# The Methodist Church

Wantage

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# Sunday 12th January

Ordinary 1

Lectionary : Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17 Steward : Alison Phillips

09:00 Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Grist All are welcome to receive Communion.

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

HYMNS : 25 : 654 : 595 : 596 READINGS : Genesis 12:1-5a : Luke 15:11-24

Stewards : Sue Haithwaite & June Grunwald

10:30 Morning Worship led by Valerie Grist HYMNS: 330: 157: 233: 478: 464 READINGS: Is 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

- 12:15 **Church Lunch** in the Hall
- 16:00 **Film Plus** at Grove : led by Rev Keith Underhill. The film "Bruce Almighty" will be followed by discussion, tea and biscuits and a short act of worship..

### 19:15 **YMOSES**

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: We give thanks for all those who have received baptism.

Please pray for : Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan & Eileen Bunn & family, Doug, Carl, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Anne, Pam Rose, Graham Savill,

Emma Wright & family, Jean Plastow, Alex and Brian, Roy & family, A lady with family problems, Sue, Diane, Julie & family, Doreen, Sheridan, Danielle, Robert, Trudy, Gordon & Marina, Nick &Sarah Holt, Vivienne Couch, Betty,

Family & friends of Charlie Wright, Gordon & Libby Hill & family, Sheila & Stan Hall, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

YMOSES, kids@church & 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 - 1 Corinthians 11:24b, 25b-26

"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me"."This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me". For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

#### Monday 13th January

#### 09:00 Community Drop In Café

#### **Tuesday 14th January**

13:30 Tuesday House Group at 50 Warmans Close
We share a favourite, hymn, verse or reading and explain why it is special. Reading: Psalm 47
A warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us.

#### Wednesday 15th January

- 07:30 **Morning prayers** at Grove All welcome.
- 14:00 **Wednesday Fellowship** This is our New Year social afternoon and we have the Ridgeway Handbell Ringers coming to entertain us. There will also be the usual tasty refreshments.

#### Friday 17th January

- 16:00 Caritas Children's Choir in the Hall
- 19:30 **Film Club** at Grove "Selma". All welcome.

#### Saturday 18th January

10:00 **Firebrand Rehearsal** in the Chapel

#### Sunday 19th January

Ordinary 2

Lectionary: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

#### 09:30 kids@church

Stewards : June Grunwald & Diana Gawlas

- 10:30 Morning Worship led by Barbara Kershaw
- 16:00 United service at St John's Parish Church, Grove, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All welcome.

#### DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

#### First Celebratory Wantage 175 Event

The first social event will be a **"Burns" Supper** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020** at **6:00 pm** followed by a light-hearted quiz, "Name that Tune".

We are delighted that Andrew Hollins has accepted our invitation to this supper. He is our guest preacher on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Andrew is looking forward to catching up with friends and we know there are lots of people who will welcome this opportunity to talk with him. Please put the supper date in your diaries now.

Tickets, £10 each, are now on sale from Eileen Rennie.

#### Holocaust Memorial Day - Monday, 27 January 2020.

This year Wantage Library will be having a display to mark HMD. To complement this our chapel will be open from 10 am to 11.30 am as a quiet space for personal thought to people of all faiths. It will be an opportunity to watch some film clips and images, reflect and to light a candle. All are welcome to drop in for a short while and, of course, drop in to the Community Café (open from 9 am to 12 noon) for a coffee.

# Charities at Christmas 2019

Fundraising in December supported a number of charities and the following amounts have been sent to the charities listed:

Crisis£453.Collections at the carol service and on Christmas morning.Action for Children£504.Mostly raised at the carol service and on<br/>Christmas morning but supplemented by money raised at the Christmas Tree

Festival.

**Street Pastors £627.** The final total **f**rom the Christmas Tree Festival. **Jeel Al Amal School in Bethany £330.** The Christmas Friday Lunch raised

this for the McCabe Educational Trust.

In addition to those Christmas-specific donations, other charities were helped:

Little People £140. From another Friday lunch in December. The money helped buy Christmas presents for children.

**Be Free Young Carers £300.** From two events: a "clothes swap" and a YMOSES fundraising social evening.

All We Can £540. From regular giving and an unexpected cheque.

**Fund for Human Need £250.** From Monday morning "Community Café". The total of £3,144 is a tribute to the hard work, dedication and generosity of church members and friends.

The report to Conference by the Marriage & Relationships Task Force - **GOD IN LOVE UNITES US** - is out for discussion by the local churches and circuits prior to votes being taken at Synod in April and Conference in early July. We are planning two opportunities here in Wantage on **Friday 7th February at 2 pm and on Thursday 19th March at 7:30 pm**. It is important that you read the full report before the meetings and copies are available free from the stewards.

# **GREENBELT 2020**

Following on from the success of our 3Generate trip it is hoped to take a group of young people from the Circuit on a camping trip to the 47th Greenbelt Arts and Music Festival (this year entitled "Wild at Heart") at Boughton House, Kettering. The Festival runs from the 28th August – 1st September 2020 and hosts a variety of Musicians, Artists, Performers and Speakers. Please visit their website for more details <u>www.greenbelt.org.uk/</u>

Costs : Festival tickets cost £90 for 18-25's £50 for under 18's Travel and food costs will depend on numbers.

Those interested in joining this should register their interest with Liz Wood by the end of March and have paid their £25 deposit by March 20th. (cheques should be made payable to Didcot Methodist Church).

Please feel free to contact Liz Wood with any questions you may have. You can contact her via email @ <u>fizzylizzyw@aol.com</u> or write to Liz Wood, 3, Buckingham Close, Didcot, OX11 8TX

#### Amahl and the Night Visitors

A joint performance by Kennet Opera and Opera Unmasked Amahl and the Night Visitors is a delightful one-act opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti set in Judea which tells the story of a disabled shepherd boy-turned-beggar and his mother who are visited one night by three strangers. They are the Three Kings, and they are on their way to Bethlehem to visit the Christ Child, who has just been born. The story has a miraculous ending and hauntingly beautiful music.

> **The Beacon, Wantage.** 7.30 Friday 17th Jan. Tickets Adults £12 , 16 and under £8 from <u>http://www.beaconwantage.com</u> tel. 01235 763456

# **Community Fridge**

#### Reducing food waste by sharing!

Did you know that almost one third of all food is thrown away? The Mix Community Fridge collects surplus food from local businesses and makes it available to everyone for FREE. Pop in to help yourself to something from the fridge:

Mon 4-7pm Wed 1-6pm

Fri 1-6pm

Tues 9am—2pm Thurs 9am - 2pm

Sat 9am-1pm

Follow us on facebook to find out what's in the fridge today:

The Mix Community Fridge



The Mix 15 Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AB www.thewantagemix.wordpress.com facebook/thewantagemix



# Little People are seeking:

a middle sized car seat in good condition? It should be one with integral straps, but not a tiny one which a baby and younger toddler would use.

Also please see "Little People Requests" at

<u>https://www.wantagemethodist.org.uk/</u> <u>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 next Thursday please. E-mail: wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com Tel: 07710 214601	Monday Afternoon Monday evenings Tuesday morning Tuesday evening Tuesday evening Wednesday evening Thursday morning Friday morning Friday evening Saturday morning	Age UK Slimming World MIND Wantage Camera Club Rock Choir Wantage Stage Musical LTT Babes & Toddlers Cheek2Cheek Dads Out