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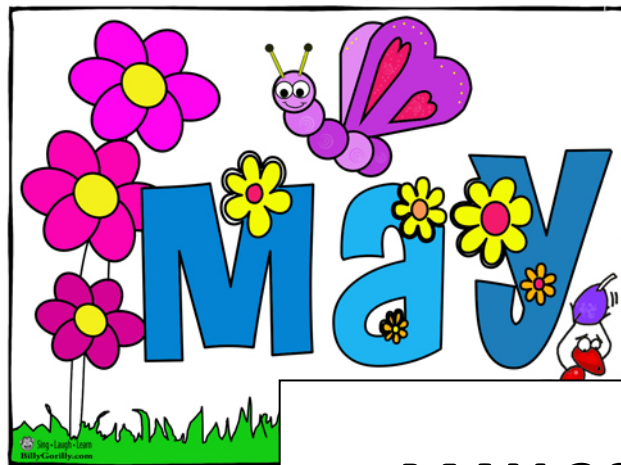
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Regular Weekday Meetings

Monday	2 pm	Handicraft Group at the Cornerstone, Grove
Tuesday	2:15 pm	Grove Tuesday Fellowship (in the church)
Wednesday	7:30 am	Morning Prayers at Grove
	2 pm	Wantage Wednesday Fellowship

House Group at Wantage Weekly

Tuesday 1:30 pm Leader: Eileen Rennie (01235 224284)

House Group at Grove Monthly

Warmed Hearts 8 pm Leader: Peter Hemmings (01235 762504)

From the Manse....

There may well have been a raised eyebrow or two when reading the Wantage notice sheet last week and finding “Tuesday 25th April 13:30 Tuesday Fellowship : Keith will talk to us on The Jack Reacher method of Evangelism”!

Hopefully this explanation will help to answer any questions that those who were not able to be there might have. A while ago, I decided to use the title “The Jack Reacher Model of Evangelism”, when encouraging others to share their faith!

If that name rings no bells for you, then you need to know that Jack Reacher is a fictional character, created by the writer Lee Child. The number of page turning thrillers featuring this larger than life, ex-military police officer, now number some twenty-one in total, with another instalment due out this November.

I started reading them when we got back from our summer holiday a couple of years ago because Liz constantly nagged me to read them whilst we were away as she so enjoyed them. She in turn had started to read them because she was told in her school staff room how good they were by another teacher.

I mentioned this in my letter for the 6th September church notice sheet – not who the author was though, nor the series – just the fact that I was now hooked on this book that I had been incessantly badgered to read.

The Sunday afterwards, someone from the congregation asked me what the books were as they were intrigued by what I had written. I told them the name of the author and the title of the book.

Some time later that very same person told me that they had been so captivated by the book that they were now up to number six in the series, and counting. Other members of their family were also reading them, because they were able to see the impact they had made.

On setting out to the library to return the most recently devoured Jack Reacher novel, a neighbour spotted the book in their hand and asked if it was any good? Another opportunity to share with someone the writings of Lee Child had just presented itself.

As we continue to celebrate Easter, we recall how the news of Christ’s resurrection was spread in exactly the same way! Those who had met him, wanted to tell others, to share what they had discovered and what they had experienced.

“The Jack Reacher Model of Evangelism” is not about big rallies and events, but about one person telling another person something they need to know, sharing something that has changed them and made a difference in their lives.

With love and God Bless,

Keith

Safeguarding – dates for the diary

A reminder that the **Refresher Course** for Creating Safer Space must be done this year by anyone who was trained five years ago and is continuing in their role. Keith Underhill will be delivering this training, at Wantage on 4th May and at Wallingford on 27th June . Both these evenings will be at 7:30pm and the sessions will last two hours. These will be large-group sessions and we hope most of those needing the training will be able to attend on one of these dates.

The **Creating Safer Space Foundation Module** training will also be run by Keith. The dates for these sessions are to be decided, but if you need the training, or are appointing new post-holders who will need it, please let Keith know.

Glimpses of the eternal

If you like films and are interested in faith then “Glimpses of the Eternal” may well be for you!

This 9-week introductory course looking at how film can help us to look anew and afresh at theology was put together by Keith during his last Sabbatical.

He will be running this course at Grove Methodist Church and everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

You do not have to commit to all 9 sessions to participate, simply come along as and when you can. **All the sessions will be held in the Meeting Room at Grove Methodist Church beginning at 7:30pm.** If you are thinking of coming along though, it would be helpful to let Keith know, as there are handouts etc that will be available.

The themes for each week are as below.

Thursday 18th May - “Stories, hooks, bridges & snapshots”

Monday 22nd May - “Made in the image of God”

Monday 5th June - “The fall and temptation”

Monday 12th June - “What does it mean to be redeemed?”

Monday 19th June - “Living in community”

Thursday 29th June - “The importance of a shared meal”

Wednesday 5th July - “The Matrix”

Tuesday 11th July - “Jesus of Montreal”

Thursday 20th July - “Endings”

If you would like any further information or have any questions, do contact Keith.

Circuit Steward team

We still have not been able to replace Geoffrey Maunder as a Circuit Steward, and others are nearing the end of their term of office for various reasons. We urgently need to strengthen the remaining team. A brief job description is being prepared, but to find out more meanwhile, talk to your minister or Andrew Lockley (currently Senior)

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to be part of the Circuit Leadership Team, and those who undertake it generally say it is enormously fulfilling. Please pray about this situation, and don't assume someone more suitable will step forward!

Circuit Service.

Our next Circuit Service will be held on Sunday 21st May at Trinity Church Abingdon at 4:00pm. This will be the Testimony Service for Deacon Selina Nisbett as she prepares for her ordination at this year's Methodist Conference in June.

This service gives Selina an opportunity to share her story with us and to testify to God's call on her life and to ordained ministry as a Deacon within the Methodist Church.

Just as importantly, it gives us as a Circuit, the chance to send Selina on her way with our love, prayers and praises ringing in her ears.

Do come along for this very special occasion. Refreshments will be served afterwards

Bible Month....coming soon!

'Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.'

(James 3:13)

In June 2017, the Methodist Church is encouraging churches and circuits across the Connexion to run a 'Bible Month', 30 days focused on the letter of James. The Bible Month will involve two key elements.

i) Preachers preparing and preaching a series of sermons on James over the four Sundays of June.

ii) Small group leaders running a 'Bible Month' group that focuses on James, but which also helps those attending engage the Bible in fresh and innovative ways.

By focusing on a single biblical book, the aim of the Bible Month is to help all in church engage more deeply with Scripture. A pilot project showed that the Bible Month model could be effective in raising biblical literacy, and the majority of those who took part were keen to hold another Bible Month in the future!

Wantage Methodist Church will be taking part in this... more details soon.

You can watch a short video promoting Bible Month produced by the Methodist Church on our church website!

Prayer Points from the April edition of World Church News

Pray for El Salvador as the country tries to discern how best to deal with migration. Pray for the Methodist Church in El Salvador as it tries to do this in a way that is reflective of Christian values and God's love for us all.

Pray for South Korea during this time of transition and as it continues to work towards justice and peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Praise God for the growth of the Methodist Church in Russia in the face of difficult circumstances – and for Jill Baker as she prepares to take up her role as VicePresident of the Methodist Conference in June.

East Africa Famine Appeal update

More than £340,000 has been given in response to the East Africa Famine Appeal, launched at the end of February by All We Can and the World Church Relationships Team of the Methodist Church in Britain.

The call to donate to the urgent appeal to help avert famine in countries on the verge of disaster has been met with a generous wave of giving from churches and individuals across the world.

All We Can Chief Executive, Maurice Adams said, "The response so far to the East Africa Famine Appeal has been remarkable and humbling. Such an extraordinary response is required because of the extraordinary calamity we are witnessing".

From the April PRAXIS Newsletter

Going on an E**TER egg hunt

News coverage in recent days has focussed on Cadbury's failure to include the word *Easter* on some of its marketing materials. Even our Prime Minister felt that this was a matter so important she needed to pass comment, describing the move as "*frankly, just ridiculous.*"

But sometimes, getting caught up in debates like #cadburygate can mean that we lose touch with the bigger picture. News coverage highlighted Christian outrage over Cadbury's failings as a chocolatier - but what would it look like for Christians to be speaking out against the use of chemical weapons in Syria? The introduction of a two-child limit on Universal Credit? Or the failure of Saudi Arabia, where Theresa May visited last week, to guarantee basic human rights standards for its people?

It's easy to get caught up in issues that seem important to us in that moment. It's harder to stay silent when things upset us. But as Christians, we also have a responsibility to reserve our voices to highlight the injustices that matter the *most*.



Hello, here is our new logo! We've had eleven years of the 'shades of purple' and it has served us very well, but we thought it was about time we smartened ourselves up a bit.

Our new logo includes four colours - representing our four churches and our shared commitment to one another.

You'll also see that at the centre of the new logo is the cross; a symbol that we want to put God's love for the world at the heart of what we do.

We also think that less is more. The new logo is less busy, and while we will continue to be *churches working together to live out the gospel of Christ in church and society*, we've gone for something more simple: *Churches working for justice and peace*.

We hope you like it as much as we do!



Conversation Welcome and Article 50

After the triggering of Article 50 on 29 March, there is a natural level of uncertainty about what our country's future might look like. As a result, we have launched our brand new resource, Conversation Welcome, which invites Church members to take part in constructive conversations about

the sort of society we wish to live in - whether we voted to 'leave' or to 'remain' in the EU referendum.

The resource, suitable for groups of any size, is structured around four questions:

What sort of society do we want to leave for future generations?

How should we treat others?

How should we use our resources?

How should we make decisions?

To download the whole pack, which includes prayers, discussion questions, reflections and videos, [see our Conversation Welcome webpage](#).

From "The Buzz"

Amazing Love!

Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford

"There's madness in these Methodists!"



Not words you would expect to hear sung in a Methodist Church, but for two nights in February, a group of performers from Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, put on a new Methodist musical - following the sometimes disastrous early career of the Wesley brothers.

'Amazing Love' the musical, written by Jack Godfrey, takes its name from Charles and John's realisation that what matters most in life is that "God is with us."

More than 50 members of the Wesley Memorial Church congregation were involved in a variety of roles including cast, musicians, lights, sound, catering, costumes, make-up, publicity and everything else.

One of the organisers of the event, Paul Spray, said: "The result was so much more than the sum of its parts. It was funny, powerful and moving. To God be the glory - and if any church would like to put it on, do get in touch."

Email: Paul Spray paulspray@hotmail.com



ECG – Equipping, Calling, Going



A fantastic five days of fellowship, worship and teaching!

For the past five days, three of us from the circuit have been at Scarborough Spa taking part in the ECG Christian Conference with over 1000 Christians of all ages. This year ECG celebrated being 10 years old. Through great worship and inspired Bible study we have explored how we can be infused by God's spirit, stirred by mission, encouraged by unity and inspired by the word. The teaching and worship help you to relook at what God is calling you to do and there are opportunities to explore new resources and to exchange ideas with fellow Christians.

Why not come and try out ECG next year? ECG 2018 is entitled Unrestricted Access.

Go to ecgevent.org.uk for more information.

The sooner you book the cheaper the price.

News from wider Methodism

If you use email, you can sign-up to a number of **newsletters**, some more frequent than others, which will keep you up-to-date on other parts of the Connexion.

Go to **<http://www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/sign-up-for-e-newsletters>**

Don't forget the **Circuit calendar**, with these and other events, can now be viewed on the **Circuit website**.

an exhibition of original works & prints



KEITH JANSZ



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Thursday 8, Friday 9 & Saturday 10th June 2017 11:00am - 5:00pm

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Abingdon Progressive
Christianity Network Group
invites you to consider

Celebrating Doubt

with

Dr Val Webb

(Australian Theologian and Writer)

Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7.30 pm

All Saints Methodist Church,

Appleford Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2AQ

Tickets £5 from Cliff Marshall, tel. 01235 530480

cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk or on the door

With Book Stall (Cash only)

We've been there for refugees since 1945

It's better to die in a refugee camp than to die in a war - to risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy - to leave everything you know behind. When the alternative is terror, bombs and bullets, almost anything is better. This terrible choice faces tens of millions of people worldwide

Nejebbar fled Afghanistan with her family when the Taliban, after first blinding, then murdering, a member of their family, threatened to kill her husband, Noor, a teacher. When the family arrived at the refugee camp in Greece, they thought they would only stay for 10 days. But they've been living there in a tent for six months now and there's no end in sight.

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support our work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. We won't turn our backs now. **Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May** is an opportunity to support this work. Here are some ways Wantage and Grove Christian Aid Group suggest **you** might get involved:

- **Volunteer to help with delivering or and/or collecting envelopes house-house** – anyone can deliver envelopes, but you have to be over sixteen to collect them in. The more help we have the more streets we can cover and the more money we raise! Please contact **Alison Phillips (760335), Jane Kent (765421) or Pam Martin (764754)** if you can help in this way.
- **Come to the Christian Aid Week service on Sunday 14th May at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton, 6:00 pm**, preceded by tea at 5:15 pm, and learn how refugees like Nejebbar and Noor are being helped.
- **Sign the campaign petition to the Prime Minister**
- **Make your own contribution to Christian Aid's funds**

Thank you in advance for the support we know you will give. Last year you helped the Wantage and Grove Group raise over £7,100

Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Dr Anthony McCarthy and Mrs Fiorella Nash, members of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be speaking at St John Vianney Catholic Church Charlton Rd., Wantage OX12 8ER on **Friday 12th May** starting at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

All are warmly invited to this free event. There will be a voluntary collection for the work of SPUC.

If you are able to come, it would be helpful if you could let me know by emailing me, Jacky Mattam (jackymattam@btinternet.com)

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: **Friday 5th May** 12:15 pm
At Lesters - the home of Chic & Peter Cook

United Service: **Sunday 28th May**
11:30 am Rev Keith Underhill at the Methodist Chapel

Advance Notices:
Sunday 4th June Pentecost Service on the Green at 3:00pm with band.
Tea will be served in the Methodist Chapel after the service.

Saturday 10th June Childrey Village Fete
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Childrey Manor
Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church

Prayers:

Prayers are asked for Amy Rose Legge and her family, Sylvia Rowland, Keith & Leonora, David, Barbara, Shirley, Jean and all those unknown to us who are in need of our help.

We also pray for the continued success of the "Open the Book" Project where the teachings and stories of the Bible are taken into the Ridgeway C of E School in Childrey on a weekly assembly basis by a dedicated band of leaders from local churches using our premises as a base.

Christian Love to all.

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Grove

Open House will meet on **Monday, 1st May**. They hope to have a “village walk”, meeting at 7 pm at Millbrook Square, Grove. Details are not available at the time of printing, but Lynda will let people know through the weekly notices, by email or by phone as soon as possible.

Everyone is very welcome.

Further information from Lynda Culley, telephone 01235 771554 or 07759085336

Tuesday Fellowship

2 nd May	Keith Underhill
9 th May	Libby Bolton
16 th May	Sheila Prestidge – Exercise to music
23 rd May	Geoff Caudle
30 th May	Tea and chat

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 6th May** in the Meeting Room from 10:00 am till 12 noon. Our hosts will be Lois and Justin Greenhalgh. Proceeds are for “Christian Aid”. Your support is always appreciated.

We invite you to join us for our **Church Anniversary services** on **Sunday 7th May**. Rev Michael Chester (one of our former ministers) will lead our worship at 10:45 am and at 6:30 pm. The morning service will be followed by a church lunch and names should be given in for this to Noreen by **30th April**.

Warmed Hearts group will meet on **Thursday, 18th May** at 12 Rosebay Crescent, Grove at 8:00 pm. We will be continuing with the York Course, “Making Room”. Session 2 is entitled “Making Room for the Stranger”. There are four sessions of the course, but you are welcome to come to any of the individual meetings if you can’t manage all four.

For more information contact Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** will meet on **Friday 19th May** at 7:30 pm.

We will be showing “**Eddie the Eagle**” 2016 106mins PG-13

The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics

Stars: Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Tom Costello, Jack Costello, Jo Hartley, Keith Allen.

Admission is free. Tea / coffee and biscuits at end of the film for a small donation.

There is an email “alert” service for anyone who is interested in receiving an email reminder before each film, about a week beforehand. If you would like to be on the list to receive an “alert” message please would you let Su know, giving her your email address, at su.lockley@tiscali.co.uk

Handicrafts' Group

All meetings in May will be at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove. We will meet on **Tuesday, 2nd May, Mondays 8th, 15th and 22nd May** and on **Tuesday, 30th May**, to craft and chat together. £1 donation to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink.

Our next meeting in Grove Methodist Church will be on **Monday, 5th June**.

Contact Jenny Marriott, tel: 01235 767624 for further details.

The **May / June quiz** will be available from Sheila Hall at the beginning of May.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The April coffee morning raised £110 for Wateraid.

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter (telephone 762504). Thank you.

Flower Rota

30 th April	Jean Noddle
7 th May	Judy Thomas
14 th May	Sue Stead
21 st May	Kay Parfrey.
28 th May	Veronica Richards

Late Spring.

This is a new bereavement support group that Age UK Oxfordshire will be running in Grove from Monday 15th May this year.

It will meet **every 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Meeting Room at Grove Methodist Church.**

The sessions aim to be a mixture of restorative and informative and are guided by the needs of those attending, all sessions are facilitated. There is no charge made for attending these groups.

Transport to Church

If you are in need of transport to get to church, then please contact Peter Hemmings on 762504, who has a list of people willing to give lifts. He will do his best to arrange transport for you.

Wantage

FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & REFLECTION

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

In April we concluded this year's York Lent Course Receiving Christ. The group found this a very rewarding study and much discussion took place. We will be taking a further look at this study later. In Holy Week we visited St. Mary's Convent and Sister Phoebe accompanied us round the Stations of the Cross. To end the month Keith talked to us on the Jack Reacher approach to Evangelism.

The details of the **May dates** are as follows:

- 2nd May We conclude our study of the The Vice President's Address to Conference. This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 9th May Session 1 Lent Course: Receiving Christ as children of God: John 1:1-14
- 15th May Session 2 Lent Course Receiving Christ in the stranger and the needy: James 2:1-4 and 14-17
- Please note the meeting is on Monday this week only**
- 23rd May Session 3 Lent Course: Receiving Christ in Holy Communion: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28
- 30th May No meeting – School holiday

We are having another **Quiet Day** on **11th July** at St. Mary's Convent. The day starts at 9:45 am and ends at 3:30 pm. The cost is £16 which includes the use of the facilities there, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and cake. Libby Bolton will lead us in two short reflections, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, following on from our Bible Month study of James. If you are interested in joining us talk to me (Eileen Rennie) and I will give you full details.

As always we can assure you of a very warm welcome if you would like to join us for any of our meetings. Eileen would be delighted to talk to you if you would like to find out more about this group. We meet at 50 Warmans Close from 1:30 pm to 3:15 pm. You can contact Eileen Rennie by telephone on 01235 224284 or email: m.rennie50@ntlworld.com or talk to her at Church.

Wednesday Fellowship

- 3rd May Michael and Gillian Taylor will give an illustrated talk on bees and bee-keeping.
- 10th May Hazel Townsend will tell us about her visit to an Orthopaedic Children's Hospital in India. Hazel hoped to be able to help some of the children there.
- 17th May Lizzy Hartley is a Trustee of the charity "School for Romania" which delivers special needs education and therapeutic support to young adults with disabilities who have grown up in institutions in the north of Romania.
- 24th May We welcome back our friend Chris Caddy who will give an illustrated talk entitled "Towns, Past, Present and Future".
- 31st May Chris Smith from Specsavers will tell us about the services that they offer. (Postponed from last January)

Lunch Dates

There will be a **Sunday** lunch on **April 30th** before the Annual Church Meeting.

Lunch dates for May are as follows:

There will be NO **Friday** lunch on May 5th. The next one will be **19th** then **June 2nd**.
Sunday lunches will be **14th** and **28th**.

We look forward to seeing you on any or all of the dates.

WORSHIP

Church Flowers

May	7 th		21 st
	14 th	Margaret McAlpin	28 th Ann Barber

PRAYER

Prayer list for May

Loving God, ever present in our lives, we thank you for the special time of Holy Week and Easter Day where we had opportunity for extra reflection and as we look forward to Ascension Day help us to remain vigilant in the time we set aside for you each day. We ask for your blessing on all that we endeavour to do in your name. Help us be true disciples following Christ's example where he gave his all, not counting the cost.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Phoebe and family, Bethan Grant, Adrian Richens, Lois Knighton, Eileen and Alan Bunn and their family, Rex and June Hartle, Jane, The Wright-Clark family, Diana, Jenny, Wantage Health and Well-being Centre, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors, YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors.

Those members of our church family who, through frailty and ill health, can no longer worship with us.

If you or the person/people you have put on the prayer list would still like to be in the June Newsletter or you want to add anybody please let me know by **19th May** in order for me to meet the Newsletter deadline.

Eileen Rennie: Telephone 01235 224284; e-mail m.rennie50@ntlworld.com

Pastoral - *praying for each other.*

In May the following people on **Sharon Hayford's Pastoral List** will be included in the Prayer Time at Eileen Rennie's House-group: Nancy and Kofi Agyeman, and Helen & John Carter, together with those on **Carolyn Roche's Pastoral List**: Dilys Seymour, Linda & Rodney Tillotson, Pru Cathcart, Andrew Holley, and Catherine & David Worth.

In addition to the names listed above, the members of our church family who, through frailty and poor health cannot worship with us any longer, are also mentioned by name at Eileen's group.

Trevor and Sheila Johnson

We are sorry to be saying farewell to Trevor and Sheila who have just moved from Wantage to their new home in Middleton Stoney near Bicester. We acknowledge with much gratitude all of the ways in which they have contributed to the life of our church – including Trevor's six years of service as a Church Steward with a period as Senior Steward. We will miss their presence with us, but hopefully they will feel near enough to be able to pop back from time to time and keep in touch with us. We wish Trevor and Sheila God's blessing in their new home, new church and new local community, and hope that their move will go smoothly and they will take with them our good wishes, our thanks and our love.

Space to Be - Tuesday May 16th, 9.45 - 11am

Firstly, thank you to those who have commented on the format of Space to Be. That was much appreciated by those of us who have been facilitating this. As a result, Space to Be will be happening in May, with an amended format. The meditation will be held from 9.45 to 10.15. There will be some prayer stations set out and everyone is welcome to stay after the meditation, or to come in any time between 10.15 and 11am. There will not be tea and coffee supplied, but water will be made available.

We are going to try this and see if this meets the need of those who have shown an interest in Space to Be continuing.

We may well change the day and time in coming months to see if there is a better time for those who might be interested but for whom Tuesday isn't a good day. Please let Helen Carter or Jane Kent have any thoughts about a change of day and time.

YOUNG CHURCH

YMOSES

Our next get-together will be at 7:15 pm on **Sunday 14th May** at Chris and Charlotte's, when we look forward to welcoming Rev Katherine Pickering from Didcot.

If you are at secondary school and would like to come along and join us for a faith-based discussion group we'd love to see you!

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

It was a joy to see so many families share in our Easter morning celebration! After reflecting on the events of the first Easter morning, the children had fun doing some Easter related craft activities before we all sat down to a shared breakfast. The chocolate crepes, croissants, rolls, cereal bars and drinks disappeared very quickly! Thank you to everyone for your contributions! We finished our time together with an Easter treasure hunt - it was lovely to see the children running round our premises with excited faces!

May 21st – Big, Big Questions
June 18th – God, our Father
July 16th – Summer Fun in the Park

Kids@church is an informal service planned for primary school aged children and is at 9.30am at Wantage Methodist Church, Newbury Street.

We'd love to see you - everyone welcome!

For **more information on any of these activities** please don't hesitate to call me on 01235 765421.

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings for May / June

Please **check / book your date** with Gordon **before you commit to** your meeting. In addition to the regular users, the following bookings are in place:

Wednesday 3 rd May	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Friday 5 th May	eve	Language Group	Chapel
Saturday 6 th May	all day	Private Party	All Hall
Tuesday 16 th May	aft	Oxfordshire FGC Service	Parlour
Wed-Sat 7 th -10 th June	day	Art Exhibition	Chapel
Friday 9 th June	eve	Wantage Community Church	Parlour
Saturday 10 th June	morn	Wantage Community Church	Parlour
Saturday 10 th June	eve	Didcot Divas Concert	Hall
Tuesday 27 th June	eve	The Letcombe Singers	Chapel
Friday 30 th June	eve	The Letcombe Singers	All Premises

Chapel & Hall Rooms' Regular Users

Monday	Kitchen	Mrs Bun the Baker, 09:00 – 14:00
	Hall	Pilates from 18:45
	Godfrey Room	Dietician (alternate weeks)
Tuesday	All Hall rooms	MIND, 09:30 – 13:00
	Chapel	Space 2 Be – 3 rd week monthly, 09:00 – 12:00
	Hall	Wantage Camera Club from 18:45
	Parlour	My Life, My Choice, 2 nd evening in the month
Wednesday	Hall	Open Access – 2 nd & 4 th weeks of the month, 09:00 – 12:30
	Hall	Wednesday Fellowship, 13:00 – 16:00
	Hall	Wantage Stage Musical, 19:00 – 22:00
Thursday	Hall	King Alfred WI - 3 rd week in the month, 12:00 -15:00
	Hall	Regain Fitness, 18:45 – 20:30
Friday	All Hall rooms	Wantage Toddlers, 9:30 – 11:45
	Hall	Friday Lunches, alternate weeks, 11:45 – 15:00
	Hall	Caritas Children's Choir, 16:00 – 17:00
Saturday	All Hall rooms	Dads Out - 3 rd week in the month, 9:30 – Noon
Sunday	All premises	Worship, Junior Church & Crèche, 8:30 – 13:00
		Sunday Lunches, alternate weeks, 11:45 – 14:00

DIARY

April

Sunday 30 th	12:30 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p16
	1:30 pm Wantage Annual Church Meeting	

May

Thursday 4 th	7:30 pm Safeguarding Refresher Course at Wantage	p4
Saturday 6 th	10:00 am to 12 noon Coffee morning at Grove	p13

Saturday 13 th	Deadline for material for June 2017 Circuit Exchange	
	14 - 20 May Christian Aid Week	p11

Sunday 14 th	12:30 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p16
	6:00 pm Christian Aid Week Service @ Holy Trinity Charlton	p11

Tuesday 16 th	9.45 - 11am Space to Be at Wantage	p17
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Thursday 18 th	7:30 pm "Stories, hooks, bridges & snapshots" at Grove	p4
	7:30 pm "Celebrating Doubt" at All Saints Abingdon	p10

Friday 19 th	12:15 pm Friday Lunch at Wantage	p16
	7:30 pm Grove Film Club – "Eddie the Eagle"	p13

Sunday 21 st	4:00 pm Testimony Service at Trinity	p5
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Monday 22 nd	7:30 pm "Made in the image of God" at Grove	p4
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Sunday 28 th	12:30 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p16
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June

Friday 2 nd	12:15 pm Friday Lunch at Wantage	p16
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Sunday 4 th	3:00 pm Pentecost Service on the green at Childrey	p12
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Monday 5 th	7:30 pm "The fall and temptation" at Grove	p4
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8 - 10 th	11:00 am to 5:00 pm Keith Jansz Art Exhibition at Wantage	p9
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Saturday 10 th	3:00 pm Childrey Village Fete	p12
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Sunday Services – May 2017

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
7th May Easter 4 Vocations Sunday	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	Chapel Anniversary 10:45 am Rev Michael Chester 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Michael Chester	10:30 am Worship through Art Local arrangement
14th May Easter 5 Christian Aid	11:00 am Alan Smith	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity, Charlton	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Esther Wollgar 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity, Charlton
21st May Easter 6 Aldersgate Sunday	11:00 am Andrew Lockley 4:00 pm at Trinity Abingdon	10:45 am Tabitha Griffiths 4:00 pm at Trinity Abingdon	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 4:00 pm at Trinity Abingdon
28th May Sunday after Ascension	11:30 am United Service Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Ruth Dams 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:30 am Tabitha Griffiths