

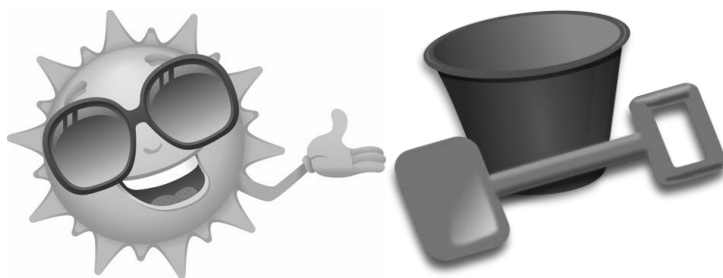
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit

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SECTOR NEWS



July / August 2018

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Contributions for the **September Newsletter** should be sent to the editor by email, phone or in writing by **Sunday 19th August 2018** to wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com
Tel : 01235 766655 / 07710 214601
Editors : Gill & Gordon Skidmore

Don't forget the Circuit Calendar can now be viewed on the Circuit website. Send items for inclusion to Andrew Lockley, at any time.

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)

Grove web site is found from www.wantab.org.uk

Wantage web site www.wantagemethodist.org.uk

Circuit web site www.wantab.org.uk

From the Manse...

One of the joys of going on holiday is the opportunity to see new things and to enlarge our horizons. Getting away from the ordinary and the everyday allows us to do just that. Whether a day out, a weekend away, time with family who live in a different part of the country, or a lengthy trip abroad, we make the most of these excursions, enjoying the change of being in a different environment.

I remember during my time running the “Religious Education Resources Project” in London, going on a number of school journeys (The Isle of Wight, Yorkshire and Devon) and seeing how the children revelled in their new surroundings. This for me was always a highlight of those trips.

To see youngsters who had never been to the countryside visit a farm and get close to the animals, or be overwhelmed by the grandeur of Osborne House, or paddle in the sea that they had only ever seen on the television was great to witness. These new experiences opened their eyes to a bigger world, with new horizons.

We all have our favourite places. Places we have been to in the past, visited whilst on holiday or on a day out. Places that had a huge impact on us and which will always be special to us, whether they be cathedrals that seem to stretch up to eternity itself or landscapes which speak of the creative power of God.

Sometimes, though, it is hard to see the wood because of the trees. Although our eyes are open we do not always see the bigger picture and the wider vista because we do not allow ourselves to take that step back.

Everyone needs a rest, a break, time out and time off. It is no accident that at the end of creating the world, God rested, establishing for us the pattern of work and rest which is so necessary and which we neglect at our peril.

As we come to the summer period in our church year, let us take a step back from the busyness of these past months to help us see again the bigger picture, so that we do not lose sense of that wider perspective.

For when we look at the bigger picture, when we allow ourselves to see all that is before us, we will like the Psalmist, find our praise to God ascending heavenwards as we give thanks for all that is around us.

May we all find this summer a time of rest, reflection and re-creation.

With love and God Bless,

Keith

Circuit farewell service for Rev Katherine Pickering

The Circuit Farewell for Katherine Pickering is at Wallingford on 22nd July at 4:00 pm. We will be giving thanks for the ministry of Katherine in the circuit.

Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Jocelyn Bennett

The Welcome service for Rev Jocelyn Bennett will be held at Milton Methodist Church at 7:00 pm on Saturday 1st September. All are welcome to attend.

Our congratulations go to Rev Dr Ralph Waller who was awarded the KBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He has preached in the sector on occasions.

“KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (KBE)

Reverend Dr Ralph Waller, Principal, Harris Manchester College in the University of Oxford has worked tirelessly to improve social mobility in higher education, delivering on his passion to give people a second chance in education. He has transformed Harris Manchester into a thriving College for mature students, building a unique community within the University, raising millions of pounds to secure its future and improve facilities. He is Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and a former Chairman of the Faculty of Theology. He is the Director of the Farmington Institute, working to support head teachers and those involved in the teaching of RE in schools.”

Pilgrim Homes invite you to the
Framland Garden Party
to be held on
Saturday 14th July
from 12 noon until 4:00 pm.

BBQ at 12:30 pm prompt
Wantage Silver Band Hanney Choir Hendred Ukelele Group
Cream Tea Various Stalls
Adult £12 Children £6 Family £28

This event is for the Family Members, Staff and supporters of Pilgroim Homes as well as for their respective families, friends and local church contacts.

To aid catering please let “The Administrator” know your name, and the number of adults and the number of children in your party by 2nd July.

The Administrator , Pilgrim Homes, Framland, Naldertown, Wantage OX12 9DL
Email: wantage@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk Tel: 03003031470

Collection for Mongolia: Update

On behalf of the children and families cared for by The Christina Noble Children's Foundation in Mongolia, I would like to thank all who so generously donated warm clothing and cameras over the past few months.

The clothing has been boxed into 7 crates which are now on their way to Mongolia while the cameras raised an amazing £650. This money will be taken to Mongolia where it will directly benefit children and families in desperate need, for example paying for life-changing medical treatment and medication that otherwise would be beyond the reach of many sick and injured children.

We, and especially the children and families who will benefit, are so grateful to you. The need is ongoing and I am still collecting hand-knitted clothing, hats and scarves as well as old cameras, laptops and binoculars.

Thank you so much. Miranda (*Miranda Marsh: 07843 384016*)

'Tools with a Mission' or TWAM

Just a reminder of a useful way of disposing of unwanted tools of all kinds – carpentry, mechanical, electrical, car maintenance, gardening, sewing and knitting machines, even haberdashery goods. TWAM can put these to good use, even if they are already well used. They have workshops manned by volunteers who repair and make them workable again. The tools are then assembled into "Kits" and sent on request to Africa to people who have had training but need the suitable tools to get started in work. It is amazing how much difference a sewing machine and haberdashery pack, or a carpentry kit can make to someone and their family, when they can earn a living for themselves.

To find out more visit Bryan Orchard in the 'Cartridge' shop in Grove Street, Wantage. He has booklets and information available and can tell you more about how it all happens or visit [facebook.com/toolswithamission](https://www.facebook.com/toolswithamission)

More news from wider Methodism

If you use email, you can sign-up to a variety 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>

2018 Newsletter Publication Deadlines

September	19 th August	November	21 st October
October	16 th September	Dec/Jan	18 th November

Circuit Website - www.wantab.org.uk

Please remember we are always looking for up-to-date stories, even of relatively small-scale events, to ensure the site gives a fresh and up-to-date impression. Anyone can send a paragraph, long or short, ideally with a photo (from your phone?). Don't worry about your prowess as an author – an editorial eye can be cast over your work if you wish.

I'm happy to add events for any Church to the calendar – just send me details, as below.

We intend that people within the Circuit can use the site to find or disseminate information – as a replacement for the online Circuit Directory, and a central repository for downloadable documents. The local preachers have all been given access, as part of the plan-making tool which was used for the first time last month.

Because of the laws on data privacy, we can only store contact details for those who clearly consent to this, or whose role in the Church requires that they can be contacted. If you would like to be given access, or to share your email and/or phone details with others in the Circuit, especially those holding posts in the Churches, please email a.lockley@tiscali.co.uk or fill in the form at www.wantab.org.uk/signing-in.html

FOODBANK

Many thanks for the continuing support for the foodbank with donations of requested items and money (in a sealed envelope and given to Helen Carter). This is much appreciated, and at the time of writing the stocks are at a good level for most items, which is good as when the school holidays start it is expected there will be another upsurge of requests. There is particular concern for families whose children are entitled to free school meals and there are discussions happening as to how these families can be identified and assisted during the summer holidays. Please watch the weekly notices for more information on this issue. Thank you.

Wantage & Grove Street Pastors prayer cards.

There are some prayer cards that are designed as book marks available. There are suggested topics for your prayers on these, together with information about a couple of events. There are also some 'business' cards that give details of how online donations can be made. Please do take a book mark and also one of the cards if you would like to make a donation. There is a significant financial cost to ensuring that regular patrols go out on Friday and Saturday nights, and so any donations are very gratefully received. If you would like to consider a regular small financial contribution, then please do check out the website to see how to do that. Thank you very much.



**The Letcombe Singers
present their**

**FAREWELL
SUPPER
CONCERT**

**A varied programme of old favourites
to include Gilbert and Sullivan's**

Trial by Jury

**Letcombe Regis Village Hall
Friday, 6th July at 7.30 pm**

**Tickets £12 (including supper)
from Wantage Museum, Bretts,
Letcombe Regis Village Shop and Choir members.**

In aid of SWEATBOX

Cash Bar available

MINDFULNESS TASTER EVENT

SUNDAY 15th JULY

Wantage Methodist Church Hall,
Newbury Street, OX12 8DA



5pm-6.30pm/ Cost only £5

Discover what Mindfulness is all about in an easy and friendly atmosphere.
There's no need to book, just come along.

Please note that it does not require you to sit cross-legged
on a cushion, unless you would like to do so :)

Mindfulness is an evidence-based form of meditation that has been shown to alleviate anxiety, depression, stress and chronic pain and enhance mental and physical well-being.

We will be running a full 8-week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy Course
in the autumn for anyone who is interested.

THE TEACHERS

Conroy Harris is an experienced accredited freelance Mindfulness Teacher and an associate of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre (OMC), where he teaches on a regular basis.

See: <http://oxfordmindfulness.org/people/conroy-harris/>

Susie Stead trained to teach at the OMC and is part of a team running a weekly drop-in centre, and mindfulness courses in Headington. (www.susiestead.com)

For further information contact Susie Stead on 07962531704/ soozstead@gmail.com



SUPPORT WORKERS—WANTAGE AREA

£8.50 per hour

PLUS EXCELLENT BENEFITS

Mencap is the leading voice of learning disability. Everything we do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers.

All our services support people to live life as they choose.

We support people every year to achieve the ordinary and the extraordinary.

If you would like to help us achieve a world where people with a learning disability are valued equally, listened to and included, we would love to meet you.

We are currently recruiting for Support Workers to complement our existing team at our Wantage service, where we support 12 people with a learning disability.

This opportunity could be **full time** or **part time**, depending on your preference, and is a permanent position; with an excellent free training programme.

We do require our staff to be able to work across a variety of different shift patterns, including sleep ins.

For further information and an informal chat, please call our local Service Manager for Wantage, Dvora Kader on 07985 436024.



Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: **Friday 7th September**, 12:15 pm.
Location to be advised.

United Services:

Sunday 22 July	11:30 am	Barbara Kershaw
Sunday 26 August	11:30 am	At St Mary's

On-going conversations between the congregations of **Childrey Methodist Church and St. Mary's as we look to the future - 2:00 pm on 3rd July** at Childrey Methodist Church.

Prayers:

Prayers are asked for Amy Rose Legge and her family, 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.

Grove

You are invited to a **coffee morning** on **Saturday 7th July** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon when our hosts will be Linda and Mark Jones. Proceeds from the morning are for Emmaus. "Emmaus is a homelessness charity that offers a home, not just a bed for the night. It helps people who are homeless to regain their self-confidence by offering a home for as long as someone needs it, as well as meaningful work in social enterprises."

The **coffee morning** in August is on **Saturday 4th August** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon. Our hosts will be Sue and John Stead. Proceeds from the morning are for the October Club at Wantage.

On **Saturday 1st September** the **coffee morning** will be for the Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal, from 10 am till 12 noon in the Meeting Room. Our hosts will be Lesley Hummerston and Jenny Marriott. There will be a stall offering items for a small donation and John and Margaret Willemssen will be on hand to answer questions about where the boxes go and how they are distributed and received.

Dates for Tuesday Fellowship

3 rd July	Tea and chat at Church
10 th July	Valerie Broadbent speaking about her favourite charity "Caring for Life", which cares for, and employs, disadvantaged young people.
17 th July	Visit of Heather Wells, talking about her visit to Nepal
24 th July	Visit to John and Sue Stead's garden.
31 st July	Alan Smith : Voices from Distant Days. Chat about music and singers and play music.
7 th August	Visit to Cornerstone
14 th August	Visit of Deacon Selina Nisbett
21 st August	To be announced
28 th August	To be announced
4 th September	To be announced

On **Monday 2nd July at 7 pm Open House and Warmed Hearts** are having a barbeque at the home of Eric and Judy Thomas, 7 Miles Drive, Grove.

It is **open to everyone**, not just the 'regulars'. So do come along if you can.

Salads, bread, sauces, desserts and hot drinks, also crockery and cutlery will be provided. **But please will everyone bring their own meat / fish to barbeque plus cold drinks.**

For catering purposes, please will you let Eric or Judy Thomas (01235 762723) know **by 1st July** if you plan to come.

Open House is planning a village walk around the Hanneys on **Monday 6th August**, and the **Warmed Hearts** group will be joining them. The plan is to meet in Millbrook Square, Grove at **7:15 pm** to car share to Hanney.

They plan to stroll for about an hour and finish up with refreshments at The Black Horse in East Hanney. All are welcome on the walk and those who can't or prefer not to walk are welcome to join them at The Black Horse later.

Open House on **Monday 3rd September** – details nearer the time, in the notices or from Lynda Culley.

The **Warmed Hearts group** will next meet for a discussion evening on **Wednesday 19th September** at 8:00 pm at 12 Rosebay Crescent, Grove for session two of "Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy". All welcome.

Film Club on **Friday 20th July** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

We will be showing "**La La Land**". 2016 PG13 2hrs 8mins

While navigating their careers in Los Angeles a pianist and an actress fall in love while attempting to reconcile their aspirations for the future.

Stars: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Rosemarie De Witt

Film Plus on **Sunday, 29th July** at **4:00 pm** in the Meeting Room.

We will be showing "**The hundred foot journey**", followed by refreshments and a short service at 6:30 pm based on themes from the film.

Film Club on **Friday 24th August** (4th Friday) at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

We will be showing "**Paddington 2**" 2017 PG 1hr 43mins

Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen.

Stars: Ben Whishaw, Hugh Bonneville, Madeline Harris, Samuel Joslin, Sally Hawkins.

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

Church Clean Up Day

Judy Thomas

The annual Church Cleaning Day will be held on Saturday August 18th from 9:30 am. There will be jobs for both outside (do bring gardening gloves etc.) and inside. Please put this date in your diary, the more people that can make it even for an hour, the quicker we shall be! Thank you.

Cream tea: Judy and Eric Thomas invite everyone for a **Cream Tea** on **Sunday August 26th** from **3:00 – 4:30 pm** to be held in their garden at 7 Miles Drive Grove.

All donations for the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Handicrafts Group meets at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **afternoons Monday** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to craft and chat together.

£1 donation to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink. All welcome.

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

The **July / August quiz** will be available, price 50p, from Sheila Hall (01235 763135) at the beginning of July.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The June coffee morning for church funds raised £105.61. The money will be put towards equipping the church with a dedicated projector.

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter Hemmings (Tel: 01235 762504). Thank you.

Flower Rota

1 st July	Sheila Hall	5 th August	Lesley Hummerston
8 th July	Noreen Hemmings	12 th August	Linda Jones
15 th July	Audrey Hogston	19 th August	Katie King
22 nd July	Judith Hopkins	26 th August	Jenny Marriott
29 th July	Joyce Horton	2 nd September	Margaret Merryweather

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.

Grove Church Council meets on **Thursday 5th July** at 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room.

Grove Pastoral Visitors meeting is at 2:30 pm on **Thursday 19th July** in the Meeting Room.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2018.

Leaflets are now available in church or from Jenny Marriott, if you are planning to start shopping in good time for your boxes. Closing date is 31st October.

Empty shoeboxes are also much appreciated – around size 8 if possible please – but no boot boxes thank you. Look on the website www.linktohope.co.uk to find out where last year's boxes went and how much they were appreciated.

Wantage

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During June we studied the book of Jonah in line with Bible Month. Keith led the third session for us.

In July we will break for the summer after our Day for Quiet Reflection at the Convent on 17th July and in August we will only meet the first Tuesday for the Monthly Prayer Meeting.

The details of the July and August dates are as follows:

- 3rd July We will study the book of Philemon - Mending Fractured Relationships. This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting
- 10th July We will look at a Study Session entitled "Why Religion?"
- 17th July A Day for Quiet Reflection at St Mary's Convent
- 24th July No Meeting
- 31st July No Meeting
- 7th August We meet for the Monthly Prayer Meeting and Afternoon Tea.

We begin again after our Summer Break on 4th September.

We can assure you of a very warm welcome if you would like to join us for any of our meetings. I 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 to 3:15 pm.

You can contact me (Eileen Rennie) by telephone on 01235 224284 or e-mail: m.rennie50@ntlworld.com or talk to me at Church.

Sunday morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Study will be held on **29th July and 26th August** at the usual time of 9 am. As always, everyone is very welcome.

Flower rota

July	1 st	Carolyn Roche	19 th	Ann Barber	
	8 th	Helen Carter	26 th		
	15 th	Eileen Rennie			
	22 nd	Gill Skidmore	Sept	2 nd	Graham Godfrey
	29 th			9 th	
				16 th	
August	5 th			23 rd	
	12 th			30 th	

Music Group

Gill Skidmore

After more than 20 years of co-ordinating the Music Group, June Grunwald has decided to stand back for a while and serve in other roles in the Church instead. We offer a huge vote of **thanks** to June for all that she has done.

Some thoughts about the Music Group were put forward at our recent "Church Away Day at Home", so this seems like a good time to review what we are doing and where we want to go from here.

On **Saturday 21st July at 7:30pm** we are going to meet at 32 Blackcroft to listen to everybody's ideas and enjoy a bring-and-share supper.

Anybody interested in joining the Group is more than welcome. There will be no pressure if you subsequently decide it's not for you, but come and explore. There may well be hidden talent in the congregation, especially amongst those relatively new to the Church. Don't be shy! Come and meet us!

For planning purposes, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you would like to come (gill.skidmore32@gmail.com or 01235 766655).

YOUNG CHURCH

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

In June we had fun thinking about the 'fantastic fruits of the Holy Spirit'! In church we learnt about the first Pentecost then sang 'Give me joy in my heart'. We prayed together before going through to the hall where the children were invited to make fruit mobiles and fruit kebabs.

Our next Kids@church will be on **Sunday 15th July** and we will meet at 9:30 am at **Manor Road Memorial Park, Wantage**, for some 'Summer Fun in the Park'! If it's hot you may want to throw swimming costumes in for when the splash park opens? We look forward to seeing you there!

In the **Autumn**, Kids@church will meet again on Sunday 16th September at 9:30 am for 'Welcome Back Breakfast'!

Kids@church is open to all families with children of primary school age. For more information please phone me on 01235 765421.

YMOSES

Jane Kent

In June we also looked at Jonah. We read it using the dramatized version of the Bible and discussed the main themes of the book and watched 'The Hound of Heaven' clip from YouTube which Keith had used in church.

On **15th July** we will be having our summer social in Oxford with a walk by the river and a visit to the ice-cream cafe!

In the **Autumn** we will be meeting at 7:15 pm on 9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December.

YMOSES is an informal faith-based discussion group for young people from secondary school age. If you would like to come along and join us you would be **MORE** than welcome! Please give me a call on 01235 765421.

LONGER BIBLE STUDY PROJECTS

The Bible in a Year - Keith's challenge to us all for 2017 / 2018

We started on 1st September 2017 and are challenged to join in reading the whole of the Bible in a year. There is an Old Testament passage, a New Testament passage and a Psalm / Proverbs passage for each day.

The last two months, July and August's calendar readings, are available on the website, as cards in the church vestibule and below.

The Bible in a Year - Month 11: July

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms/Proverbs
304	01-July	Obadiah 1-21	Hebrews 2:1-18	Proverbs 26:13-22
305	02-July	Joel 1:1-2:17	Hebrews 3:1-19	Psalm 119:137-144
306	03-July	Joel 2:18-3:21	Hebrews 4:1-13	Psalm 119:145-152
307	04-July	Ezekiel 1:1-3:27	Hebrews 4:12-5:10	Psalm 119:153-160
308	05-July	Ezekiel 4:1-6:14	Hebrews 5:11-6:12	Proverbs 26:23-27:4
309	06-July	Ezekiel 7:1-9:11	Hebrews 6:13-7:10	Psalm 119:161-168
310	07-July	Ezekiel 10:1-12:28	Hebrews 7:11-28	Psalm 119:169-176
311	08-July	Ezekiel 13:1-15:8	Hebrews 8:1-13	Psalm 120:1-7
312	09-July	Ezekiel 16:1-63	Hebrews 9:1-15	Proverbs 27:5-14
313	10-July	Ezekiel 17:1-18:32	Hebrews 9:16-28	Psalm 121:1-8
314	11-July	Ezekiel 19:1-20:44	Hebrews 10:1-18	Psalm 122:1-9
315	12-July	Ezekiel 20:45-22:22	Hebrews 10:19-39	Psalm 123:1-4
316	13-July	Ezekiel 22:23-23:49	Hebrews 11:1-16	Proverbs 27:15-22
317	14-July	Ezekiel 24:1-25:17	Hebrews 11:17-40	Psalm 124:1-8
318	15-July	Ezekiel 26:1-27:36	Hebrews 12:1-13	Psalm 125:1-5
319	16-July	Ezekiel 28:1-29:21	Hebrews 12: 14-29	Psalm 126:1-6
320	17-July	Ezekiel 30:1-31:18	Hebrews 13:1-25	Proverbs 27:23-28:6
321	18-July	Ezekiel 32:1-33:20	James 1:1-27	Psalm 127:1-5
322	19-July	Ezekiel 33:21-35:15	James 2:1-26	Psalm 128:1-6
323	20-July	Ezekiel 36:1-27:28	James 3:1-18	Psalm 129:1-8
324	21-July	Ezekiel 38:1-39:29	James 4:1-17	Proverbs 28:7-17
325	22-July	Ezekiel 40:1-49	James 5:1-20	Psalm 130:1-8
326	23-July	Ezekiel 41:1-42:20	1 Peter 1:1-2:3	Psalm 131:1-3
327	24-July	Ezekiel 31:1-44:31	1 Peter 2:4-25	Psalm 132:1-18
328	25-July	Ezekiel 45:1-46:24	1 Peter 3:1-22	Proverbs 28:18-28
329	26-July	Ezekiel 47:1-48:35	1 Peter 4:1-19	Psalm 133:1-3
330	27-July	Daniel 1:1-2:23	1 Peter 5:1-14	Psalm 134:1-3
331	28-July	Daniel 2:24-3:12	2 Peter 1:1-21	Psalm 135:1-12
332	29-July	Daniel 3:13-4:18	2 Peter 2:1-22	Proverbs 29:1-9
333	30-July	Daniel 4:19-5:16	2 Peter 3:1-18	Psalm 135:13-21
334	31-July	Daniel 5:17-6:28	1 John 1:1-2:11	Psalm 136:1-12

The Bible in a Year - Month 12:August

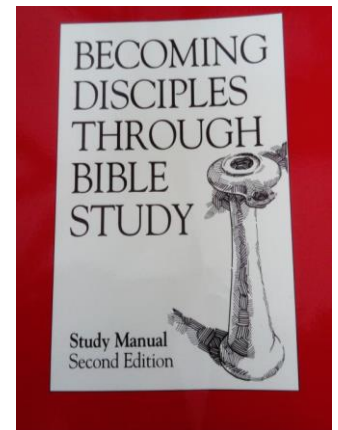
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336	02-Aug	Daniel 8:15-9:19	1 John 2:28-3:10	Proverbs 29:10-18
337	03-Aug	Daniel 9:20-11:1	1 John 3:11-4:6	Psalms 137:1-9
338	04-Aug	Daniel 11:2-35	1 John 4:7-21	Psalms 138:1-8
339	05-Aug	Daniel 11:36-12:13	1 John 5:1-21	Psalms 139:1-10
340	06-Aug	Haggai 1:1-2:23	2 John 1:1-13	Proverbs 29:19-27
341	07-Aug	Zechariah 1:1-4:14	3 John 1:1-14	Psalms 139:11-16
342	08-Aug	Zechariah 5:1-8:23	Jude 1:1-25	Psalms 139:17-24
343	09-Aug	Zechariah 9:1-11:17	Revelation 1:1-20	Psalms 140:1-5
344	10-Aug	Zechariah 12:1-14:21	Revelation 2:1-17	Proverbs 30:1-10
345	11-Aug	Esther 1:1-2:18	Revelation 2:18-3:6	Psalms 140:6-13
346	12-Aug	Esther 2:19-5:14	Revelation 3:7-22	Psalms 141:1-10
347	13-Aug	Esther 6:1-8:17	Revelation 4:1-11	Psalms 142:1-7
348	14-Aug	Esther 9:1-10:3	Revelation 5:1-14	Proverbs 30:11-23
349	15-Aug	Malachi 1:1-2:16	Revelation 6:1-17	Psalms 143:1-12
350	16-Aug	Malachi 2:17-4:6	Revelation 7:1-17	Psalms 144:1-8
351	17-Aug	Ezra 1:1-2:67	Revelation 8:1-9:12	Psalms 144:9-15
352	18-Aug	Ezra 2:68-4:5	Revelation 9:13-10:11	Proverbs 30:24-33
353	19-Aug	Ezra 4:6-5:17	Revelation 11:1-19	Psalms 145:1-7
354	20-Aug	Ezra 6:1-7:10	Revelation 12:1-13:1a	Psalms 145:8-13a
355	21-Aug	Ezra 7:11-8:14	Revelation 13:1b-18	Psalms 145:13b-21
356	22-Aug	Ezra 8:15-9:15	Revelation 14:1-13	Proverbs 31:1-9
357	23-Aug	Ezra 10:1-44	Revelation 14:14-15:8	Psalms 146:1-10
358	24-Aug	Nehemiah 1:1-2:20	Revelation 16:1-21	Psalms 147:1-11
359	25-Aug	Nehemiah 3:1-4:23	Revelation 17:1-18	Psalms 147:12-20
360	26-Aug	Nehemiah 5:1-7:3	Revelation 18:1-17a	Proverbs 31:10-20
361	27-Aug	Nehemiah 7:4-8:18	Revelation 18:17b-19:10	Psalms 148:1-6
362	28-Aug	Nehemiah 9:1-37	Revelation 19:11-21	Psalms 148:7-14
363	29-Aug	Nehemiah 9:38-11:21	Revelation 20:1-15	Psalms 149:1-9
364	30-Aug	Nehemiah 11:22-12:47	Revelation 21:1-27	Proverbs 31:21-31
365	31-Aug	Nehemiah 13:1-31	Revelation 22:1-21	Psalms 150:1-6

Disciple - becoming disciples through Bible study - 2018/2019 course details

"An intensive, 34 week, systematic Bible Study Course that will blow your socks off!"

The Disciple Course that Keith will start on August 30th and will take place on **Thursday mornings, 9:30 am - 12 noon** normally in the Godfrey Room.

The dates and themes for the weekly meetings are as below. The Bible study will be a two and half hour meeting using a mixture of DVD clips, discussion, and various Bible study methods. For the other six days of the week, participants will be reading and reflecting upon the set biblical passages for each day, using the written material in the course handbook.



2018

30th August Initial get together and giving out of course materials etc

6th September	Disciple 1	The biblical word
13th September	Disciple 2	The creating God
20th September	Disciple 3	The rebel people
27th September	Disciple 4	The called people

4th October	Disciple 5	God hears the cry
11th October	Disciple 6	God sends the law
18th October	Disciple 7	When God draws near

25th October No meeting - half-term

1st November	Disciple 8	The people without a King
8th November	Disciple 9	The people with a King
15th November	Disciple 10	God warns the people
22nd November	Disciple 11	God punishes the people
29th November	Disciple 12	God restores the people

6th December	Disciple 13	Songs of the heart
13th December	Disciple 14	The righteous are like a tree

20th December No meeting - Christmas break

27th December No meeting - Christmas break

2019

3rd January No meeting - Christmas break

10th January	Disciple 15	When trouble comes
17th January	Disciple 16	People hope for a Saviour
24th January	Disciple 17	The time of transition
31st January	Disciple 18	Radical discipleship

7th February	Disciple 19	Mounting controversy
14th February	No meeting	
21st February	No meeting - half-term	
28th February	Disciple 20	The hidden Messiah
7th March	Disciple 21	God seeks the least, the last, the lost
14th March	Disciple 22	Lifegiver
21st March	Disciple 23	Advocate
28th March	Disciple 24	The explosive power of the spirit
4th April	Disciple 25	The Gospel penetrates the world
11th April	No meeting - Easter break	
18th April	No meeting - Easter Break	
25th April	Disciple 26	Put right with God through faith
2nd May	Disciple 27	A congregation in ferment
9th May	Disciple 28	The Son shall set us free
16th May	Disciple 29	A pastor gives guidance
23rd May	No meeting	
30th May	No meeting - half-term	
6th June	Disciple 30	Our great high priest
13th June	Disciple 31	A people set apart
20th June	Disciple 32	We never lose hope
27th June	Disciple 33	Gifts of each disciple
4th July	Disciple 34	A last supper together

PRAYER & PASTORAL

A World Transformed

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2018/2019

The Handbook has prayers and readings for each day of the month and links the church in the UK with the church overseas. Many people find it helpful for their personal daily prayer, for prayer meetings or just to dip into. An order will be placed soon, though the handbooks will not be available till August. Please let Pam Martin know if you would like to reserve a copy. Cost £3.75.

Pam Martin (764754 or 63foliat@tiscali.co.uk)

Prayer list

Loving God, as we look forward to summer breaks and time away, may we travel in the knowledge that you are with us. Help us in the midst of free time to still have time for you. As we seek for a place to worship help us to join fellow Christians in love. May we, as we share worship together, be inspired by what is offered to us and equally may we willingly share what we have brought. In our mission to share, may we feel your presence. Bring us back, Lord, refreshed and full of vigour to start again with enthusiasm to grow your Church. Amen.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Lois Knighton, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Alex and family, Sylvia, Sonia and Family, Cherie, Doug, Eve, Emily, Britzaida, Carol Pask, June Hartle, Edwina, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Janet, Richard and Heather and Charlotte and their families, Janine, Dan & Austin Beighton, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors, YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors.

Those members of our church family who, through frailty or 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 September newsletter or you want to add anybody please let me know **by 17th August** so that I can meet the newsletter deadline.

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

Pastoral - praying for each other

In July the following people on **Rita Lawrence's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Kay Goodwin, Pam & John Leake, Carole & Keith Robbins, Sheila Penney, and Meriel & Trevor Robson

In August the following people on **Eileen Rennie's Pastoral List** will be included in the special prayer meeting held during August for Eileen's group: Charlotte, Janet & Richard Browning, Joan & Ed Clipsham, Sharon Hayford, Jean Manners, Gill Morton, Gill & Gordon Skidmore, and those without a Pastoral Visitor: Britzaida de Lozado, Barbara Porter and Colin, Marjorie & Doug White. In addition to the names listed above, those in our church family, who through frailty or ill health can no longer worship with us on Sundays, will also be prayed for by name at Eileen's house-group.

Special baby news!

It is wonderful to be able to share the good news that Gill and Gordon's daughter, Janine, and her husband Dan have become parents. Their baby son, Austin Joseph John, was born on Thursday 14th June after a very long wait. So many of our church family know Janine from the time that the family came to Wantage, when she was just a toddler, and have watched her grow up amongst us. So this is such happy news for which we offer warmest congratulations to Janine and Dan, and of course to Gill and Gordon as they become grandparents for a second time. We offer our love, good wishes and our prayers to them all.

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship

July 4th This is our AGM which Keith will chair for us.

11th The term finishes with service of Holy Communion led by our minister, Revd. Keith Underhill.

Nicky and Joan have kindly agreed to host **tea and chat** in the Parlour during the summer break on Wednesdays in the Parlour (except 29th August).

Fellowship begins again on **5th September**.

Lunches in July:

Lunch dates will be as follows:

Friday lunches in July will be 6th and 20th.

Sunday lunches will be on 1st and 15th.

Please remember to **sign up for Sunday lunch by the Wednesday before**.

A big thank you to everyone who helps to prepare and serve the lunches and hope you enjoy your well-earned break.

Also thank you to everyone who supports the lunches and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Just to remind you, **as from September, Sunday lunches** will be **2nd Sunday of the month** and **Friday lunch** will be the **last Friday of the month**.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)

Knit & Chat will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Please come and join us if you are not away on holiday. We are now half way through the year and the Angel project seems to be going well. I have quite a few stored away. If you know of anyone who would like a knitting pattern please let me know. Just to remind you all that anyone is welcome to come to the group to join in and chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit. Looking forward to your company in July and August.



Summer Knit & Chat - Monday 2 July and Monday 16 July

Monday 6 August and Monday 20 August

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday 16th August

Church Picnic and Games

Jane Kent

Everyone is invited to Letcombe Regis Village Hall and recreation ground on Thursday 16th August (times to be confirmed).

Please bring some food to share for lunch and we will have outside games to play and indoor activities on offer - no pressure though, just come and have fun!

More details to follow!

MISSION & SERVICE

June/July Study Course

There are three sessions left of the five-week study course looking at some of the themes that have been identified as being common to churches that are growing.

We will be meeting at church in the Godfrey Room for this study group, beginning at 9:30 am for around 90 minutes.

Details are as below:

28 th June	Intentional spiritual development opportunities
5 th July	Participatory & collaborative leadership
12 th July	Provision of support which enabled change & overcame barriers

The report giving full background can be downloaded from

http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/4891/leading_together_final_report.pdf

World Mission

Ann Barber

There will be envelopes in church on 15th and 22nd July and you are invited to donate towards the work undertaken through World Mission on either of those Sundays.

Please could all World Mission collecting box holders bring them to church during the next two weeks or let me know if they would prefer me to pick them up from their homes. Thank you.

Toilet Twinning

The church has just twinned with its 11th toilet! This one is in Kalengera in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our Toilet Twinning money boxes are a very easy way for us to help improve sanitation and social conditions in disadvantaged places around the world.

ALL WE CAN

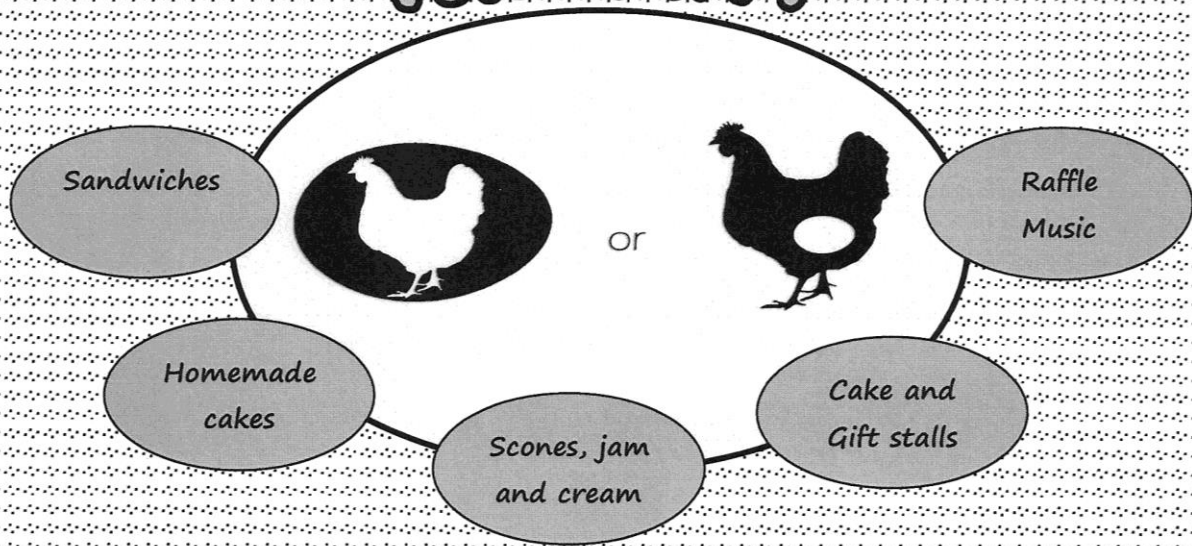
A Taste of Summer.

As part of our on-going support of All We Can, Liz and Keith invite you to the Manse garden **on Sunday 1st July** from 3 pm to 5 pm, for a “taste of summer”. Tickets for this will be available soon and need to be **purchased in advance**.

Each ticket (at a cost of £5) will entitle you to a glass of Pimms or a soft drink, and strawberries, cream and scones, tea or coffee.

They look forward to seeing you there!

CHICKEN AND EGG TEA PARTY



WANTAGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL
NEWBURY/CHURCH ST

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
3-5PM

Tickets: £6

Available from:

Eileen tel: 224284 or Catherine tel:770151

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WE
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Methodist
relief and
development

providing chickens for farmers in Zimbabwe

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Property Points

During August there will be work done in the Vestry and some touching up around the buildings. Weeding is also a necessary chore. Watch the notices and please do come and join in if you can. Tools and materials will be provided but you will need sensible footwear and gloves especially for outside work.

Please ensure the fridge is firmly closed when you have been into it.

When refilling paper towel dispensers please ensure the towels are loaded the correct way over. The "flaps" of the towels should be underneath when you load them so that they can be pulled out when used.

Thank you to everyone who has helped look after the premises over the last year. We are very busy and without that support we would struggle to serve all our user groups.

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

Please **check / book your date** with Gordon **before you commit to** your meeting.

wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

07710214601

The following bookings are in place:

JUNE

Thursday 28 th	Morning	Study Group	Godfrey
Saturday 30 th	Afternoon	Private Party	Hall

JULY

Sunday 1 st	Lunch	Sunday Lunch	Hall
	Afternoon	Wantage Christian Fellowship	Hall
Monday 2 nd	Evening	Christian Aid Committee	Parlour
Thursday 5 th	Morning	Study Group	Godfrey
Thursday 12 th	Morning	Study Group	Godfrey
Wednesday 18 th	Evening	Music Group	Chapel

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5 th	Evening	Worship Consultation	Godfrey
Saturday 15 th	Afternoon	Private Party	Hall
Saturday 29 th	Day	Tea Party	All

OCTOBER

Saturday 6 th	Morning	Private Party	Hall
Wednesday 10 th	Evening	Property & Finance	Godfrey
Friday 26 th	Afternoon	Literary Festival	Chapel

Regular bookings opposite

REGULAR BOOKINGS

Weekly Bookings July 2018

Monday	morn	Music with Mummy (not 2 nd or 30 th)	Parlour
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir (3 rd only)	Chapel
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship (not 25 th)	Hall
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Tea & Chat (25 th)	Parlour
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
Thursday	eve	Yoga	Hall
Friday	morn	Babes & Toddlers (not 27 th)	Hall
Friday	aft	Caritas Choir (not 27 th)	Hall
Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall

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1 st & 3 rd Monday	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour
Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
Alternate Monday	eve	Dietitian(2 nd & 23 rd only)	Godfrey Room
Second Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall

Weekly Bookings August 2018

Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Tea & Chat	Parlour
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
Thursday	morn	DISCIPLE (from 30 th)	Godfrey
Thursday	eve	Yoga	Hall
Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall

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1 st & 3 rd Monday	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour
Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall

Some August regular bookings subject to confirmation

DIARY

JULY

Sunday 1 st	12:30 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p21
	3:00 pm	All We Can – A Taste of Summer – Manse	p22
Monday 2 nd	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Godfrey Room	p21
	7:00 pm	Open House & Warmed Hearts BBQ	p11
Thursday 5 th	9:30 am	Wantage Study Group	p22
	7:30 pm	Grove Church Council	p13
Friday 6 th	12:15 pm	Friday Lunch at Wantage	p21
Saturday 7 th	10 am to Noon	Coffee Morning at Grove	p11
Thursday 12 th	9:30 am	Wantage Study Group	p22
Sunday 15 th	9:30 am	Kids@Church	p15
	12:30 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p21
	7:15 pm	YMOSES	p15
Tuesday 17 th	9:30 am	Day for Quiet Reflection at St Mary's Convent	p14
Friday 20 th	12:15 pm	Friday Lunch at Wantage	p21
	7:30 pm	Grove Film Club: "La La Land" 2016 PG13	p12
Sunday 22 nd	4:00 pm	Circuit Service at Wallingford	p4
Sunday 29 th	9:00 am	Bible Study at Wantage	p14

AUGUST

Saturday 4 th	10 am to Noon	Coffee Morning at Grove	p11
Thursday 16 th	tbc	Wantage Church Picnic and Games at Letcombe Regis Village Hall	p21
Saturday 18 th	9:30 am	Grove Clean up Day	p12
Deadline for the September Newsletter,			
Friday 24 th	7:30 pm	Grove Film Club: "Paddington 2" 2017 PG	p12
Sunday 26 th	9:00 am	Bible Study at Wantage	p14
Thursday 30 th	9:30 am	"Disciple" starts in Wantage	p18

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 st	10 am to Noon	Coffee Morning at Grove	p11
	7:00 pm	Circuit Welcome Service at Milton	p4
Saturday 29 th	3:00 pm	Chicken & Egg Tea Party	p 23

Sunday Services – July 2018

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
July 1st Ordinary 13 Conference	11:00 am Libby Bolton	10:45 am Malcolm Newton 6:30pm Barbara Kershaw	10:30 am Local arrangement
July 8th Ordinary 14 Action for Children	11:00 am Alan Smith	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Elizabeth Wood	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Peter Hemmings
July 15th Ordinary 15	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Helen Carter 6:30pm Rev Keith Underhill	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Rev John Rowland Worship through Poetry
July 22nd Ordinary 16	11:30 am United Service Barbara Kershaw 4:00 pm Circuit Service at Wallingford	10:45 am Libby Bolton 4:00 pm Circuit Service at Wallingford	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 4:00 pm Circuit Service at Wallingford
July 29th Ordinary 17	11:00 am Marlene Chalkley	10:45 am Rev Keith Underhill 4:00 pm Holy Communion & Film Plus: Rev Keith Underhill	9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Alan Smith

Sunday Services – August 2018

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
August 5th Ordinary 18	11:00 am Andrew Dixon	10:45 am Daphne Savage 6:30pm Geoff Caudle	10:30 am Ruth Coward Worship through Holidays
August 12th Ordinary 19	11:00 am Frederick Obeng	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Frances Blood 6:30 pm Rev John Anderson	10:30 am Ruth Dams
August 19th Ordinary 20	11:00 am Helen Carter	10:45 am Valerie Grist 6:30pm Stephen Atkinson	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Alan Grist
August 26th Ordinary 21	11:30 am United Service At St Mary's	10:45 am Libby Bolton 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill