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# February 2025

## Sunday 2nd February

10:30am All Age Service

**Matt Hutchings** Judges: holding out for a hero #4 Judges 4-5

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

#### **Sunday 9th February**

**10:30am** Morning Service

**Matt Hutchings** Judges: holding out for a hero #5 Judges 6-7

#### 6:30pm Joint Passion for Life Churches Prayer Meeting

@ St John's Church, Walthamstow

### Sunday 16th February

10:30am Morning Service

**Matt Hutchings** Judges: holding out for a hero #6 Judges 8-9

#### 6:00pm Prayer Meeting

with visit from Equipping Pastor Worldwide

#### Sunday 23rd February

10:30am Morning Service with Communion

*Martin Hull* Judges: holding out for a hero #7 Judges 10-12

For more information, visit our Website: www.woodfordec.org.uk

# **Prayer Points**

### **Our Church Family**

- Please pray for our Sunday services. Give thanks that we can worship freely and publicly here in the UK. Give thanks for the Lord's provision of Prospect Hall as a space in which to meet. Pray for Luke Whyte and the Woodford Community Centre trustees as they manage the space.
- Give thanks for all who serve to make our Sunday services possible—the band, those on welcome and refreshments teams, those on the sound desk and the laptop, those who pray and read Bible passages in the service, and those who teach our children. Pray that the Lord would sustain his willing servants and raise up people to use their gifts to serve our church family.
- Pray for Martin and for Matt as they preach through the book of Judges, and for us as a church family as we listen. Pray that the Lord would speak clearly to us and show us through this murky season of Israel's history and these flawed heroes his much greater salvation plan in Jesus.
- Give thanks for the visitors we had over Christmas and have had so far this year. Pray for the building up of relationships. Pray that those who have been along to a service or who come to our outreach ministries would want to join us regularly on Sunday mornings. Pray that we would make new contacts and develop new opportunities in the area. Pray that the Lord would bless us with conversions, baptisms and new members.
- Pray for our elders and deacon. Pray that they would take inspiration from and heed the warning of the judges and lead us like Christ—in weakness, humility, and dependence upon God and his word.
- Pray for our mission partners. Pray that they would begin the year with a renewed sense of vision for their work and a deep and growing love for the Lord and for the lost. Pray that they would have the resources they need to serve him and that the Lord would bring fruit through their work as he builds a people for himself from every corner of the globe.
- As we review our missional giving, pray for wisdom as to who to support and how. Pray that the Lord would make us aware of needs that we are well-placed as a church to serve. Pray that we would be wise, godly and generous stewards of the good resources God has given us.
- Pray for the regular ministries of our church. Pray that prayer meetings and home groups would be well-attended and places of encouragement and growth. Pray that the Lord would sustain the teams involved in our outreach and that much fruit would come from our labours.
- Pray for our children and young people, that they might see how big our God is and grow a confident faith in him as we study the Old Testament.
- Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with health, work or relational issues in this season. Pray that they might know that our God is powerful and merciful and that they might look to him for strength and hope in their current weakness.

#### **Our Community**

- Thank the Lord that there is a wonderful gospel witness in our local area. Pray for the other Passion for Life churches (Grove Hill, Salway, All Nations, St John's and Grace Church Wanstead) as they seek to love and serve God and reach their local communities for Christ. Pray for the many other faithful local churches. Pray for revival in Woodford, and that God's kingdom will come and his will be done in our community
- Pray for the shops and businesses that operate on Snakes Lane East and around the station. Pray for the people who attend the Muslim Cultural Centre and anglo-catholic Church of England St Barnabas. Pray for Ray Lodge Primary School and Woodbridge High School. Pray for the many people who live on the streets around Prospect Hall. Thank God that he is calling a people here and pray that he will use to bring them in.

### **Our Nation**

- Give thanks for the government God has put over us and pray that they would lead well, wisely and in a way that honours God's revealed will.
- Pray for continuing conversations within government about the Assisted Dying Bill that was passed late last year. Pray that the Lord's will would be done and that the lives would be valued and the cause upheld of the elderly, vulnerable and unwell.
- Pray for the Church of England as they work through the ramifications of the Makin report. Pray that lasting changes might be made for the good of the vulnerable people in the church's care. Pray for the Church of England as they begin to seek a new Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

**Nigeria**—Pray for those who have been affected by the spate of devastating attacks on mostly Christian communities last month (7 communities affected, at least 10 believers killed, 12 churches damaged or looted, many homes destroyed, more than 4000 people displaced). Pray for an end to the attacks and that the Nigerian government will be decisive and efficient in tackling these latest incidents. Pray for God's comfort for those affected and for protection, provision and strength in Jesus for those displaced.

**Syria**—Give thanks for the dialogue Christian leaders have been able to have with the transitional government. Pray that God would use his people to steer the country in a peaceful direction after years of hardship and brutality. Pray that the government's declared aim to protect religious freedom will be enacted. Pray for safety, resilience, strength and courage for communities of believers.

**Democratic Republic of Congo**–Pray for traumatised communities in the north-east of the country, where multiple attacks have led to more than 100 Christians being killed by Islamists since Christmas. Pray that the Lord might strengthen the security network and bring an end to the violence. Pray that our brothers and sisters might know that their saviour has gone before them and has conquered evil. Pray for the Spirit to empower them.

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Regular Activities & Meetings				
Monday	Community Coffee Coffee Plus 3rd Feb	11:00am	Prospect Hall	
	Coffee morning to raise money for London City Mission 10th Feb			
Tuesday	Good News Club	3:30pm	Ray Lodge Estate	
Wednesday Morning home group 10:45am 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	
Church Notices				
Dates for the calendar:				
<ul> <li>joint Passion for Life holiday Bible club: Tuesday 18th—Friday 21st February, 9:30am-12:30pm in the at Grove Hill and 'finale' on Sunday 23rd February at 3pm at All Nations</li> </ul>				
<u>church members' meeting</u> : Thursday 27th February, 8pm				
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