The Methodist Church

Wantage

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Sunday 8th December

Advent 2

Lectionary : Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18,19; Romans 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12.

- Steward : Gordon Skidmore
- 09:00 Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill. HYMNS: 177; 171: 181: 188 LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is gluten free and the wine non-alcoholic.

Stewards : June Grunwald & Alison Phillips

- 10:30 Morning Worship led by Geoffrey Caudle HYMNS: 185; 176: 178: 180: 186: 317 LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13
- 12:15 **Church Lunch** in the Hall
- 16:00 **United Christingle Service** at St Mary's, Childrey

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 : Grove Give thanks: For support in our Church and especially for those who volunteer and stand alongside those in need.
Please pray for : Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan & Eileen Bunn and family, Doug, Carl, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Anne, Pam Rose, Emma Wright & family, Jean Plastow, a lady with family problems, Alex & Brian, Graham Savill, Doreen, Sheridan, Danielle, Robert, Roy and family, Trudy, Gordon and Marina, Sue, Diane, Julie and family, the family and friends of Charlie Wright, Nick and Sarah Holt, Gordon & Libby Hill 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 - Psalm 60:8

Trust in him at all times, O people, pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Monday 9th December

- 09:00 Community Drop In Café
- 19:30 Advent reflection and study in the Chapel "Advent – holding the Christ light". Week 2 – Advent – Holding the Christ light for our nation.

Tuesday 10th December

- 10:00 Advent reflection and study at Grove "Advent – holding the Christ light". Week 2 – Advent – Holding the Christ light for our nation.
- 13:30 Tuesday House Group at 50 Warmans Close York Course for Advent "Who are we Praying to?" Week 3 : Praying for the marginalised. Job 1:1-12 and Job 11:1-20 Keith will lead our study today. . You are assured of a welcome at any of our meetings.

Wednesday 11th December

- 14:00 **Wednesday Fellowship** The term closes with a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill.
- 19:00 Mayor's Carols in the Parish Church
- 20:00 **Music Group** in the Chapel

Friday 13th December

16:00 Caritas Children's Choir in the Hall

Saturday 14th December

16:00 YMOSES - Charity fundraising event

Sunday 15th December

Lectionary: : Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

Stewards : Sue Haithwaite & Diana Gawlass

10:30 All-age 'Scratch' Nativity led by Rev Keith Underhill

with kids@church

Advent 3

15th December 10:30 am All-age 'Scratch' Nativity

22nd December 6:00 pm Traditional Carol Service

24th December 11:30 pm Midnight Communion

25th December 9:30 am Christmas Morning All-age Celebration

Christmas flowers

As in the past, Jan Abrahall will be coordinating decorating the church for Christmas. There was a very successful team of helpers at Harvest, and Jan would be delighted with any offers of help to arrange the flowers for Christmas in time for the Carol service on Dec 22nd.

Jan will be in church on Saturday Dec 21st from 9.00a.m. and will provide all the necessary flowers and greenery. If you are unable to help but would like to make a donation towards the flowers, Jan would appreciate that too and any donations could be given to Jan or one of the stewards. Thank you.

Copies of the Advent Daily Devotions are available in the Vestibule and Hall

Christmas card board

We invite you, once again, to add a card to the board in the hall wishing friends in the church a happy Christmas. You may like to put the money this saves you into a charity pot over the Christmas period. The board will be up and ready to add to this Sunday.

'Carols round the Tree'

at the top of Vale Avenue, Grove

arranged by the Grove Parish Council.

Wednesday, 18th December at 7.00pm.

Music by the Wantage Silver Band.

We are running a first aid course at Milton, part of our response to safeguarding our congregations and visitors to our events.

The course will be run by Fast Response from Newbury who run first aid courses for the staff of the local schools.

There is space on the course for 15 people. We are reserving 4 places for our stewards at Mllton. We are offering the remaining eleven places on the first aid course to anyone from around the circuit who might like to attend. Each place costs £26/person. The circuit treasurer has indicated that the Circuit will pay half of any enrolment costs for the course from people taking the course to benefit their church.

Please contact Mary Hancock (imhancock@gmail.com) to book a place or to obtain more details



are hiring

Young Leaders Scheme Participant - Green Champion

and

Young Leaders Scheme Participant - District Social Media Champion

Participants must be between 16 and 23 years old (as at starting date)

3 hours per week / £9 per hour / for one year.

Closing date: Midnight, 30th December 2019

Interview date: 9th January 2020

More information on the Notice Board in the Hall

For further information or an application pack, please contact :

Young Leaders Scheme Coordinator, Ollie McAllister

07908 740188 | oliver.mcallister@northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk

or

District Mission Enabler, Jill Marsh

07745 020597 | jill.marsh@methodist.org.uk

Little People are seeking:

furniture for two families

One has just escaped domestic abuse, another has lost a lot of furniture due to flooding.

Also please see "Little People Requests" at <u>https://www.wantagemethodist.org.uk/doc/little-people-requests-D409407.pdf</u> If you can help please contact: Jacky Mattam jackymattam@btinternet.com

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| Notices for next week should reach Gordon Skidmore by 10 pm on Thursday please. E-mail: wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com Tel: 07710 214601 | Monday evening Tuesday morning Tuesday evening Wednesday 6-7pm Crown Sin Thursday midday Friday morning Friday evening Saturday midday | Slimming World MIND Wantage Camera Club ngers & Pandemonium King Alfred's WI Babes & Toddlers Cheek2Cheek Private Party |