



Woodford
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

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December 2025

Sunday 7th December

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #4

Luke 1:57-80

5:00pm Carol Service at Cowan Lodge

Sunday 14th December

10:30am Family Carol Service

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 21st December

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #5

Luke 2:1-20

5:00pm Evening Carol Service

Thursday 25th December

10:30am Joint All Age Service
with All Nations Clayhall and Barkingside Communion

Sunday 28th December

10:30am Morning Service
With Communion (no Sunday School)

Martin Hull
Luke 1-4: No word will fail #6
Luke 2:21-40

Prayer Points

Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin and Matt as they preach and lead services across this month. Pray that in familiar passages they might see and rejoice afresh in the good news of God the Son come to be our forever king, and that in the Spirit's power they might help us to rejoice too.
- Pray for our Christmas services and events. Pray for boldness in inviting people and that people will come—both those already known to us through our relationships and regular ministries and neighbours who are new to us as we deliver invitations in local streets. Pray that they will clearly hear the gospel message and see Christ's church in action, and that they will respond in repentance and faith.
- Pray for all those involved in preparing for and running our Christmas events and services. Pray for energy, wisdom, creativity, love, unity and teamwork. Pray that we might know great blessing from the Lord as we use the gifts he has given us to serve one another and our community.
- Pray for our advent devotions, that they will provide rich times in God's word as we together meditate upon Mary's and Zechariah's responses to what God had done for them and consider what he has done for us.
- Pray for everyone in our church family as we celebrate Christmas. Pray for opportunities with extended family for gospel conversations and that our loving, godly conduct might be a witness. Pray for those in our church who will be mourning lost loved ones, on their own and/or missing family and friends far away. Pray that the celebration of Jesus' coming might be at the heart of all we do. Pray for rest amidst the business.
- Pray for our pastor Matt and his family as he takes some time to rest from Boxing Day onwards. Pray that he might be refreshed spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally during this time, and that he might return to Woodford ready to serve in the new year.
- Pray for our elders and our deacon, and those who lead different areas of church life, that they might serve faithfully and willingly in this busy season. Pray that they might rejoice in the coming of Christ our saviour. Pray that the Lord might raise up more people who can serve.
- Pray for our mission partners. Pray for the Balls as they visit Pidley Baptist Church to run a Christmas Party Club 12-14th December and run Christmas specials in their regular groups. Pray for opportunities that Christmas will provide for the Baldwins and Neales to reach out to neighbours in their 'Christian' countries. Pray for the Ergeshbaevs as they celebrate Christmas in a predominantly Muslim culture.
- Pray for the Passion for Life month of mission in March 2026. Pray that the Lord would lead us to plan the right events, that he would give us the resources we need to run them and that he would bring people to faith.
- Pray that those struggling in our church family in this season might know the tender mercies of our God and his loving hand over them.

Our Community

- Pray for the many opportunities that Christmas brings for people to hear something of the Christian message. Pray in particular for schools putting on nativity plays and Christmas services. Pray that God's word might be like a sword piercing the hearts of those who read and speak it, even if they have never heard it before.
- Pray for those in choirs and other community groups preparing to put on Christmas concerts and events. Pray that there might be some Christian content to these events and that they might realise the real meaning of this season as they celebrate and perform.
- Pray for other religious groups as they meet and seek to worship during this Christmas season. Pray that the light of Christ might break into their hearts and communities this Christmas.

Our Nation

- Pray for our government and nation in response to last month's budget. Pray that our government will lead wisely and steward the nation's funds carefully. Pray that every citizen of the UK will receive the level of support that they need.
- Pray for our government and organisations across our nation as they develop policy around the safe and wise use of Artificial Intelligence. Pray that this might be a tool that is used for good.

Our World *(provided by Open Doors and Release International)*

Nigeria—Pray for the 300 girls and 12 teachers who were kidnapped from a school in Niger State (in the north-west of the country) on Friday 21st November in one of the largest ever mass abductions in the country. Pray that the efforts of the police and armed forces will be successful in ensuring safe and swift release of those still held captive, that the faith of Christians among those taken will remain strong, and that their families will be comforted and given wisdom as they navigate this situation.

Syria—Pray for Christians in Syria after threatening messages were written on the walls of two churches last month. Pray for God's peace and protection to surround Christians in the country, and that all churches and gatherings of believers will be kept from harm. Pray that those responsible for these threats will meet the risen Jesus. Pray that believers will know God's comfort and healing as they emotionally deal with following Christ in such a difficult climate.

Mozambique—Pray for the families of the at least 22 Christians who have been killed in the north of the country by Islamic State Mozambique in the past month, and also for those who have escaped with their lives but whose houses and church buildings have been burnt down. Pray that the Lord would intervene to protect his people, that those who have lost loved ones would be comforted, and that they would know that the Lord is working even through this persecution. Pray for peace for all in the region and for their attackers to turn to Christ.

Regular Activities & Meetings

Monday	Community Coffee	11:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Christmas dinner Coffee Plus and final session on 8th December</i>
Tuesday	Good News Club	3:30pm	<i>Ray Lodge Estate</i> <i>Christmas special and final session of term on 16th December</i>
Wednesday	Morning home group	11:00am	<i>Paul & Brenda's house</i> <i>Final session of term on 10th December</i> <i>Coffee at Cowan Lodge on 17th December</i>
	Evening home group	7:45pm	<i>Matt & Charlotte's house</i> <i>Final session of term on 17th December</i>
Thursday	Toddler group	10:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Christmas Special and final session of term on 11th December</i>

Advent devotion

We are producing our own advent devotion this year to accompany our preaching series in Luke 1-4: 'Sing-along songs with Mary and Zechariah', based on Mary and Zechariah's songs from Luke 1.

We hope to publish this devotion through an 'advent calendar' on the homepage of our website, via email and with printed copies for the week ahead available each Sunday.

Please make use of this resource.
Why not agree with a friend or family member to chat each day or week about what you've read?

