In Touch

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WELCOME TO WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,

As we begin a new year, it is fitting that we pause and consider what truly matters most in the life of the church. Programmes, plans, and good intentions all have their place - but none of them can replace the central work of prayer. Simply put, a church that does not pray together will not grow together, and it will not thrive in the way God intends.

This month, we will again set aside time for our annual Week of Prayer. This is not just another event on the calendar. It is a deliberate opportunity to realign our hearts, renew our dependence on the Lord, and remind ourselves that everything we do flows from seeking Him first. Scripture repeatedly shows us that God's people moved forward not by their own strength, but by gathering together to pray.

Prayer was never meant to be a private discipline only. While personal prayer is vital, there is something powerful and formative about meeting together - lifting our voices, our burdens and our hopes before God as one body. When we pray together, we declare that we are not self-sufficient, that we need the Lord and we need one another.

I want to speak candidly for a moment. A weekly prayer meeting should not be something we attend only when it is convenient or when nothing else is happening. If prayer truly is a priority, our schedules will reflect that. A church that values prayer will show up to pray. This Week of Prayer is a chance for all of us - especially those who have not made prayer gatherings a regular part of their lives - to step forward with renewed commitment.

I urge you to make every effort to be present during our Week of Prayer. Rearrange your schedule if necessary. Come even if you feel tired. Come even if you're unsure what to say. Your presence matters. Your prayers matter. And your willingness to gather says something important about what you believe God can do among us.

As we step into 2026, let us be a church that chooses what is most important. Let us meet together. Let us pray together. And let us trust God to do what only He can do when His people humble themselves and seek His face.

With hope and expectation,
Pastor

Pray

Without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Week of Prayer – January 25th

Our annual Week of Prayer begins on **Sunday 25th January**, and we encourage every member of the church to take part as we seek God together in a focused and intentional way.

We will begin on **Sunday morning at 10:00am** with a dedicated time of prayer.
We will **break for refreshments at 10:45am**,
and then **resume our morning worship service at 11:15am**.

During the week, everyone will receive a **Prayer Diary** containing specific prayer points for each session.
Each day at **8:00am and 8:00pm**, pause wherever you are and lift your voice to pray - knowing that the whole church is praying for the same things at the same time. If possible, join with others in your home and pray together.

Alongside these daily prayer moments, we will gather in person at the Church:

Tuesday – our regular prayer meeting at **7:30pm**

Thursday – an additional prayer meeting at **7:30pm**

Saturday – prayer gathering from **10:00am - 12:00 noon**

This week is an opportunity to realign our hearts, renew our dependence on God, and be strengthened together as a church family. We encourage everyone, as far as you are able, to take part and make space for prayer during the week. Let us come with open hearts, trusting God to meet with us as we seek Him together.

Services this Period

Sunday 18th January

10.00am	Pastor Tim Wood	John 10
6.30pm	Pastor Tim Wood	Deuteronomy 11

Sunday 25th January

11.00am	Pastor Tim Wood	To be announced
6.30pm	Pastor Tim Wood	To be announced

Sunday 1st February

11.00am	Pastor Tim Wood	To be announced
6.30pm	Pastor Tim Wood	To be announced

Saturday 28th February
At7pm
Teams of 6-8 people
This is an outreach event
so please be thinking about
who you will invite along