

# CONNECT

*Connecting and Communicating in Changing Times*

## 2012 MOTTO TEXT

### **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

***You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. (NIV)***

***So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me - the whole congregation saying Amen! - to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others. (The Message)***

As we have considered and prayed over 2012, it seems God is directing us to have an emphasis on training and developing leaders who emphasise gospel ministry across the life of the church.

At our Members' Meeting in November, Church Members indicated overwhelming support for a 20% increasing the church budget to employ a new Assistant Pastor when Anthony moves on to his own pastorate, likely to be this year. There was a tangible sense of excitement that God is continuing to use us as a fellowship to bless other congregations.

Training and developing men and women for Gospel ministry has been an important part of Woodgreen's history, but we want to put a special focus on this in 2012.

Wouldn't it be thrilling if we could look back at the end of 2012 on a year of gospel growth: where new people have come into God's kingdom; we have grown in our effectiveness in sharing Jesus; and where we have played a role in developing more gospel workers?



Martin Rutter starts with us this January as a new ministry apprentice, training to minister amongst older generations. Tom Davenport continues as our Apprentice to younger generations. This year we will also be seeking God for new Elders, Growth Group Leaders, Deacons, overseas workers and ministry leaders.



As our motto text says, please pray that as a congregation we will be able to say 'Amen!' together, as we see reliable leaders emerge who are able to contribute to our vision for gospel growth.

***'Our VISION is to see God's Kingdom grow as families, friends and communities are transformed by the gospel.'***

As indicated above we anticipate a 20% increase in the church's budget for 2012. This increase is almost entirely in order to pay a proper full-time salary to a new Assistant Pastor. Our current Assistant, Anthony, is only officially employed for 2 days per week, we do not think it is right or honouring to continue with this.

If you are a regular attender at Woodgreen do you currently support the work here financially? If you do, could you give a little more? The ministry of the church is entirely funded by voluntary gifts.

To help you think through what the Bible has to say about giving, we have produced a booklet: *'What should I know about Cheerful Giving?'* It is available in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider how you might respond in 2012. If you have questions please see Steve Marshall, our Finance Team Leader.



# 2012 AT A GLANCE

There's a lot in the Woodgreen diary already for 2012 and we thought it would be helpful for you to have the key dates as early as possible. More dates will follow, but for now this is what is planned for the coming year...

## SUNDAYS

Jan	15 <sup>th</sup>	Church Day & Gift Fair <i>(Speaker: Andy Paterson, FIEC Director of Mission)</i>
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus in the City Joint Service @ Woodgreen <i>(Christians in Sport will be involved in the service)</i>
Feb	19 <sup>th</sup>	'Maximum Life' Sunday <i>(Speaker: Julian Hardyman, Pastor of Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge and author of the book 'Maximum Life')</i>
March	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Sunday <i>(Led by Redcliffe College, where Hannah Coggins studying)</i>
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday
	25 <sup>th</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter Guest Weekends</b>
April	6 <sup>th</sup>	10am: Good Friday Communion Service
	8 <sup>th</sup>	AM: Easter Sunday Service 4.30PM: Easter Sunday All-Age Service
June	17 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day: Morning All-Age Service
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mission Sunday <i>(Led by Open Doors, serving the persecuted church.)</i>
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> & Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Harvest Guest Weekends</b>
Nov	4 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm Holiday Club All-Age Family Fireworks Service
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday
Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Christmas Guest Weekends</b>

## **Guest Weekends:** *April, October, December*

These weekends have an evangelistic focus. Outreach events will be followed by two consecutive Sunday morning services, which will contain clear gospel presentations and are intended as invitation-events. Look out for more details coming soon.

## **Other special events for your diary...**

PHATFISH IN CONCERT	Friday Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> - <i>Tickets on sale now</i>
BARN DANCE	Friday Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> - <i>In aid of the Odessa Trip in May.</i>
CHRISTIANS in SPORT QUIZ NIGHT	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March <i>An evangelistic evening with the Olympics in view</i>
WEEKS OF PRAYER	Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> & Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>
VISIT of THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
FAMILY FUN DAY 2012:	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Provisional date because of discussions with the Community Centre due to a Fun Day diary clash</i>
HOLIDAY CLUB 2012:	Wednesday Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> - Friday Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>
LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY:	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October <i>Halloween-alternative, part of Holiday Club 2012.</i>
CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED	Evening courses start: Weds Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> & May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Daytime course starts: Tues Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>
SHOEBOX SATURDAY:	Saturday Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>
ODESSA TRIP	May 27 <sup>th</sup> - June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
MEMBERS' MEETINGS	Wednesdays May 16 <sup>th</sup> & Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>

## **women@woodgreen events** (*Contact Person: Carolyn Lacey*)

Women's prayer meeting every Tuesday morning

Oasis Bible Study: alternate Thursday mornings @ church

Cameo: regular social activities. Contact Jean Portman

18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May	Women's Weekend Away to Hebron Hall
Saturdays Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> , June 30 <sup>th</sup> , Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies breakfasts
Friday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's evangelistic event
Saturday Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Day Conference @ Woodgreen

## **men@woodgreen events** (*Contact Person: Dave Hughes*)

First Friday Men's Prayer: 7.00-7.30am, the first Friday in the month

Friday Football Every Friday, 8.30pm, Droitwich Leisure Centre

*For more details contact Dave Hughes*

Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> Bristol Men's Convention @ The Colston Hall

*Also planned for 2012 Men's Breakfasts, Men's Curry Nights, Woodgreen Golf Days.*

For more details on all these events please keep an eye on the church website which always has the latest information and contact details:

**[www.woodgreenchurch.co.uk](http://www.woodgreenchurch.co.uk)**