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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.wantab.org.uk

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From the Manse...

Some months ago now, I was talking to someone who had just experienced indoor skydiving!

That may sound like an oxymoron - for surely skydiving has to be out in the open as you throw yourself out of a plane? Well, if you would like to have a go, you can experience all this for yourself not too far up the road from here at Airkixin in Basingstoke.

Pride of place is their 14ft (4.3m) diameter, super-smooth, super-fast and super-cool wind tunnel for indoor skydiving. Your "flight" only lasts a minute, which seems far longer, as you seek to keep yourself stable in the wind at terminal velocity (the speed at which a falling body experiences zero acceleration during free-fall). And crucially, to make sure you can get into a good position to smile for the photo. Of course, indoor skydiving is far cheaper than leaping out of a plane and has the added advantage that it is not dependent on weather conditions or the elements.

To see what this looks like, simply log on to
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz0o6rXyRjM>

Humanity has always been fascinated by the ability of birds to fly and has sought to emulate them in many ways in the past. Skydiving is perhaps the closest that we can get to that at this moment in time. Perhaps it is that ability to soar into the vast expanse of sky and be free that we envy and seek to experience ourselves.

In Doris Stickney's book for children, 'Water bugs and Dragonflies' the transformed water bug is able to spread its newly acquired wings and find freedom and release from that which had previously restricted it.

Sentiments echoed in Charles Wesley's great Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen today!" where he proclaims;

"Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!"

May we this Eastertide know freedom and release from all that would hold us, trap us and imprison us, as we soar on wings like eagles, safe in the knowledge that death has been defeated and that we share in His victory.

Happy Easter!

With love and God Bless,

Keith

Dementia Friendly Church

Wantage Methodist Church has now been registered with the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme, which is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, acts and talks about the condition.

As part of our commitment to this important work, there will be a **dementia awareness evening** on Wednesday 18th April in the church itself from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

This will be a general introduction to dementia and how it affects people, how we as a church and as individuals can best respond, the kind of things to do and say as well as those things that would not be helpful to do or say. We will be looking at what is good practice for a church seeking to be dementia friendly and looking at practical steps etc.

This training session will be ecumenical with staff and volunteers from Cornerstone and members of Grove Free Evangelical Church also joining us.

We are delighted that the evening will be led for us by Louise Morse who works for the Pilgrims' Friend Society, and is herself an author of several books on Dementia.

This event is open to all, to those who wish to find out more, who have an interest in Dementia or whose lives have been touched by it.

As we look to ensure that as a church we are as dementia friendly as possible, it will be of particular help to pastoral visitors, church stewards, door stewards, and those who help at church lunches etc.

To help with the planning and the practicalities of the evening, it would be useful to know if you are coming, so **please let Keith know**. Thank you.

From the Circuit Website

Circuit Stewards team

Carolyn Roche, from Wantage, has begun to ease herself into the role of Circuit Steward, and has taken a full part in the stationing process. This will continue as she finishes her term as Senior Steward at Wantage.

However, Andrew is expecting to move away during 2018, and Mary Hancock is into "extra time" having agreed to extend her term until summer 2018, so we still need new blood to join the team. Our vision is of someone representing each of the larger churches – with a team of six, no-one's share would be unbearably large. The scope of the job may also be adjusted to suit the people who are available.

Everyone who has been a Circuit Steward agrees that it is a fascinating and richly rewarding thing to do. Are you ready for a new challenge? Please pray about this situation, and don't assume someone more suitable will step forward!

To find out more, talk to your minister or to one of the current team:

Andrew Lockley (Senior), Mary Hancock, Alan Smith, Carolyn Roche

Safeguarding

We are currently looking for a new Circuit Safeguarding officer. As I have mentioned before, this is in no way a comment/judgement on Tabitha Griffiths or the work she has so conscientiously done for us in this role but rather good practice, that the Methodist Connexion has asked us to comply with. They have now informed us that Church/Circuit Safeguarding Officers should not be married to, or be a partner of, a Methodist Minister.

If this is something you feel you could do, or would like any more information about, do let Keith know as soon as possible. Full training and support will of course be given.

Keith will be running some Safeguarding Training over the next few months. For those who have not done any Safeguarding training at all and have not completed the Creating Safe Space foundation module, there will be an opportunity to attend a training session on Thursday 12th April at Wallingford Methodist Church at 7:30 pm, which will last for two hours.

For those who have completed the **Creating Safer Space Foundation Module**, but four years or more ago, the **refresher module** will be run at Trinity Church Abingdon on Wednesday 9th May at 7:30 pm, again, this will last two hours. On Tuesday 1st May at Wantage Methodist Church at 7:30 pm there will be a **Circuit Safeguarding Forum**. This is a meeting for all Church Safeguarding Officers, Circuit Staff and anyone who has an interest in Safeguarding issues to meet together informally for support and an opportunity to be brought up to date on any news/developments that have come from either the District or Connexion.

CIRCUIT MEETINGS / EVENTS

Sunday 22 April, 4 pm at All Saints

Circuit Service to include dedication of the Easter offering

Don't forget the Circuit Calendar, with these and other events, can now be viewed on the Circuit website at <http://www.wantab.org.uk/calendar.html>. Send items for inclusion to Andrew as below, at any time.

Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit Churches are

All Saints (Abingdon), Childrey, Didcot, Grove, Milton, Peachcroft Christian Centre (Abingdon), Trinity (Abingdon), Wallingford, Wantage

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/sign-up-for-e-newsletters>

Church of England and Methodist Church to continue exploring closer communion

Following debate at the General Synod, the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission will now undertake further refinement and clarification on proposals that would see the Church of England and the Methodist Church enter into a relationship of communion and enable an interchange of their presbyteral ministries. Building on the theological convergence encapsulated in An Anglican-Methodist Covenant, signed in 2003, and the work of the Covenant's Joint Implementation Commission from 2003-2014, acceptance of the proposals would mark a further step on the journey of reconciliation between the two Churches.

After the debate, the Revd Gareth J Powell, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, said: "We are very grateful to the Church of England for this opportunity to address the General Synod and discuss the progress we are making together on the path towards reconciliation and the ordering of our existing ministries in a way that reflects the needs and wishes of both Churches.

"We recognise that these are matters of significance to all within our Churches. As we move forward, we will continue to discern the will of God and deepen our understanding of each other through ongoing dialogue."

The proposals are already available for discussion in both Churches. In light of the further work, and to enable time for proper reflection, it is unlikely that the proposals will be brought to the Methodist Conference for discussion before 2019.

Wantage & Grove Church Partnership

Fr. John's Retirement

The Vicar of Wantage, Fr. John Salter, will retire on 1st April 2018.

His last service in the Parish will be to Celebrate Mass on Easter Day.

McCabe Educational Trust 4th Sponsored Walk : Hula Valley January 2018

In January, a group of 70 supporters of the McCabe Educational Trust (including Julie Horton) braved a very wet Holy Land to complete the fourth bi-annual Sponsored Walk. Funds are still being collected but the result is going to be of the order of £30,000. This will enable the Trust to maintain its regular grant aid through 2018. Visits were made to two of the main recipients of the funding; The Jeel al Amal Boys' Home in Bethany and Al Shurooq school for the visually impaired in Bethlehem.

This year the walk was in four sections showing the variety of landscapes in Israel/Palestine. Starting with the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, then entering the Judean desert with a walk featuring St George's Monastery. On to Galilee and a lakeside walk in Capernaum. Finally walking all round the Argoman Lake in the Hulah Valley in the company of thousands of migrating birds.

Participants paid their own costs so all the money raised will be used in full to support the projects of the Trust.



The Al Shurooq school for the Blind provides total care and education for children from the age of 2. Some parents can make a small contribution to the school but many are from very poor families, or have been abandoned because of their disability. The Trust sends a quarterly grant towards the staff salaries and other running costs.

Jeel al Amal Boys' Home in Bethany has some 300 children attending and 100 boys live there. The children come from Jerusalem and elsewhere in the southern part of the West Bank/Palestine. Many are orphans and many have endured serious domestic problems.

Holy Week and Easter Day

Monday 26th

8:00 pm

Evening devotions for Holy Week at Wantage,
led by Rev Keith Underhill

Tuesday 27th

2:00 pm

Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Convent (See p 24)

8:00 pm

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Wednesday 28th

7:30 pm

"An Impossible God" at Wantage

Maundy Thursday

8:00 pm

United service of Holy Communion at Grove

Good Friday

9:00 am

United service at Childrey

10:00 am – 11:00 am "*Good Friday?*" Craft and storytelling for Good Friday
for primary school-aged children at Wantage

11:00 am

Open Air Ecumenical Service at the top of Vale Avenue, Grove
followed by hot cross buns in the Methodist Church.

2:00 pm

Reflective Service at Wantage

Easter Day

7:00 am

Open-air communion service at the Millennium Stones, Ardington

10:30am

Easter morning service at Wantage

All Age Worship with Holy Communion - Rev Frances Blood

10:45 am

Easter morning service with Holy Communion at Grove - Rev Keith
Underhill

Walk to Emmaus at Childrey for tea and

6:00pm

Informal United Holy Communion – Rev Keith Underhill

Childrey

United Services:

Palm Sunday March 25th at 11:30 am : at St Mary's Church
Good Friday March 30th at 9:00 am led by Rev Keith Underhill
Easter Day April 1st Sector Emmaus Walk with Tea followed at
6:00 pm by Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill

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.



We warmly invite you to:

A Thanksgiving Service

to celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the opening
of the 'Framland' Pilgrim Home, Wantage

6:00 pm Saturday 14th April 2018

To be held at

Hanney Chapel

Main Street, East Hanney, OXON. OX12 0HX

Speaker:- Philip Lambert (Pastor of Wantage Baptist Church)

All donations will go towards the Framland Pilgrim Home
Registered Charity No. 242266

Pilgrim Homes
175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2AL
Tel: 0300 303 1400 Fax: 0300 303 1415 Email: info@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk
www.pilgrimsfriends.org.uk

Pilgrim homes is a registered charity (formerly known as The Aged Pilgrims' Society) and registered social landlord. Charity No. 242266, RSL No. A0822



Tea and cakes to follow the service

Grove

Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday communion service at 8:00 pm on 29th March.

Good Friday open air ecumenical service at the top of Vale Avenue, Grove at 11:00 am on 30th March, followed by hot cross buns in the Methodist Church.

Easter Day

7:00 am Open-air communion service at the Millennium Stones, Ardington

10.45 am Easter worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill

6:00 pm Informal united Holy Communion at Childrey Methodist Church

"Way Forward" - Sunday 8th April

As part of our on-going discussions and planning for the future of Grove Methodist Church, there will be an opportunity to make sure we widen our conversations about this on Sunday 8th April as it is crucial that we hear the voices of as many people as possible as we seek to discern God's plans for us.

The morning service will be led by Keith, where he will use our worship as an opportunity to help us think about all of this. The service will be about 45 minutes long, followed by a break for coffee, tea and biscuits, then there will be informal discussions led by Keith for an hour. We will be away by 12:45 - 1:00 pm in time for Sunday lunches!

Please come with your ideas, hopes and dreams for the church - Thank you!

Our **Church Annual Meeting** is on **Thursday, 26th April** at 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room. Everyone interested in the life and work of Grove Methodist Church is invited to come along. We hope you will do so if you are able to. The Annual Report booklet will be available before the meeting to give you a picture of what has been happening during the past year and you should all receive a copy. If not, please ask for one, there will be some spares available.

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 7th April** in the Meeting Room from 10:00 am till 12 noon. Peter and Noreen Hemmings are our hosts. Proceeds from the morning are for The Leprosy Mission, which works to educate, heal and help in many ways to combat the scourge of leprosy in Africa. All welcome.

Open House will not meet in April or May this year. Next meeting in June. More information from Lynda Culley (771554)

Tuesday Fellowship

Programme for April as follows:

3rd April To be arranged

10th April John Stead will show us his holiday slides of Scotland. We hope to welcome members from Childrey.

17th April Michael Bailey showing a film of South Africa

24th April Malcolm Newton will be joining us.

This month the **Warmed Hearts group** will meet on **Wednesday, 18th April** at 8:00 pm at 8 Vicarage Close, Grove. We are looking at session 4 of the York Course “So what are you waiting for?” entitled “Kairos and Chronos – is time running out?” We enjoy a time of fellowship and discussion together and new faces are always welcome. We will be pleased to see you.

Further information from Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** will meet on **Friday, 20th April** at 7:30 pm.

We will be showing “**The Eagle Huntress**”. 2016 G 87mins

This spellbinding documentary follows Aisholpan, a 13 year old nomadic Mongolian girl who is fighting to become the first female eagle hunter in 12 generations of her Kazakh family. Through breathtaking aerial cinematography and intimate verite footage, the film captures her personal journey while addressing universal themes like female empowerment, the natural world, coming of age and the onset of modernity.

Stars: Aisholpan Nurgaiv, Daisy Ridley, Ryo Nurgaiv

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

We are meeting at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **Tuesday, 3rd April** and on **Mondays, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April** to craft and chat together. £1 donation to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink. All welcome. Come along to the Cornerstone and see the various activities which go on – beading, embroidery, cross stitch, card making, crochet, knitting. People are always willing to share know-how and patterns; just ask if you are interested. Like something to knit for? We get requests from time to time asking for help to make needed items.

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

The March/April “Grocery” **quiz** is available from Sheila Hall, price 50p. Closing date is Sunday, 22nd April.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The March coffee morning for Freyja’s Fund was postponed until 10th March because of the wintry weather. It raised £170.40. Thank you for your support.

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter (telephone 762504). There are still a few dates to be filled in 2018. Thank you.

Flower Rota

1 st April	Rachel Niblett	Easter Sunday – extra vases of flowers on the window sills welcomed.
8 th April	Jean Noddle	
15 th April	Lois Greenhalgh	
22 nd April	Veronica Richards	
29 th April	Eileen Steele	

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 Hall/Meeting Room Bookings for April 2018

Regular Users				
Monday				
	Hall	Pilates	10:0 -12:00	
	MR	Age Uk	10:00-11:30	1 st and 3 rd of month
	Hall	Pilates	18:30-19:30	
	Hall	Cornucopia	20.00- 22.00	
	MR	Open House	20.00- 22.00	1 st Mon of the month
Tuesday				
	Hall	Pilates	13:00-15:00	
	MR	Tues Fellowship	14:00- 16:00	
	Hall	Baby Bliss	19:00-20:30	
Wednesday				
	Hall	Oasis	9:30-11:30	Monthly
	MR	Sewing Group	10:00-15:00	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Wed
	Hall	Rainbows	18:00-19:00	Restart Wed 25 th
	Hall	Pilates	19:30-20:30	
Thursday				
	Hall	Pilates	10:00-11:00	
	Hall	Rainbows	18:00-19:00	
	Hall	W. Folk Dance	19:30-22:00	1 st and 3 rd of month
Friday				
	MR	Film Club	19.30	3 rd Fri of the month
Saturday				
	Hall	Ballet	9:00-12:30	
	MR	Coffee Morning	9:30-12:00	1 st Sat of the month
Sunday				
		Worship		

Additional Bookings

Thursday April 19 th	MS	Stewards' Meeting	22:00
Thursday April 26 th	MR	Card Craft	10:00-15:00
Thursday April 26 th	MR	Church Annual Meeting	20:00

Wantage

Our **Annual Church Meeting** is on **Sunday, 15th April** at 1:30 pm in the Hall. Everyone interested in the life and work of the Methodist Church in Wantage is welcome to come along. The Annual Report is available in Wantage with this Newsletter to give a picture of what has been happening during the past year and you should all receive a copy. If not, please ask for one, there will be some spares available both on paper and as an electronic file.

The meeting elects Church Stewards and representatives of the membership to the Church Council. Nominations of persons as representatives to Church Council are needed before the meeting. Written nominations duly proposed and seconded should reach Rev Keith Underhill by Noon on 15 April. Proposed representatives must be members of the Methodist Church and have given their approval to be nominated.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Report.

WORSHIP, PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During March we continued our study of the York Lent Course "On the Third Day" and visited St. Mary's Convent on 27th March to be accompanied round the Stations of the Cross by Sister Valeria.

In April we will revisit the Lent Study Sessions to enable us to cover more of the wonderful material. On 17th April Keith will visit the group to talk on a subject of his choice.

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

- 3rd April No meeting – School Holiday
- 10th April No meeting – School Holiday
- 17th April Keith will talk to us on a subject of his choice.
This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting
- 24th April "On the Third Day" Session 1 Have I got news for you! - John 20:19-28

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 to 3:15 pm.

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

Sunday morning Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study on the last Sunday of the month (9:00 am-9:50 am) returns on Sunday 29th April when we will continue looking at Paul's letter to the Romans.

This second session is entitled "*Right with God*", *Romans 5:1-21*.

Everyone is very welcome

All We Can

We look forward to welcoming Matthew Forsyth to lead the 10:30 am service on Sunday 15th April. He is coming to share with us more about 'All We Can' and there will be an opportunity to give to a collection for the charity on that day.

Street Pastors

What do they do and what is it like to be one? What difference do they actually make to our community? How can we as a church help? What do we do already? What can I do as an individual?

These are just but a few questions that you may have when thinking about Street Pastors.

Our 10:30 am morning service on 22nd April, led by Keith will be focusing on Street Pastors and hearing something of their story and answering those very same questions, as they share with us.

Prayer list

Loving God, we rejoice in the blessings of Easter. We pray that you will guide us to share the wonderful news in every opportunity that you provide for us. Let us live Easter not just on Easter Day but as part of our life and witness to you every day. We know your presence with us daily, guide us to share your good news with those we meet so that they too may know your daily presence. Help us to be an encouragement to one another as we continue our faith journey together, always offering praise and thanksgiving to you. So bless us all. 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, Val, 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 May Newsletter or you want to add anybody, please let me know by 20th April 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 April the following people on **Helen Carter's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Jo & Simon Aldworth, Valerie & John Broadbent, Diana Gawlas, Trevor & Sheila Johnson, Adrian Richens, and Jane & Harry Rudd, and those on **Faith Culshaw's list**: June Hartle, Jane & Iain Kent and Rita Lawrence.

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.

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

The Bible in a Year - Month 8: April

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms/Proverbs
213	1 April	1 Chronicles 11:1-12:22	Romans 14:19-15:13	Psalm 89:46-52
214	2 April	1 Chronicles 12:23-14:17	Romans 15:14-33	Psalm 90:1-10
215	3 April	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36	Romans 16:1-27	Psalm 90:11-17
216	4 April	1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Proverbs 19:3-12
217	5 April	1 Chronicles 19:1-22:1	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5	Psalm 91:1-8
218	6 April	1 Chronicles 22:2-23:32	1 Corinthians 2:6-16	Psalm 91:9-16
219	7 April	1 Chronicles 24:1-26:19	1 Corinthians 3:1-23	Psalm 92:1-15
220	8 April	1 Chronicles 26:20-27:34	1 Corinthians 4:1-21	Proverbs 19:13-22
221	9 April	1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30	1 Corinthians 5:1-13	Psalm 93:1-5
222	10 April	2 Chronicles 1:1-17	1 Corinthians 6:1-20	Psalm 94:1-11
223	11 April	Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	Psalm 94:12-23
224	12 April	Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12	1 Corinthians 7:7-35	Proverbs 19:23-20:4
225	13 April	Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:12	1 Corinthians 7:36-8:13	Psalm 95:1-11
226	14 April	Ecclesiastes 9:13-12:14	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	Psalm 96:1-13
227	15 April	2 Chronicles 2:1-5:1	1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13	Psalm 97:1-12
228	16 April	2 Chronicles 5:2-7:10	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	Proverbs 20:5-14
229	17 April	2 Chronicles 7:11-9:31	1 Corinthians 11:2-34	Psalm 98:1-9
230	18 April	Song of Songs 1:1-4:16	1 Corinthians 12:1-26	Psalm 99:1-9
231	19 April	Song of Songs 5:1-8:14	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	Psalm 100:1-5
232	20 April	2 Chronicles 10:1-12:16	1 Corinthians 14:1-19	Proverbs 20:15-24
233	21 April	2 Chronicles 13:1-15:19	1 Corinthians 14:20-40	Psalm 101:1-8
234	22 April	2 Chronicles 16:1-18:27	1 Corinthians 15:1-34	Psalm 102:1-11
235	23 April	2 Chronicles 18:28-21:3	1 Corinthians 15:35-49	Psalm 102:12-17
236	24 April	2 Chronicles 21:4-23:21	1 Corinthians 15:50-16:4	Proverbs 20:25-21:4
237	25 April	2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28	1 Corinthians 16:5-24	Psalm 102:18-28
238	26 April	2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Psalm 103:1-12
239	27 April	2 Chronicles 29:1-31:1	2 Corinthians 1:12-22	Psalm 103:13-22
240	28 April	2 Chronicles 31:2-33:20	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11	Proverbs 21:5-16
241	29 April	2 Chronicles 33:21-35:19	2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6	Psalm 104:1-18
242	30 April	2 Chronicles 35:20-36:23	2 Corinthians 3:7-18	Psalm 104:19-30

Flower rota

April

1st Easter flowers
8th Easter flowers
15th Eileen Rennie
22nd Carolyn Roche
29th

May

8th
13th Carolyn Roche
20th
27th Ann Barber

Rota for Church Flowers 2018

Ann Barber

..... The sign-up sheet for January to June 2018, which is on the wall in the corridor near the Parlour door, has been completed up to Easter, and thank you to everyone who has already provided church flowers so far this year. Once Easter is over we have several gaps in the rota. Is there anyone who would be willing to sign up for the following dates, please? 29th April, 6th May, 20th May or 3rd, 10th and 24th June?

YOUNG CHURCH

YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday EveningS!)

In March we met on a cold, snowy evening and made a 'Pearls of Life' bracelet/string of beads inspired by the book by the Swedish Bishop Martin Lonnebo. The church has bought the small book and if anyone would like to read it please ask as I would highly recommend it. The idea arose out of Martin finding prayer difficult and wanting to make something to help people connect with God, our inner selves and each other.

We will next meet on **29th April** at 7:15 pm when we will be exploring the resurrection accounts.

If you are of secondary school age or beyond you would be really welcome to come along and be part of this friendly group. Jane Kent (765421)

Kids@Church

We were surprised and delighted to see so many families at Kids@church in March - the morning of all the snow!

Cath told the story of Noah's Ark and we all assisted her with actions and sound effects before getting out the beautiful ark Arnold made a few years ago and the children had great fun playing with that. In the hall some of the children continued to play with the ark and all the animals and some preferred to do some colouring. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to be there!

Our next Kids@Church will be on **Sunday 15th April**, when we will be going for a local spring walk and taking photographic evidence en route which we look forward to making into a display on the hall board. Please meet us at **church for a 9:30 start** - let's hope it's a beautiful day!

Kids@Church is an informal, service for primary school-aged children and their families and new friends are always welcome! If you'd like more information please phone Jane (765421).

Notes on Wantage “Awayday@Home”

We are continuing to work through all the suggestions and contributions and will be making all the information available as soon possible in a separate booklet that will be circulated widely throughout the church community.

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship begins again on **11th April**.

April programme:

11th We begin the term with a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill.

18th Local Preacher Libby Bolton is our speaker today.

25th Heather Wells will tell us about her trips to Nepal.

Lunches in April:

Friday lunches will be on April 13th and 27th.

Sunday lunches will be on April 8th and 22nd.

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.

MISSION & SERVICE

Clive Phillips

All We Can: In October of last year we started our year as an All We Can Partner Church. Members and friends may be pleased to learn that we have just sent our fourth donation to All We Can as a Partner Church. This donation totalled £255.50, made up of £158 raised by the All We Can Breakfast on March 4th plus some other contributions. Altogether, we have now sent All We Can about £1,157 of which about £175 was gift aided, resulting in a total to All We Can of approximately £1,200.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)

The Knit & Chat group continues to meet in the Parlour at Wantage. We are currently knitting a variety of items that will be sent to help disadvantaged communities around the world. After Easter we will again turn our thoughts to knitting angels for distribution in Wantage this Christmas. If you don't knit but would enjoy chatting with a friendly group over tea and biscuits, then do come and join us. Please feel free to bring your own craft project.

Knit & Chat in April - **Monday 9th April** and **Monday 23th April**

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

Please **check / book your date** with Gordon **before you commit to** your meeting.
The following bookings are in place:

Weekly Bookings April 2018

Monday	morn	Toddlers' Music	Parlour
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir	Chapel
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
Thursday	eve	Yoga	Hall
Friday	morn	Babes & Toddlers	Hall
Friday	aft	Caritas	Hall
Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall
Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
Alternate Monday	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey Room
Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall

MARCH

Monday 26 th	eve	Holy Week Meditation	Chapel
Tuesday 27 th	eve	Holy Week Meditation	Parlour
Wednesday 28 th	eve	An Impossible God	All

APRIL

Tuesday 4 th	eve	RMG	Chapel
Monday 9 th	aft	Knit & Chat	Godfrey Room
Thursday 12 th	eve	First Port	Parlour
Wednesday 18 th	eve	Dementia Awareness Evening	Chapel
Monday 23 rd	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour

2018 Newsletter Publication Deadlines

May	22 nd April	September	19 th August
June	20 th May	October	16 th September
July/August	17 th June	November	21 st October
		Dec/Jan	18 th November

DIARY

MARCH

Holy Week & Easter Day Services details on page 8

Wednesday 28th 7:30 pm "An Impossible God" at Wantage

APRIL

Saturday 7th 10:00 am to Noon Coffee Morning at Grove (The Leprosy Mission)

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Sunday 8th 10:45 am "Way Forward" at Grove

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12:30 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage

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Friday 13th 12:15 pm Friday Lunch at Wantage

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7:15 pm YMOSES

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Sunday 15th 9:30 am Kids@Church

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10:30 am All We Can with Matthew Forsyth at Wantage

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13:30 pm Wantage Annual Church Meeting

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Wednesday 18th 7:30 pm Dementia Awareness Evening at Wantage

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Friday 20th 7:30 pm Grove Film Club "**The Eagle Huntress**" 2016 G

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Sunday 22nd 10:30 am Worship Focus on Street Pastors at Wantage

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12:30 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage

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Deadline for May Newsletter

Thursday 26th 8:00 pm Grove Annual Church Meeting

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Friday 27th 12:15 pm Friday Lunch at Wantage

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Sunday 29th 9:00 am Bible Study at Wantage

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Sunday Services – April 2018

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
April 1st Easter Day See p 8	6:00 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill Emmaus Walk 6:00 pm at Childrey	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Frances Blood Emmaus Walk 6:00 pm at Childrey
April 8th Easter 2 Local Preachers	11:00 am Michael Howlett	10:45 am Rev Keith Underhill Way Forward 6:30pm Geoffrey Caudle	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Helen Carter
April 15th Easter 3	11:00 am Daphne Savage	10:45 am Peter Hemmings 6:30pm Libby Bolton	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Matthew Forsyth All we can
April 22nd Easter 4 Vocations Sunday	11:30 am United Service at St Mary's	10:45 am Andrew Lockley 6:30 pm Circuit Service at All Saints	10:30 am Street Pastors: Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Circuit Service at All Saints
April 29th Easter 5	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Frederick Obeng 6:30 pm Alan Smith	10:30 am Rev John Anderson

