



Woodford  
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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

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**March 2025**

### **Sunday 2nd March**

**10:30am All Age Service**  
followed by church lunch

***Matt Hutchings***  
Judges: holding out for a hero #8  
Judges 13-16

**6:00pm Prayer Meeting**

### **Sunday 9th March**

**10:30am Morning Service**

***Matt Hutchings***  
Judges: holding out for a hero #9  
Judges 17-18

**6:30pm Prayer Meeting**

### **Sunday 16th March**

**10:30am Morning Service**

***Matt Hutchings***  
Judges: holding out for a hero #10  
Judges 19-21

**6:00pm Prayer Meeting**

### **Sunday 23rd March**

**10:30am Morning Service**  
with Communion

***Martin Hull***  
Easter in Luke #1  
Luke 22:1-38

**6:00pm Prayer Meeting**

### **Sunday 30th March**

**10:30am Morning Service**

***Matt Hutchings***  
Easter in Luke #2  
Luke 22:39-62

**6:00pm Prayer Meeting**

For more information, visit our Website: [www.woodfordec.org.uk](http://www.woodfordec.org.uk)

## Prayer Points

### Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin and for Matt as they conclude our preaching series in Judges and begin our Lent series in the final chapters of Luke's gospel. Pray that they might clearly show us that Jesus is the 'hero' God's people need, but that the way he saved us was through his death in weakness and humiliation. Pray that the Lord would speak to them as they prepare to preach to, lead services for and share communion with us.
- Pray for our elders and deacon. Pray that their leadership would be inspired by and would honour Jesus our servant king who gave himself up. Pray for godliness, wisdom, fruitfulness, unity and love for the Lord, for his people and for the lost. Pray that the elders' meeting on Monday 3rd would be an encouraging and useful time.
- Give thanks for our church members and for our recent church meeting. Pray for Rosa as she continues to settle into her new home and church. Pray that the Lord would bring us new members. Pray for our mission partners (both old and new!). Pray that the Lord might strengthen them with his grace and by his Spirit, that their labour for the Lord might not be in vain, and that we might be a good support and encouragement to them (especially for the Baldwins and Neales as they visit us this summer).
- Give thanks for the Passion for Life holiday Bible club in February half-term. Give thanks for the 80 children who attended across the week—not all from Christian homes—and for the wonderful team of 25 leaders. Praise God for Esther's leadership, for good talks and group discussions, and for the great fun that was had. Pray that Christian children will have been encouraged and excited to know that we've been made friends with God through Jesus. Pray that those children who don't yet know the Lord will want to follow him, and that new families will attend our churches.
- Pray for our Easter services. Pray as we meet as a church and gather with the other Passion for Life churches that it might be a good time of celebration and encouragement. Pray that we will be bold in inviting friends, family, colleagues and neighbours to our Easter services, and that invitations we distribute in the local community will be well-received. Pray that we will have visitors among us who will want to know more.
- Pray for the regular ministries of our church. Pray that church members would be loved, discipled and matured in the Lord through our Sunday services, prayer meetings, home groups and other ministries. Pray for those who serve in our outreach ministries (e.g. Community Coffee, Good News Club, toddler group)—that the Lord would sustain and energise them and that we would see people come to faith through them.
- Pray for our children and young people, that they might see quite how extraordinary the familiar-feeling events of the cross are.
- 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 Jesus gave himself for them and that everything they truly need can be found in him.

## **Our Community**

- Pray for the many different groups who meet in Prospect Hall during the week. Give thanks for the opportunity Matt had at the end of February to share from the Bible at a gathering of the Woodford Girl Guiding groups. Pray for opportunities to connect with other groups who use the space. Pray that those who feel comfortable coming into the building during the week might feel comfortable coming into it for a Sunday service.
- Pray for our local schools. Give thanks for the light and witness that Jon Drane was as a governor at Ray Lodge Primary over many years. Give thanks that Matt has been appointed as a governor. Pray that he will perform this role diligently and that the school will be open to him going in to support with assemblies, lessons and special events. Give thanks that the Lord has placed Jeremy in such a key role at Woodbridge High School. Pray for him and his witness and for the growth of God's kingdom there.

## **Our Nation**

- Pray for our government as they seek to lead our country in an increasingly complex global situation. Pray for great wisdom and for the Lord's leading of them.
- Pray for the government as they make difficult decisions about which areas of public spending to prioritise and where to make cuts. Pray for the right choices to be made ahead of the Spring forecast on 26th March.
- Pray for the many Christians involved in government at every level. Pray that they might use the opportunities the Lord has given them to serve and proclaim him and do good, particularly for the poor and vulnerable.

## **Our World** *(provided by Open Doors and TearFund)*

**Ukraine and Russia**—Pray for those who have been wounded or are grieving or traumatised by the ongoing conflict. Pray that leaders on both sides will be filled with compassion, wisdom, calm and a desire for peace, and that leaders around the world would be wise in their responses to the conflict. Pray for the comfort, strengthening, protection and witness of the church in each of the affected countries. Pray for justice and peace.

**Democratic Republic of Congo**—Pray for Christian communities reeling once again from the discovery on 13th February of 70 Christians who had been beheaded in a church in Kasanga. Pray that God's comfort would engulf all those who are grieving and traumatised, and that the Lord will strengthen the faith of these bitterly persecuted believers. Pray for a halt to these awful attacks. Pray that Allied Democratic Forces militants' plans will be thwarted and that they would come to Christ.

**Iran**—Pray for Nasser Navard Gol-Tapeh and Joseph Shahbazian who were both rearrested on 6th February (having been imprisoned for their faith previously), and for others in custody alongside them. Pray that they might know God's supernatural peace and strength and that the light of Christ will shine through them. Pray for peace and provision for their families.

## Regular Activities & Meetings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Community Coffee</b>	11:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Coffee Plus 3rd March</i> <i>Coffee and quiz 10th March</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Good News Club</b>	3:30pm	<i>Ray Lodge Estate</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Morning home group</b>	11am	<i>Paul &amp; Brenda's house</i> <i>Coffee at Cowan Lodge (3rd Wednesday of the month, 11am)</i>
	<b>Evening home group</b>	8pm	<i>Matt &amp; Charlotte's house</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Toddler group</b>	9:30am	<i>Prospect Hall</i>

## Easter at Woodford Evangelical Church

The highlight of the Christian year is fast approaching—the time at which we remember our Lord's death on the cross and resurrection.

Please do note down the below dates and plan to join us.

We will be producing invitations that you can share with friends and neighbours.



- **Good Friday**—10:30am communion service at Prospect Hall (no groups for children)
- **Easter Sunday morning**—10:30am all-age service at Prospect Hall
- **Easter Sunday evening**—6pm joint Passion for Life service, venue tbc