

The Methodist Church



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Wantage

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Sunday 18th August

Ordinary 20

Lectionary: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Stewards : Gordon Skidmore & Sue Haithwaite

10:30 **Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

led by **Rev Keith Underhill**

HYMNS: 34 : 463 : 351 : 581 : 598

Lesson : John 6:35,41-45

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church

The Church Stewards introduce worship, then there is a period of quiet in which we prepare for worship and pray for those leading worship. There are times in the service when most people will stand, such as for singing. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

The Chapel is fitted with an induction loop; Hearing aid users are advised to sit away from the edges of the room and please switch hearing aids to the "T" setting.

Glasses of water are available.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

There is no Junior Church during the school summer holidays.

A crèche room is available for small children

There are clip-boards with activities in the box at the front of the church.

Prayer Focus in August

w/c 18th August

Pray for : The Circuit's Local Preachers and their families.

Give thanks: For the opportunity to rest and praise God our Saviour especially on the seventh day.

w/c 25th August

Pray for : The Churches in the Local Area and their working together.

Give thanks: For the blessings that prayer brings each one of us as we offer our thanks and hopes to God.

Please pray for : Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Jane, Doug, Jean Gill, Alan & Eileen Bunn and family, Carol Mackinder, Carl, Anne, Pam Rose, Alex, Emma Wright and family, Jean Plastow, A lady with family problems, Graham Savill, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

This Week - Focus for Reflection - Genesis 2:1-3a

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

Monday 19th August

09:00 **Community Drop In Café**
14:00 **Knit & Chat** in the Parlour

Wednesday 21st August

14:00 **Not Wednesday Fellowship :**
Join us in the Parlour for tea, coffee and chat.
20:00 **Music Group** in the Chapel

Sunday 25th August

Ordinary 21

Lectionary : Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Stewards : Alison Phillips & Peter Preston

10:30 **Morning Worship** led by **Geoff Caudle**

w/c 25 August Focus for Reflection - 1 Timothy 2: 1-3a

Monday 26th August

09:00 **Community Drop In Café**

Wednesday 28th August

14:00 **Not Wednesday Fellowship :**
Join us in the Parlour for tea, coffee and chat.

Friday 30th August

12:15 **Drop in Lunch** - All welcome

Sunday 1st September

Ordinary 22

Lectionary: Proverbs 25:6,7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16; Luke 14:1,7-14
Stewards : June Grunwald & Sue Haithwaite

10:30 **Worship through Baptism** led by **Rev Keith Underhill**
This service will include the baptism of Louis William Munro-Smith

Tuesday House Group next meets on Tuesday 3rd September

The annual Ride and Stride for Oxfordshire Historic Churches' Trust Saturday September 14th

We invite you to take part in a number of ways.

If you are feeling energetic **you can walk or cycle** to any of a listed number of churches in this area and receive a welcome and often offer of refreshment as you go.

It is equally important **to** offer a welcome and refreshment at our church which means we would like **offers of church sitters** (two per hour is ideal) and you just have to sign the visitors' sheet to say they have called at our church.

If you are unable to do either of these things because you are busy or away, **we also would appreciate sponsorship for riders, striders or church sitters** because the amount raised is shared between the participating church and the Historic churches fund.

You may remember that our church received a donation towards our refurbishment from the historic churches fund, so we like to continue our support for other churches needing upkeep in these expensive times as well as raising funds for our own.

If you feel interested in any or all of the above, please contact Clive and Alison Phillips who have the necessary forms to fill and a rota of church sitters to compile.

Fundraising for Street Pastors

Everyone is invited to our Quiz and Curry evening on Saturday 21st September, including your friends and neighbours! Previous similar events have been very enjoyable. Form a team if you like, and let Nigel know at 07554 655 594; or if you're not yet a team let him know and he will find one for you. For any who don't eat curry, alternatives will be available; please let Nigel know if you have any particular dietary restrictions.

Zack Smith

Toilet Twinning: Members and friends may be pleased to know that the church has just acquired its 13th "twinned toilet". This one is in Choma, Southern Province, Zambia. We ran out of spaces to exhibit our new latrine pictures several toilets ago but the photographs are all on file if you want to see them.

Thank you

Carole and Keith would like to express their thanks for the cards and good wishes as they celebrated their Golden Wedding

Church Family Picnic

at Manor Road Park

Sunday 1 September at 12 o'clock

Please bring along your picnic and something to share if you wish.

Everyone welcome!

We'd love to see you there!

Sunshine Tea Party

Saturday September 28th at 3 pm
In aid of RAYS OF HOPE providing solar powered irrigation for farmers in Malawi

Tickets £7.50

Now available from Eileen (224284)
or Margaret (798502)

Please purchase your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

This year we are having a Sunshine Bonnet Competition so get your thinking caps on!

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Youth



A new group for the young people
in our Circuit

Activities, crafts, games, discussions
and tea together

Sun 22nd Sept 4.00 – 6.30pm at Didcot

Sun 27th Oct 4.00 – 6.30pm at Wallingford

Followed by worship at 6.30pm

More details from Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett

01235 813242 / 07967 735492 joss@jbennett.org

Little People

are seeking:

a single bed and a sofa for family who have very little furniture.

One of their children has out grown the cot bed he is in.

little girls' school shoes, sizes 10,10.5, 11, 11.5?

bikes, for men and women, but these must be in a safe and serviceable condition.

a chest of drawers

If you can help please contact:

Jacky Mattam jackymattam@btinternet.com

Little People is now linked to the Easyfundraising web site

Notices for next Sunday

should reach

Gordon Skidmore

by 10pm on **Thursday** please.

E-mail:

wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com

Tel: 07710 214601

External Users w/c 18 August

Monday evening

Slimming World

Tuesday morning

MIND

Tuesday evening

Wantage Camera Club

Wednesday evening

Wantage Stage Musical

External Users w/c 25 August

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