



Sunday 17th January

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1: 43-51

10:30 am **Morning Worship on Zoom**

Zoomed from the Manse. Please contact Keith for joining details.

Text Services for this Sunday will be distributed & posted on the website.

Verse for this week

Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18-25 January 2021

Each evening at 8pm

See below for details

Monday 18th January

2:30 pm

Knit & Chat on Zoom

Please contact Helen Carter for joining details

Tuesday 19th January

3:00 pm

Tea@Three on Zoom

Please contact Keith for joining details

Topic—Personal Heirloom

Sunday 24th January

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lectionary: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

10:30 am **Morning Worship on Zoom**

Preacher : The Revd Clare Downing - Moderator of the Wessex URC Synod

Zoomed from the Manse. Please contact Keith for joining details.

Prayer Focus

Pray for : Milton Methodist Church

Give thanks for God's great love, goodness and unfailing promises.

Please pray for : Jean M, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan Bunn and family, Carl, Carol Mackinder, Anne, Emma Wright and family, Alex and Brian, Gordon & Marina, Betty, Caroline, Adrian, Jenny, Kathy, June Coppock, Sarah Holt, Jinnie Brown and her sons, Margaret McAlpin, Diane Barton, Alastair Wright and family, Sharon and her family, Pauline Hawkins, Charlie Webb, Emily, Eric and Judy Thomas and family, Margaret Watts, Nigel, Julie and Jill, Alan Smith, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors, YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors.

Those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

DIGITAL PRESENCE/ MINISTRY AND OUTREACH ON-LINE

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the input of some of truly wonderful members of the two churches in Abingdon, we have been able to put together two services, which went up onto our circuit YouTube page before Christmas. The first was the Abingdon Bereavement service and the second was the Blue Christmas service for those who find the season difficult.

It seems that these services have spoken to many people, and those who may not have found it easy to come to such services in person, may have found it beneficial to have this space of reflection and prayer brought to them in the comfort and privacy of their own homes.

Whilst it would probably be a large task to provide such services weekly, it might be possible to provide occasional services throughout the year around the themes of life that may be of interest to those on the periphery of the church or encompassing themes which we may not always make considered time for in weekly worship, but which are very missional in nature.

Whilst I prayed this through, the themes that began to emerge surrounded:

- Mental health
- The environment
- Domestic violence
- Baby loss
- Refugees
- Racial justice
- Holocaust Memorial Day

And no doubt there will be others that emerge as time goes on.

We would be looking for:

- readers who could read and **audio record** readings and email them in
- people to write or record prayers or reflections on a given theme (not necessarily writing AND reading!)

- those who might be prepared to give some time to the technical side of transforming the PowerPoint into a timed MP4 video.

Essentially what I am asking, is for people who are interested in being involved in this, **from across the circuit**, to email me! selina.nisbett@methodist.org.uk or call 01235 521868

Please do give some thought and prayer to this initiative and see where God may be calling you!

With every blessing and with prayers for all that is yet to come.

Dcn. SELINA NISBETT

As an example, the link to the Blue Christmas service on the Wantage and Abingdon YouTube Channel is below. Either click on it or copy and paste into your browser.

<https://youtu.be/UYLUK0r9dPg>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2021 Each evening at 8pm
About 20 min of reflection and prayer on Zoom based on
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity booklet 'Abiding in Christ'
Material available from the Newsletter or Notices page on our web site .
Zoom access detail are available from Keith.

Monday 18th led by Wantage Methodist Church
You did not choose me but I chose you John 15:16
Tuesday 19th led by Wantage Parish Church
Abide in Me as I abide in You John 15:4
Wednesday 20th led by St John's Church Grove
Love one another as I have loved you John 15:12
Thursday 21st led by St John Vianney
I do not call you servants any longer ... but I have called you friends John 15:15
Friday 22nd led by Grove Free Evangelical Church
You have already been pruned by the Word John 15:3
Saturday 23rd led by Grove Methodist
Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last John 15:16
Sunday 24th led by Wantage Community Church
I am the vine, you are the branches John 15:5
Monday 25th led by Wantage Christian Fellowship
So that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete John 15:11

Holocaust Memorial Day

For a number of years our Chapel has been open to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Because of the virus rates our chapel won't be open, but the UK Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2021 will be streamed online. This will be the first fully digital commemorative ceremony. The ceremony will feature personal testimonies from survivors of genocide, films, readings and music. We will really miss being together in person for HMD. Yet the online format enables even more people to join HMD and learn from genocide for a better future. Behind the scenes, HMD are working hard to create a special Ceremony for everyone, with survivors at the heart of it all. To receive information about how to watch the ceremony at **7pm on 27 January**, please look on the HMD web-site www.hmd.org.uk. Once, found, please share the registration link widely as HMD would like as many people as possible to watch the ceremony.

Cornerstone Coffee Shop

Sadly we have had to close the Cornerstone again due to government restrictions. During November and December the Cornerstone was open and had a good Christmas trade. Christmas meals were provided on 4 days including one where meals were provided for those in special need. Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you when we are allowed to open.
John Hogston Board Member

Notices for next Sunday should reach **Gordon Skidmore**
by the end of **Thursday, 21st January** please.
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