

The **Methodist Church**



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**Wantage**

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**Sunday 19th January**

**Ordinary 2**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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**

**HYMNS : 403 : 608 : 746 : 676 : 687**

**READINGS : 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42**

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**

**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 :** Milton

**Give thanks:** For our brothers and sisters of other denominations who unite with us praising your name.

**Please pray for :** Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan & Eileen Bunn & family, Betty, Doug, Carl, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Anne, Pam Rose, Graham Savill, Emma Wright & family, Jean Plastow, Alex and Brian, Roy & family, Caroline, A lady with family problems, Sue, Diane, Julie & family, Doreen, Sheridan, Danielle, Robert, Trudy, Gordon & Marina, Roy & family, Nick & Sarah Holt, Vivienne Couch, 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 - Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity”!

### Monday 20th January

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

### Tuesday 21st January

13:30 **Tuesday House Group** at 50 Warmans Close  
Esther Miller will talk to us today on The Elizabeth Letter.  
Reading Luke 1:5-25 A warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us.

### Wednesday 22nd January

07:30 **Morning prayers** at Grove All welcome.  
14:00 **Wednesday Fellowship** David Koch will speak to us about safety  
in the home and on the phone.  
19:30 **Grove & Wantage Schools Prayer Meeting**  
at St John’s Rooms, Grove Parish Church

### Thursday 23rd January

14:00 **Planning Meeting** for Worship through Books with Malcolm Newton in  
the Parlour

### Friday 24th January

16:00 **Caritas Children’s Choir** in the Hall  
19:00 **Firebrand Rehearsal** in the Chapel

### Saturday 25th January

18:00 **“Burns” Supper** followed by a light-hearted quiz, “Name that Tune”.

### Sunday 26th January

### Ordinary 3

Lectionary : Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1,4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

Stewards : Alison Phillips & Sue Haithwaite

10:30 **WANTAGE 175 Morning Worship** led by **Rev Andrew Hollins**

### 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.

**Tickets, £10 each, are now on sale from Eileen Rennie.**  
**Please get your tickets today.**

## **Holocaust Memorial Day - 2020.**

This year Wantage Library will be having a display of books to mark HMD between 13 and 27 January. 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 Christmas morning but supplemented by money raised at the Christmas Tree Festival.

**Street Pastors £627.** The final total from 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.

**Wantage Come & Sing Messiah**

**Sunday February 9th**

**Wantage Parish Church**

**Singers from 2 pm**

**Audience at 3:30 pm**

**External Users**

Monday afternoon	WIAC
Monday evening	Slimming World
Tuesday morning	MIND
Tuesday evening	Wantage Camera Club
Tuesday evening	Rock Choir
Wednesday evening	Wantage Stage Musical
Thursday morning	LTT
Friday morning	Babes & Toddlers
Friday evening	Cheek2Cheek

**Notices for next week** should reach **Gordon Skidmore** by 10 pm next **Thursday** please.

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