



Woodford
EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Welcome to WEC:
Knowing Jesus &
Making Jesus Known

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April 2025

Sunday 6th April

10:30am All Age Service

Matt Hutchings

When darkness reigned #3
Luke 22:63-23:25

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 13th April

10:30am Morning Service

Martin Hull

When darkness reigned #4
Luke 23:26-56

6:00pm Prayer Meeting
with visit from Open Doors

Good Friday 18th April

10:30am Morning Service
with Communion

Matt Hutchings

Easter Sunday 20th April

10:30am All Age Service

Matt Hutchings

When darkness reigned #5
Luke 24:1-12

6:00pm Joint Passion for Life celebration service

Sunday 27th April

10:30am Morning Service
with Communion

Matt Hutchings

When darkness reigned #6
Luke 24:13-32

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

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

Prayer Points

Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin and for Matt as they preach through Luke 23-24. Pray that they will be struck afresh by the person of Jesus and the events of his death and resurrection, and that we as a church family will grow in our knowledge, love, worship and service of Jesus who is our crucified saviour and risen lord.
- Pray for our Sunday services. Pray that they will be spaces in which believers are encouraged and discipled and unbelievers hear the truths of the gospel and respond to the call to repent and believe in Jesus. Pray for the many people and things that are involved in making our services happen—that the Lord would strengthen and use his people as we serve one another and seek to lift up his name.
- 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 our elders and deacon. Pray that their giving of themselves in service will be motivated by Jesus who gave his life for his church and who calls us to serve rather than be served. Pray for wisdom, unity, love and fruitfulness in service. Pray for Matt and for other elders as they take a break and have time away over the school holidays. Pray that they might return refreshed and ready to serve in the new term.
- Give thanks for our current mission partners (the Balls here in east London, the Baldwins in Georgia and the Neales in Spain). Pray that the Lord might sustain them in their ministries and bring them fruit as they seek to reach people for him and build up his church.
- Pray for the new opportunities to support mission work that we have been considering as a church. Pray for wisdom for the elders as they make enquiries with different people and as we work out which to support and how. Pray that all these valuable ministries might flourish.
- Pray for our children, teenagers and students as they take a break from their studies over Easter. Pray for good rest and good fun, and for a greater appreciation of what Jesus did for them at the first Easter.
- Pray for the regular ministries of our church and for our outreach into the local community. Pray for a particular fruitfulness as Easter messages are shared and the gospel goes clearly out.
- Pray for our church family, particularly those who are struggling in this season spiritually, physically, mentally or emotionally. Pray that they might know the power of the risen Jesus at work in their lives.
- Pray that we might grow as a church in every sense—in Christlikeness and in number as lost people turn to the Lord.

Our Community

- Pray for the churches in our Passion for Life network, and for other local churches, particularly as they celebrate Easter, but also:
- St John's Church Walthamstow: as they continue to hold to the gospel in the complex situation in the CE, and for the new worker joining the team
- Grace Church Wanstead: as they do evangelism (pray particularly for the 'real hope' event with Martin Hull on 2nd), and as they pray for more (young) folk to join them and look for housing for their next pastor
- All Nations Barkingside and Clayhall: as new ministries such as women's Bible study, Chatty Café, Zumba and football become established, and as they seek to build up their eldership and develop their training
- Grove Hill: as they seek to move forwards in unity, grace and love, and as they get to know and incorporate new faces into church life
- Salway: as they seek to grow their children's ministry and gain more committed families, as they seek a new pastor, and for Ian Rees as he prepares for retirement at the end of this year

Our Nation

- Pray for our government as they seek to manage the nation's finances and reduce spending. Pray that savings will be made where possible but that the vulnerable and disabled will be protected and supported.
- Pray for our government as the Assisted Dying bill continues to be developed. Pray that all in the government will understand the God-given value of all life, including those at the beginning and at the end of life.
- Pray for our government as they engage in global events and conversations and manage complex situations and personalities.

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

Pakistan—Give thanks for 113 families who have been freed by Barnabas Aid from the bonded labour in brick kilns that they had, due to debt, become trapped in. Pray that these believers will be able to lead godly lives and that God would grant deep trust, resilience and hope to those still bonded in the kilns and would provide funds that more might be set free.

Iran—Pray for 3 converts to Christianity from Tehran who have been given severe sentences (totalling 40 years imprisonment between them): Narges Nasri (who is pregnant), Abbas Soori and Mehran Shamloui. Pray for their health and safety, and for the safety of Narges' unborn child. Pray that they will remain steadfast in their faith and that God would protect Iran's underground church and give strength and boldness to Iranian Christians.

Sudan—Many hospitals and health clinics have closed since civil war began nearly 2 years ago. Nearly 9 million people are now displaced, including many believers. Pray for an end to the conflict, for agencies providing emergency healthcare, and for God's protection and sustenance of his church in this difficult time.

Regular Activities & Meetings

Many of our regular ministries will take a break over the school Easter holidays so please pay careful attention to the dates below:

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

Coffee Plus 7th April

Lunch at Paul and Brenda's (11am-2pm) 14th April

No session 21st or 28th April

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

No sessions 8th, 15th or 22nd April

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

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

Evening home group 8pm *Matt & Charlotte's house*

Tbc—contact Matt or Charlotte for more information

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

No sessions 10th or 17th April

Easter at Woodford Evangelical Church

Please pray for our Easter services and consider who you could invite along.

- **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 at Prospect Hall

