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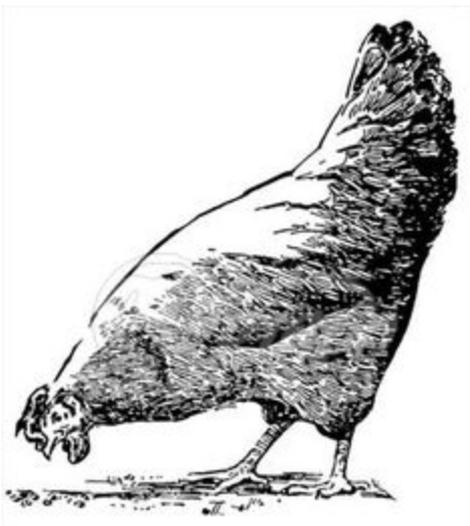
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# SECTOR NEWS

  
The Methodist Church



October 2017

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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)

**Grove web site** is found from [www.wantageandabingdoncircuit.org.uk/](http://www.wantageandabingdoncircuit.org.uk/)

**Wantage web site** [www.wantagemethodist.org.uk](http://www.wantagemethodist.org.uk)

## **From the Manse...**

The other day I received a letter addressed to me via Wantage Methodist Church. It was neatly and carefully hand-written on heavy Basildon Bond writing paper, complete with its iconic watermark. It was a joy to receive and a reminder of days gone by when to write in such a way when corresponding with others was the norm.

Most of the communication I receive these days, particularly for work is almost all via email, or if by post, then it is a typed letter. The person who sent me this exquisite hand-written letter explained that they were not on-line and didn't do emails.

A reminder that in this all pervasive digital world in which we now live, there is a real danger of unintentionally isolating, ignoring and disempowering all those who, for whatever reason, are not part of this technological revolution.

A few days later there was a post on Twitter stating that "social media strategist Meredith Gould is so convinced that incarnational presence is already happening virtually that she has revised the famous prayer of St. Teresa of Avila's 'Christ has no body' for our digital age".

### **"Christ Has No Online Presence but Yours**

*Christ has no online presence but yours,  
No blog, no Facebook page but yours,  
Yours are the tweets through which love touches this world,  
Yours are the posts through which the Gospel is shared,  
Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.  
Christ has no online presence but yours,  
No blog, no Facebook page but yours."*

St. Teresa of Avila was born 502 years ago and Gould's fresh interpretation and perspective of this most famous of prayers by this Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun and writer, is a timely reminder of an ancient truth.

For whether we communicate using the latest cutting edge technology, or we use a fountain pen and ink, whether we use Skype or Face Time to see and speak to others all around the world, or we simply have face to face conversation with those we meet, the way that we interact with others reflects upon the one we call Lord.

Ever since the ascension, it is our hands, feet, voices, words, deeds and actions that are to be His in the world, so that all may know and see. So as our pens and keyboards are used to communicate our thoughts and feelings, may they help us to ensure that what we write and say, reflect well upon the one who is the living Word.

With love and God Bless,

*Keith*

## **Memorial Service**

Our annual sectional Memorial service where we invite those who have been bereaved to come and remember those they love but see no longer, will this year, be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Wantage Methodist Church at 3:00pm.

This service will give us an opportunity to remember with thankfulness those who have died. We will be able to say some prayers, sing a few hymns, light some candles and give thanks to God for them. It will also enable us to bring our present concerns to God and together find comfort and reassurance in the message of hope that is ours.

The service also allows us to remember those who have set us an example and in so many different ways made us who we are today. This service is open to all as together we remember and give thanks for those who have meant so much to us throughout our lives. Our hope is that everyone who comes will find the occasion both meaningful and helpful.

## **Local Preachers update**

Congratulations to Frederick Obeng and Esther Woollgar who have both successfully completed their Local Preacher studies. They will be admitted as accredited Local Preachers at the next **Circuit Service** on **19<sup>th</sup> November** at **4:00pm** at **Didcot**. The service will include Holy Communion.

**Friday 13th October**  
**at 7:30pm**  
**AN EVENING WITH**  
**Geraldine Latty & Paul Field**  
*and guests*  
***Christian songs, music & worship***

**TICKETS £12**

Call 01793 714608 for tickets or email  
[venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net](mailto:venuehire@stjosephsenterprises.net)

**St. Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon SN3 3LR**  
**In partnership with the Upper Thames Circuit of Methodist Churches**

This should be a really good evening. Tickets are available from:  
[venuehire@stjosephscollege.net](mailto:venuehire@stjosephscollege.net) and also from The Lighthouse Bookshop in  
Highworth Tel 01793 763337.

## More 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/sig>

### CIRCUIT / DISTRICT EVENTS

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**      4:00pm      at Didcot      **Circuit Service**  
to include Accreditation of Local Preachers

*Don't forget the **Circuit Calendar**, with these and other events, can now be viewed on the Circuit website, or the Circuit Directory*

*(<http://groupspaces.com/CctDirectory>).*

*Send items for inclusion to Andrew as below, at any time.*

**Circuit Exchange** is here to link all parts of our Circuit together – let us know what's happening at your church. Items for December 2017 Circuit Exchange to [a.lockley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:a.lockley@tiscali.co.uk) by **11<sup>th</sup> November 2017** please.

**Christian Resources Exhibition  
17-19 October  
Sandown Park, Surrey**

### Wantage & Grove Food Bank



We have been asked to pass on huge thanks for the ongoing donations from our church and also for the harvest donations.

The current situation is that, up to the end of August, 159 food parcels have been delivered this year. That compares with 177 for the whole of last year. 2013 was the worst year so far for folk in that

263 parcels were delivered.

Sadly, it looks as though this year might well be heading for a similarly large number. So, thank you for the continuing support.



Wantage and Grove  
Church Partnership

**Wantage & Grove Church Partnership  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017  
7:30pm**

**Church of Ss Peter & Paul  
(Wantage Parish Church)  
Market Place  
Wantage OX12 8AE**

**Guest Speaker**

**Maranda StJohn Nicolle  
Director of Christian Concern for One World  
will talk about**

**'The Work and Impact of Fair Trade'**

**ALL WELCOME – REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

For further information contact  
[secretary@wantageandgrovechurchpartnership.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wantageandgrovechurchpartnership.org.uk)

## **Wantage & Grove Church Partnership Secretary**

*Clive Phillips*

Part of the business of the WGCP AGM on October 5<sup>th</sup> will be to elect new officers for the Partnership. Neil Townsend intends to stand down as chairman and the church leaders are consulting about a new chair to be proposed at the meeting. Ann Barber has kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer. The AGM will need to elect a new secretary. I have served for 6 years and I think it will be good for the Partnership to have someone new. I have much enjoyed being secretary and would encourage anyone interested to put their name forward. My six years have been interesting and personally rewarding as I have had the privilege of meeting new friends from all the churches. If anyone wants to talk about the tasks please contact Neil Townsend or me.

## **Schools' Prayer Connect Group at St John's Church Grove**

*Helen Harwood*

7:30 - 9:00 pm in St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church,  
on the fourth Wednesday of each new term – September, January and April

**First Meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Refreshments from 7:30 pm

**All welcome.**

We are, ideally, looking for representatives from each local school, as well as anyone who would like to pray for local schools. We are especially keen to find someone with a link to Stockham School in Wantage, who may be willing to be involved in some way. They do not need to attend three times a year (although they can and are most welcome); we hope to find someone to liaise with each school prior to the meetings.

Further details available from John Wilson - [johnmwilson2012@gmail.com](mailto:johnmwilson2012@gmail.com)

Schools' Prayer Connect Group dates for this academic year:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

This is a one-year trial. If the group is well supported, it will hopefully continue. Please do tell friends and church members about this.

## St Nicholas Church Flower Festival and Exhibition / Sale of original paintings



St Nicholas Church in East Challow is a Grade II listed building, with origins dating back to ~ 1000-1100. It has been modified and improved throughout the centuries, and the most recent major works were carried out during the Victorian period. The church is considered by its parishioners as an attractive, warm and holy space. Although it is in good order, well maintained and

much loved it needs to be adapted to modern requirements and to incorporate modern facilities. The congregation is highly dedicated and committed, and is eager to enhance its mission and pastoral outreach to the wider community. We currently have regular Sunday worship each week and during the week, and the church is open every day during daylight hours for prayer and quiet contemplation. However, we do wish to use the church building for a wider range of worship and other community activities, and recognise that we need to adapt the building to the requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are raising funds in order to sensitively introduce those modern facilities in order to make the building more accessible and welcoming to the wider community. This involves rearranging the church entrance area to provide a more direct access into the church, to further improve access via a ramped access path and to provide a disabled toilet and some limited catering facilities.

These improvements are aimed at both wider worship and community use and access, and particularly to serve the needs of the elderly and young families. This is in the context of major housing developments in the village and surrounding area. The growing population and changing demographics will provide the focus for our desire to serve our community.

We need to raise a total ~ £45,000. We are now busy with that fund raising, and are making good progress. As part of the planned fund raising activities we are organising a Flower Festival and Exhibition / Sale of original paintings over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Flower Festival in the church will have a theme centred on Biblical characters, and will involve the congregation, village organisations, and the village church school. Lunches, refreshments, and sale of produce and crafts will be available in the adjacent village hall. Also in the village hall we will be holding an Exhibition and Sale of original paintings, in acrylics, oils, watercolours and pastels, from three of our church members.

A quote from two of the organisers, Juliet Teare and Jeff Penfold, "As well as raising funds for this exciting and important project we see it very much as a community event, and an opportunity for us all to work together as a joint venture".

**St Nicholas Church  
East Challow**



**Saturday 7th October 10.30 am to 4 pm  
Sunday 8th October 1 pm to 4 pm**

**In aid of St Nicholas Church reordering fund  
Coffee, lunches and cream teas in the village hall**

**and Exhibition and Sale  
of original art works**

**Acrylics, oils, watercolours and pastels by local artists**

**In East Challow Village Hall**





# TEA PARTY

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October



3.00pm



WANTAGE METHODIST HALL

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TICKETS £5 FROM

Eileen(224284). Julie(223456) . Ann(767152)

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INSPIRING THE FIGHT  
AGAINST STRESS IN  
OUR ARMED FORCES,  
VETERANS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES

# Childrey

**United Services:            Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 11:30 am at St Mary's**

**Church Council :            Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2:30 pm**

**Childrey Methodist Church Anniversary**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm**

**Speaker: Rev Helen Cameron** Chair of Northampton Methodist District

**Chair: Rev Keith Underhill**

**Childrey Village Choir**

**Diana & Guy's Music Group**

**Childrey's usual lavish refreshments**

**Do come and enjoy an evening of celebration and fellowship.**

## **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

We invite you to our **Harvest celebrations** on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

The **morning service** is being led by our minister, Rev Keith Underhill, highlighting the work of "All We Can" (formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund). There will be envelopes available if you would like to give a donation towards the work of "All We Can" following the service. Gifts of produce and dried goods are also appreciated. The fresh produce will be auctioned on Monday evening and proceeds given to "All We Can". Dried and tinned goods will be given to the Wantage & Grove Foodbank.

Our **evening worship** at 6:30 pm will be led by Andrew Lockley.

On **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at 7 pm we are having a "**Pudding and Auction Evening**", (*in place of the usual Harvest Supper*) in the church. Tickets are not needed but please try to let one of the following know if you hope to come: Noreen (762504), Judy (762723), Sheila (763135) or Lynda (771554). Donations for the 'puds' and auction of fresh produce and flowers will be given to the work of "All We Can".

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September** at 2 pm. **Help** and gifts of greenery, flowers, fruit and vegetables would be much appreciated.

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon. There will be a stall with various handmade items and books for sale. Proceeds from the morning are for the Friends of Abingdon Hospital, who contribute towards additional equipment for the hospital. Our hosts are Jean Noddle and Shirley Reece. All welcome.

## **Tuesday Fellowship**

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Keith Underhill
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Visiting Wantage Baptist – 2:15 pm Speaker : Kate Evans from Harwell
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Visit Cornerstone
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Hazel Townsend – speaking about Gambia
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Malcolm Newton will be visiting us

## **Tuesday Fellowship Anniversary**

14 <sup>th</sup> November	Speaker : Rev Richard Bittleston
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**Warmed Hearts group** will meet on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October** at 8 pm at 4, Mayfield Avenue, Grove. They will be studying the final session of the York Course "Making Room", with Session 4 "Making Room for God".

Even if you haven't been to the earlier sessions you are most welcome to come along and join in the discussion. We will be pleased to see you.

Further information from Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** will meet on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30 pm

We will be showing "**Lincoln**". 2012 PG13 2hr 30min

*With the nation embroiled in still another year of carnage in the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln brings the full measure of his passion, humanity and political skill to what would become his defining legacy: to end the war and permanently abolish slavery through the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Rarely has a film attended more carefully to the details of politics.*

*Stars: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn*

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](mailto:su.lockley@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Handicrafts' Group**

We are meeting in Grove Methodist Church on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. "Indian block printed cards" with Ann Batchelor. You can take part in what is on offer or work on your own craft while having a chat and exchanging ideas. All welcome. £2 for the afternoon to cover expenses.

We will meet at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **Mondays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October** 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 September / October quiz "Jobs, Pastimes, etc" is available from Sheila Hall (763135) at 50p each. Closing date is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Thank you** to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

Proceeds of the September coffee morning were £175.70. The stall of miscellaneous items raised £9.30, so a total altogether of £185 to buy items for the Shoebox Packing Day in Grove on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you.

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**

1 <sup>st</sup> October	HARVEST – help welcomed please – 2pm on Sat., 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Rachel Niblett
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Jean Noddle
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Kay Parfrey
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Veronica Richards

**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.

### **Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal for Christmas 2017**

Leaflets for this year's appeal are available from Jenny Marriott, in the church or from Cornerstone, giving details of the items which are most useful.

Please give in **completed shoeboxes before 31<sup>st</sup> October**, to John Willemsen (1, Sycamore Walk Grove), Jenny Marriott or Cornerstone.

The **Shoebox Packing Day** is at Old Mill Hall on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. More details about this can be had from John Willemsen (01235 798875).

### **Yotam Theu**

*Mark Sandels, Mission Secretary*

Grove Methodist Church has sponsored Yotam Theu, the leader of "Christian Church" in Malawi, since 1998. Together we have helped Christian Church to build new church buildings and paid for a truck for Church use in 2014. Mark Sandels met Yotam in 1988 when he visited his sister, who taught Yotam under her VSO placement. There has been long-standing prayer and financial support, which has seen the Church Yotam registered with the Malawian Government grow to many congregations as Yotam's evangelistic programme has progressed.

This year sees two new developments in the work Yotam is doing. He and the leaders of Christian Church have decided to build a campus in Mzuzu, the capital of the Northern District where Yotam lives. The campus will provide a focus for training leaders and evangelists. The other project is to buy a new truck. The current truck was already 20 years old when he brought it and has had nearly 4 years of heavy use and is in need of replacement.

Fundraising for the new truck has already started. The aim is to send £15,000 or so in Summer 2019. Yotam has some money to help start building the Campus but will need additional funding over the next few years to resource the training programme based on the campus.

# Wantage

## **New Church Members**

During our Sunday morning service on 15<sup>th</sup> October, we will be welcoming some new members into the life of our church family. Do come along and support them on this special day. If anyone is thinking about becoming a church member or wishes to know more, please speak to Keith ASAP.

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Keep the date free and put it in your diary!**

As part of our response to the challenge set to all the Circuit Churches from the Circuit Leadership team and the Methodist Connexion to look at who we are, our plans for the future, what our priorities should be, how to be more intentional in all that we do and where we see ourselves in three years' time etc, there will be a church away-day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

We are hoping that as many people as possible from the whole church family will be able to attend and help us think about and plan for the exciting future that lies ahead.

There will be activities for our children (also looking at the same themes) led by people from other churches in our Circuit, in order that those who week by week faithfully lead our Junior Church, crèche and Kids@Church can be free to fully participate in the day.

The venue and the actual programme are still being worked on, and there will be further details in due course, but for now, we encourage everyone to make a note of the date, put it in your diary and come and join us.

## **WORSHIP, PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY**

### **Monthly Sunday Morning Bible Studies - October**

As part of looking at how we can be more intentional when it comes to Bible Study and small groups, Keith has agreed to lead a new Bible Study on the last Sunday morning of each month at 9:00 am.

Everyone is very welcome and the study will last about 50 minutes or so with a format of both teaching and discussion.

Our monthly morning Bible study for October will be on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00am** in the hall. Led by Keith, we will be looking at the question; **“Why bother with the Old Testament?!”** As always, everyone is welcome to come and join us.

See you there!

### **Tuesday Afternoon House Group**

We started back on 5<sup>th</sup> September after a short summer break. During September we have spent time discussing the bible readings we have read in the previous week from our Read the Bible in a Year initiative. We have found it helpful to share what has inspired us, challenged us and confused us. For October we have decided to continue to use our Bible study following the October readings.

The details of the October dates are as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Job 4:1-29:25, Matthew 19:1-22:14, Psalm 17:1-18:15, Proverbs 3:11-35 This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting.
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Job 30:1-42:17, Exodus 1:1-6:12, Matthew 22:15-26:46, Psalm 18:16-19:6, Proverbs 4:1-19
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Exodus 6:13-20:26, Matthew 26:47-28:20, Mark 1:1-2:17, Psalm 19:7- 22:21, Proverbs 4:20-27
24 <sup>th</sup> October	No meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Exodus 21:1-40:38, Leviticus 1:1-12:8, Mark 2:18-13:27, Psalm 22:22- 30:1-7, Proverbs 5:1-6:19

As always, 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 pm 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.

## Prayer

We thank you Heavenly Father for the bountiful harvests we have shared and the praise we have offered for all you have provided. We pray for all those in your world who have not been able to rejoice in good harvests. May we help in our endeavours through All We Can to enable them to share more of the richness we enjoy. Through sharing your love and goodness we can enrich the lives of those in need as well as our own lives. Help us daily to live your love and share it with those whose lives we touch.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Phoebe and family, Bethan Grant, Lois Knighton, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Olive Butler, Rex, Alex and family, Clive Bennett, Luccia, Britzaida, 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 November Newsletter or you want to add anybody please let me know by **20<sup>th</sup> October** in order for me to meet the newsletter deadline.

Eileen Rennie: telephone: 01235 224284, email: m.rennie50@ntlworld.com

**Pastoral - *praying for each other*.** In October the following people on **Kelvin Rose's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Terry Adams, Andrew Barber, Ian Campbell, Margaret and Francis McAlpin, Carolyn Roche, Gordon Scott, Carole and John Sturney.

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.

## The Bible in a Year - Keith's challenge to us all

We started on 1st September, 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.

October's calendar readings are available on the website, as cards in the church vestibule and below.

### The Bible in a Year - Month 2 (October)

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms/Proverbs
31	01-Oct-17	Job 19:1 - 21:34	Matthew 21:1-17	Psalm 18:1-6
32	02-Oct-17	Job 22:1 - 24:15	Matthew 21:18-32	Proverbs 3:21-35
33	03-Oct-17	Job 25:1 - 29:25	Matthew 21:33 - 22:14	Psalm 18:7-15
34	04-Oct-17	Job 30:1 - 32:22	Matthew 22:15-46	Psalm 18:16-24
35	05-Oct-17	Job 33:1 - 34:37	Matthew 23:1-39	Psalm 18:25-36
36	06-Oct-17	Job 35:1 - 37:24	Matthew 24:1-31	Proverbs 4:1-9
37	07-Oct-17	Job 38:1 - 40:2	Matthew 24:32 - 25:13	Psalm 18:37-42
38	08-Oct-17	Job 40:3 - 42:17	Matthew 25:14-46	Psalm 18:43-50
39	09-Oct-17	Exodus 1:1 - 3:22	Matthew 26:1-30	Psalm 19:1-6
40	10-Oct-17	Exodus 4:1 - 6:12	Matthew 26:31-46	Proverbs 4:10-19
41	11-Oct-17	Exodus 6:13 - 8:32	Matthew 26:47-68	Psalm 19:7-14
42	12-Oct-17	Exodus 9:1 - 10:29	Matthew 26:69 - 27:10	Psalm 20:1-9
43	13-Oct-17	Exodus 11:1 - 12:51	Matthew 27:11-44	Psalm 21:1-7
44	14-Oct-17	Exodus 13:1 - 14:31	Matthew 27:45-66	Proverbs 4:20-27
45	15-Oct-17	Exodus 15:1 - 16:36	Matthew 28:1-20	Psalm 21:8-13
46	16-Oct-17	Exodus 17:1 - 18:27	Mark 1:1-28	Psalm 22:1-11
47	17-Oct-17	Exodus 19:1 - 20:26	Mark 1:29 - 2:17	Psalm 22:12-21
48	18-Oct-17	Exodus 21:1 - 22:31	Mark 2:18 - 3:30	Proverbs 5:1-14
49	19-Oct-17	Exodus 23:1 - 24:18	Mark 3:31 - 4:29	Psalm 22:22-31
50	20-Oct-17	Exodus 25:1 - 26:37	Mark 4:30 - 5:20	Psalm 23:1-6
51	21-Oct-17	Exodus 27:1 - 28:43	Mark 5:21 - 6:6a	Psalm 24:1-10
52	22-Oct-17	Exodus 29:1 - 30:38	Mark 6:6b-29	Proverbs 5:15-23
53	23-Oct-17	Exodus 31:1 - 33:6	Mark 6:30-56	Psalm 25:1-7
54	24-Oct-17	Exodus 33:7 - 34:35	Mark 7:1-30	Psalm 25:8-15
55	25-Oct-17	Exodus 35:1 - 36:38	Mark 7:31 - 8:13	Psalm 25:16-22
56	26-Oct-17	Exodus 37:1 - 38:31	Mark 8:14 - 9:1	Proverbs 6:1-11
57	27-Oct-17	Exodus 39:1 - 40:38	Mark 9:2-32	Psalm 26:1-12
58	28-Oct-17	Leviticus 1:1 - 3:17	Mark 9:33 - 10:12	Psalm 27:1-6
59	29-Oct-17	Leviticus 4:1 - 5:13	Mark 10:13-31	Psalm 27:7-14
60	30-Oct-17	Leviticus 5:14 - 7:10	Mark 10:32-52	Proverbs 6:12-19
61	31-Oct-17	Leviticus 7:11 - 8:36	Mark 11:1-25	Psalm 28:1-9

### Rota for Church Flowers

**October** 1<sup>st</sup> Pam Leake  
 8<sup>th</sup> Alison Brown  
 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Trotter  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Diane Barton  
 29<sup>th</sup> Nicky Atkinson

**November** 5<sup>th</sup> Ann Barber  
 12<sup>th</sup> Eileen Rennie  
 19<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Roche  
 26<sup>th</sup> Heather Wells

## FELLOWSHIP

### Wednesday Fellowship

#### October

- 4<sup>th</sup> Michael Bailey will show the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of his visit to Cape Town including Garden Route, meerkats and Kwandwegame reserve.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Tessa Lancaster will be telling us about the retail side of the Shaw Trust, a Charity for Disabled and Disadvantaged people.
- 18<sup>th</sup> John Race will give an illustrated talk entitled "Fun flights of an amateur pilot".
- 25<sup>th</sup> Julie Bunney will talk about Leckford, a property owned by Waitrose, which includes a farm, dairy, water gardens, nursery, mushroom farm.

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rev Keith Underhill will be speaking to us today.

### Lunch Dates

There will be just one **Friday** lunch in October and that will be on the **20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Sunday** lunches will be **1<sup>st</sup>** and **29<sup>th</sup>**.

The profit from the Sunday lunches from October until the end of the year will be donated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Project launched at the Harvest Festival

Please remember to **sign up** for Sundays by the preceding Wednesday or telephone Ann on 01235 767152 or Julie on 07812 370796 to book in or cancel to help with catering.

We look forward to seeing on the dates above.

## YOUNG CHURCH

### YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday EveningS!)

It was a joy to meet again after the summer and catch up on everyone's news. We explored some practical ways of praying and then enjoyed hearing more about Zack and Jordan's trip to South America while looking at their photos.

We will meet again on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at Chris and Charlotte's to make a scene from a New Testament story from lego!

New friends / members always welcome! Jane (765421)

### Kids@Church

It was great to meet up and think about our 'Wonderful World' together. Keith retold the story of creation using Godly Play materials and then we sang a Fishy music song on that theme. In the hall we made chalk pictures inspired by the creation story.

We look forward to seeing any families of primary school age on **15<sup>th</sup> October** at 9:30 am and we will be in the hall for the whole time that morning thinking about a story connected with 'A Special Promise'.

New families always welcome! Jane (765421)

## MISSION & SERVICE

### All We Can – beyond Harvest Festival 2017!

Our focus for Harvest was supporting the work of All We Can in their harvest initiative “Chirp for Joy” and we found out how chickens can radically change the lives of some of the world’s poorest communities.

We have signed up with them to be a partner church for the whole of this Connexional year (2017/18) .

By becoming an All We Can Partner Church, we will receive resources and support to use throughout the year:

As an All We Can Partner Church we have agreed to journey with a community for a minimum of a year, and to raise at least £1,000 over that period.

The All We Can Partner Church scheme is an effective way for us to journey with some of the world’s poorest communities in love and solidarity.



### Christmas Angels

#### Knit & Chat



Angel knitting seems to be going well but it is fun to knit, drink tea and chat together. In October I shall be hosting two knit and chat sessions in the Parlour at church. The first session will be on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** and the second session on **Monday 30 October**. They will start at 2 pm. Please come and join me. If you are taking a break from angels and want to bring other handiwork – that is fine. If you just want tea and a chat then come and encourage the knitters. Maybe you have a friend who would like to come and join in the angel knitting.

Looking forward to seeing you.

*Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)*

### Asia Relief Appeal

On Sunday mornings the church collected a total of £584.63, of which £415 was gift aided, which will increase the total by £103.75 to approximately £688. From the money that was not gift aided (£169.63) I will claim approximately £42 from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme which will also find its way to Christian Aid.

## Tales from Ride & Stride 2017

*OHCT Ride & Stride took place on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>. From Wantage: June & Alan strode around churches in Faringdon & Great Coxwell; Gordon & Gill, Carolyn, Alison B, and Clive & Alison P cycled their own ways around the Vale. At the church: Kelvin, Pam, John, Geoffrey, Ann, Eileen and Rob took turns to welcome the 30 riders & striders who visited during the day. Our thanks to all, Clive & Alison.*

### What is the link?

*Alison Phillips*

Can you think of a link between loved buildings, welcoming people, hedgerows filled with blackberries, sunshine, country roads, champagne, ancient frescos, a wedding party, a sunny wooden bench to sit and enjoy a picnic, a shiny kettle, a crowd gathering for a Baptism, interesting people to talk to, and the knowledge that every church you visit counts?

These are just a few of the things that Clive and I saw and enjoyed during the annual Ride and Stride for the Historic Churches charity on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Cycling through the Vale of the White Horse is always our favourite route, and every year we say what a difference it makes to find someone at the church to welcome us. The offer of refreshment is always welcome, but it is the conversation which makes each visit unique, and each year we learn something new about their churches. These ancient buildings are so lovingly cared for and we love to make time to have a look around and listen to all that is going on. Clearly all churches are struggling to find enough people to fill the tasks that need doing, and one lady was not a church goer herself, but opens and locks the church every day so that anyone passing would be able to drop in if they wanted. Another lady told me that all her three sons are builders and their work is primarily restoring church buildings. Their skills include roofing, plastering and making oak furniture for the various churches we were visiting.



As we travelled along, I constantly thought of and appreciated the number of people who were sitting and welcoming visitors to our church. Thank you to all those who offered to do this, not only for the visitors, but so that it meant Clive and I were able to get out and enjoy a lovely day out during which time we visited 19 churches and travelled around 25 miles. A big thank you too to those who generously sponsored us and others who rode or strode that day, as so far over £300 has been raised and that sum will increase with gift aid added. This money is shared between the Historic Churches fund and our own church, so you could say that everyone's a winner and that is how it so often is when we do things in God's name.

*June and Alan Grunwald* walked 6 miles and visited 4 churches as well as Great Coxwell Barn, which was an added bonus. They were pleasantly surprised that their rusty map reading skills enabled them to navigate a circular walk from Badbury Hill,

through Faringdon and out to Great Coxwell. They took fright at a "Bull in Field" sign which entailed a slightly longer walk back to the National Trust car park at Badbury. The highlights of their walk included a history exhibition at the Friends Meeting House (and delicious cake) and a beautiful modern stained glass window at Great Coxwell church.

*Gordon and Gill* write: We went East this year, starting in Grove then Denchworth and Hanney, travelling with the wind across the plain to Steventon, Drayton and Milton. We then explored the wilderness of the Milton interchange .... that was an adventure!!! And then home to Charlton and Wantage through the Hendreds. Ardington and Lockinge (21 churches and 28 miles).

The highlights were the Baptist Chapel at Drayton and weddings at Steventon and Drayton Parish Churches. The jewel was the Chapel at Milton Manor.

We managed to limit significant hill climbing to the climb up from Milton interchange, dodge the rain, and find the way from East Hendred to Wantage without going on the main road at all.

Our thanks to those on the way who welcomed us, fed us biscuits and drinks – no champagne but welcome coffee and squash.

Maybe next year we could add Abingdon and Didcot? Need to get more cycling practice in before then!!

## **PROPERTY & FINANCE**

### **Sound and acoustics in Church**

Sustainable Acoustics of Winchester have been requested to take measurements in the Chapel and propose what could be done to reduce the resonance of the room and thus improve the audibility of the spoken word.

### **Users' News**

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Regain Fitness as their leader is going to the USA to live for a period. We wish her well.

Also this summer Open Access has been forced to fold as a result of cuts in local authority funding.

We shall be happy to host The Goddard Association of Europe on 1<sup>st</sup> October for their half annual committee meeting. Although it says Europe, it includes Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States. The youngest member, Malcolm, lives in Brisbane and just sends an email.

## Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings for October / November

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:

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	eve	WMC Pastoral Committee	Chapel
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	day	Anna Chaplaincy	All Premises
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	aft	Private Lunch / Meeting	Godfrey Room
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	Regain Fitness : Last meeting	Hall
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	aft	Rock 'n' Roll Tea Event	All Hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	Private Event (tbc)	Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	Property & Finance Meeting	Parlour
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	aft	Superheroes	Hall
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	eve	One World Week event	Chapel
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	morn	Private Party (tbc)	Hall
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	eve	Church Council	Chapel
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	eve	NSPG AGM (tbc)	Hall
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	eve	Circuit Leadership Team	Chapel
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room

## Chapel & Hall Rooms' Regular Users for October

Monday	Hall	Pilates from 18:45
	Godfrey Room	Dietician (alternate weeks)
Tuesday	All Hall rooms	MIND, 09:30 – 13:00
	Hall	Wantage Camera Club from 18:45
Wednesday	Hall	Wednesday Fellowship, 13:00 – 16:00
	Hall	Wantage Stage Musical, 19:00 – 22:00
Thursday	Hall	King Alfred WI - 3 <sup>rd</sup> week in the month, 12:00 – 15:00
Friday	All Hall Rooms	Babes & Toddlers / Wantage Toddlers, 09:00 – 11:30
	Hall	Friday Lunches (alternate weeks)
	Hall	Caritas Children's Choir, 15:45 – 17:30
Saturday	All Hall Rooms	Wantage Toddlers Dads Out (3 <sup>rd</sup> week), 09:00 – 11:30
Sunday	All premises	Worship, Junior Church & Crèche, 8:30 – 13:00
	Hall	Sunday Lunches (alternate weeks)

## DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Wantage Pastoral Committee	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am to 3 pm	Anna Chaplaincy Event at Wantage	

### OCTOBER

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:45 am & 6:30 pm	Grove Harvest Festival	p12
	12:30 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p18
	7:15 pm	YMOSES	p18
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	Grove Harvest Supper	p12
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	Childrey Church Council	p11
	7:30 pm	WGCP AGM at Wantage Parish Church	pp6/7
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Rock'n'Roll Tea Party at Wantage	p10
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Grove Property & Finance Committee	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	kids@church at Wantage	p18
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Wantage Property & Finance Committee	

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	<b>Childrey Church Anniversary Service</b> Speaker - Rev Helen Cameron	p11
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Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 pm	Friday Lunch at Wantage	p18
	7:30 pm.	Grove Film Club "Lincoln". 2012 PG13	p13
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Deadline for November Newsletter</b>	<b>p2</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p18
	3:00 pm	Memorial Service at Wantage	p4

### NOVEMBER

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00pm	Grove Church Council	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Circuit Service at Didcot	p4

## Sunday Services – October 2017

	<b>Childrey</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>Wantage</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October Ordinary 26</b>	11:00 am Michael Howlett	<b>Harvest Festival</b> 10:45 am Rev Keith Underhill  6:30 pm Andrew Lockley	10:30 am Local Arrangement Worship through Ordinary Time
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October Ordinary 27</b>	11:00 am Ruth Coward	10:45 am Dr Paul Williams  6:30 pm Esther Woollgar	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Katherine Pickering 10:30 am Frederick Obeng
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October Ordinary 28</b>  <b>Prisons</b>	11:00 am Esther Woollgar	10:45 am Geoff Caudle  6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	09:30 am kids@church  10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October Ordinary 29</b>	11:30 am United Service At St Mary's	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill  6:30 pm Malcolm Newton	10:30 am Esther Woollgar
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October Ordinary 30</b>	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Local Arrangement  6:30 pm Rev Katherine Pickering	09:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Marlene Chalkley  <b>3:00 pm Memorial Service</b>

