prayer meetings and fellowship groups. Pray that unbelievers would come to faith through our Sunday services and our various outreach activities (e.g. Community Coffee, Good News Club and toddler group).
- Pray that the Lord would grow us! Pray that he might grow us spiritually—in love for him and for one another and for the lost, and in the knowledge of his will and in godliness. Pray that he might grow us numerically—bringing new converts, lapsed Christians and believers who are new to the area to join us.
- Pray for our mission partners. Pray for the Balls in the different groups and works that they lead around our city. Pray for the Baldwins and the Neales as they embark on summer trips to the UK. Pray for fruitful times of refreshment and for smooth practical arrangements. See the last page for ways you can pray for our newest mission partners Oka and Altynai.
- Pray for those in our church family and community who are struggling in this season. Pray that they might know God's kindness to them and trust that God will bring his pilgrims safely through their trials and home.

Our Community

- Pray for the diverse shops, businesses and organisations in our local area. Give thanks that we live in a vibrant area filled with people from all around the world who have been made in the image of God. Pray that Christ's light will shine in the 'marketplace' of Woodford. Pray for the witness of Christians leading and involved in these organisations. Pray that God's kingdom might come in every sense in our neighbourhood.
- Pray for the many people who travel into and through Woodford each week (not least the many commuters passing through Woodford station). Pray that our area might be known for its great churches and for its Christian witness. Pray that those who travel our streets might spot our other gospel churches and might be inspired to look into Christianity.

Our Nation

- Pray for our government as they respond to challenging times in a number of ways within the UK and internationally, and as they face protests and objections to their policies. Give thanks for them and pray that they will make wise decisions and lead well.
- Pray for Christians involved in politics at every level, that they might be like shining lights in their work and that the Lord might use them to bring about his will. Pray particularly for those who are involved in working on the legislation around Assisted Dying. Pray that they might be able to hold up the value of life and God's deep care for the sick and dying.

Our World *(provided by Open Doors and Barnabas Aid)*

China—New restrictions that came in on 1st May (in the name of 'national security') make engaging in religious activities harder for foreign Christians in China. They will no longer be allowed to preach or evangelise. Pray for safety, wisdom and discernment for foreign believers in China, for boldness for Chinese believers to share their faith, and that God would soften the hearts of Chinese authorities that these restrictions might be lifted.

Malaysia—The investigation into the abduction of Pastor Raymond Koh (in February 2017, probably by the authorities because of his Christian faith and work as an evangelist) continues. Pray for justice to be done in this case, and for Raymond to know the Lord's strength until he is freed. Pray for his wife Susanna as she misses him, endures the ordeal of his protracted trial and continues to campaign for his release.

Laos—Pray for four Christian families who were evicted from their village in the north-west of the country over 5-6th May. A law in December 2019 permits Christians to conduct services, but this law is not well-enforced in rural areas and these families were targeted by the leaders and residents of their village. Give thanks that Barnabas Aid partners were able to respond swiftly to the emergency, and pray that the families' essential needs will be met, that they will know the Lord's strength and comfort, and that he will provide them with a safe place to live.

Regular Activities & Meetings

Monday **Community Coffee** 11:00am *Prospect Hall*

Coffee Plus 2nd June

Coffee morning 16th June

Tuesday **Good News Club** 3:30pm *Ray Lodge Estate*

No session on Tuesday 27th May

Wednesday **Morning home group** 11am *Paul & Brenda's house*

Coffee at Cowan Lodge (3rd Wednesday of the month, 11am)

Evening home group 7:45pm *Matt & Charlotte's house*

Thursday **Toddler group** 9:30am *Prospect Hall*

No session on Thursday 29th May

Meet our new mission partners

Oka and Altynai work with a Christian organisation in the capital city of the predominantly Muslim central Asian country they're natives of. They lead a Bible training course for a group of local students, and are translating further modules of this course into their people-group's language, as well as hoping to establish a second cohort to begin the course this autumn.

Please pray:

- For their current group of students
- For the recruitment of a new group for the autumn and for a more central location in which to meet
- For Altynai's health



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