

The Methodist Church Wantage



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Sunday 20th October

Ordinary 29

Lectionary : Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121 : 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5; Luke 18:1-8

09:30 **Kids@church** - "Sorry, I can't make it...."

Stewards: Alison Phillips & Diana Gawlas

10:30 **Morning Worship** led by **Daphne Savage**

November Newsletter Deadline

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.

There is a crèche room for small children.

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.

Prayer Focus

Pray for : Wallingford

Give thanks: For those who minister to those in prison.

Please pray for : Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Doug, Jean Gill, Anne, Pam Rose, Alan & Eileen Bunn and family, Carol Mackinder, Carl, Emma Wright and family, Jean Plastow, A lady with family problems, Alex, Graham Savill, Sheridan, Sue, Diane, Julie and family, Doreen, Danielle, Mavis Howlett & family, Robert, Roy and family,

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 - Hebrews 13:3

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Monday 21st October

09:00 **Community Drop In Café**

14:00 **Knit & Chat** in the Parlour

Tuesday 22nd October

13:30 **Tuesday House Group** at 50 Warmans Close

We continue our study of Acts 13-28 "To the Ends of the Earth"

Week 3 :- Europe responds to the Gospel.

Acts 16:11-18:22, Galatians 3:26-29.

You are assured of a welcome at any of our meetings.

Wednesday 23rd October

14:00 **Wednesday Fellowship** in the Hall - June Grunwald will give an illustrated talk about her visit to Turkey.

15:00 **Funeral service for Michael Howlett**
at South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford

16:30 **Thanksgiving Service celebrating the life of Michael Howlett**
at Didcot Methodist Church (refreshments served following this service)

20:00 **Music Group** in the Chapel

Friday 25th October

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

16:00 **Caritas Children's Choir** in the Hall

Note that the clocks are reset to GMT at 02:00 on Sunday 27th October

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One World Week

Ordinary 30

Lectionary : Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-23; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18;

Luke 18:9-14

Stewards : Sue Haithwaite & Gordon Skidmore

10:30 GMT **Morning Worship** led by **Rev Keith Underhill**

This service will include Baptism of Julie's grandson Lincoln and Holy Communion.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

The bread is gluten free and the wine non-alcoholic.

16.00 GMT **Wantage & Abingdon Circuit You  h**

at Wallingford - Followed by worship at 6.30pm+

The next meeting of Church Council will be on Wednesday 20th November in the Chapel. Reports and Notice of Business should reach Alison Brown by Wednesday 6th November please.

Pam Scholes It is with deep sadness we record that Pam died at Framland on Thursday 17th October. Roy and the family had been with her since she became increasingly weak and unwell at the weekend. Sadly Pam had not been able to worship with us for several years since her health deteriorated. When Roy was no longer able to look after her at home, Pam became a resident at Framland Care Home. During all of that time Roy spent each afternoon with her throughout her entire stay there. We remember Pam with affection and give thanks for all of her participation in the life of our church here and at Grove over many years. Pam's funeral Service will take place at this church at 1 p.m. on Thursday 7th November. Our thoughts and our prayers are with Roy and with all of Pam's family, and we assure them of our love at this very sad time.

Resources from CRE

June, Eileen and Gloria went to the Christian Resources Exhibition last week and have picked up quite a few leaflets and resources.

They will be on a table in the hall after this service. Some are just for looking at, some we picked up for specific people in church (your name will be on them!) and some are free to take away.

Michael Howlett's funeral will be held at the **South Oxfordshire crematorium in Garford on Wednesday 23rd October at 3:00pm followed by a thanksgiving service to celebrate Michael's life at Didcot Methodist Church at 4:15pm.** Refreshments will be served after the Thanksgiving Service.

We continue to hold Mavis and the family in our prayers.

A Christian response to Brexit

There is an important role for us as Christian people at this time in making practical expressions of love and hope to our communities and to individuals. Here are 8 steps we can take today. Don't be limited to 8 and don't under-estimate what we can achieve together.

Give extra support to your local food banks

Watch out for the lonely, the anxious and the vulnerable

Reach out to EU nationals in your work place and your community

Watch over and support other faith groups and minority ethnic communities who are experiencing increased abuse

Encourage truthful and honest debate

Pray in public worship and private prayer

Work with other churches and faith communities and charities

Invite your community to come together

Helen Cameron

10th October 2019

Marriage and Relationships

"God in Love Unites us"

You will be aware that the Methodist Church is at the moment in the process of discussing and debating "God in Love Unites us" - this is the report of the Marriage and Relationships task group that went to Conference this summer.

The Methodist Conference spent a great deal of time discussing the report and did so with a sense of openness, respect, graciousness, dignity and understanding, aware that within our Methodist family there are differing views.

The Methodist Conference showed that it is possible to engage with one another even where contradictory views are held and to do so in a way which models good practice to the world.

The provisional resolutions within the report will be debated at the Spring Synods across the country and the final votes taken at the Methodist Conference when it meets in the summer of 2020.

Conference agreed that this report should be commended for study and prayerful discussion.

To help start the discussions within our own Circuit, we will be holding a meeting looking at the report and study guide on Tuesday 12th November at 7:30pm. This will take place at Grove Methodist Church.

This will be open to anyone who wishes to come along and join in the conversation. It is planned that each Church will also look at the report in the New year for conversations and discussion at a local level.

I have ordered plenty of copies of both the report and the study guide and these will be made available.

I look forward to us sharing together over the coming months.

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Little People are seeking:

a universal rain cover for a buggy and a cosy toes

Also please see "Little People Requests" at

<https://www.wantagemethodist.org.uk/doc/little-people-requests-D409407.pdf>

If you can help please contact:

Jacky Mattam jackymattam@btinternet.com

FOOD BANK—help needed to sort the harvest items currently stored in the Godfrey Room. If you are able to give any time on Thursday afternoon (24th) please could you get in touch with Helen Carter (764810). Timing flexible, but probably no earlier than 2pm. Many thanks.

Notices for next Sunday

should reach

Gordon Skidmore

by 10 pm on **Thursday** please.

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External Users

Monday evening

Slimming World

Tuesday morning

MIND

Tuesday evening

Wantage Camera Club

Tuesday evening

Rock Choir

Wednesday evening

Wantage Stage Musical

Thursday evening

DBands

Friday morning

Babes & Toddlers

Friday evening

Cheek2Cheek