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February 2019

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Don't forget the Circuit Calendar can now be viewed on the Circuit website.

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Regular Weekday Meetings

Monday	2 pm	Handicraft Group at the Cornerstone, Grove
Tuesday	2:15 pm	Grove Tuesday Fellowship (in the church)
Wednesday	7:30 am	Morning Prayers at Grove
	2 pm	Wantage Wednesday Fellowship

House Group at Wantage

Weekly

Tuesday 1:30 pm Leader: Eileen Rennie (01235 224284)

House Group at Grove

Monthly

Warmed Hearts 8 pm Leader: Peter Hemmings (01235 762504)

Grove web site is found from www.wantab.org.uk

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From the Manse...

Just a day or so after the celebrations of Christmas, the first sightings of Cadbury's cream eggs were noticed in petrol stations and supermarkets. Of course we have long come to expect this and are very much aware of the rhythm of the shopping year.

Not long after the first sightings of said eggs the shelves of so many of our stores are filled with cards, chocolates, cuddly toys, red roses and all the paraphernalia seen as being necessary to help celebrate Valentine's Day.

Everywhere we look we see the shape of a red heart. We are told that this is an ideograph used to express the idea that the heart is the core of emotion, affection, and romantic love.

As we ponder on what love actually is all about, we are reminded that Ancient Greek had six distinct words for love, far more encompassing than our little four-letter word: philía, éros, agápe, storgē, pragma, and philautia.

Philia - affectionate regard and friendship usually between equals

Éros - intimate love and sexual passion

Agápe - charity; the love of God for his children and their love for God.

Storgē - tenderness, love, affection especially of parents and children

Pragma - a model of love demonstrated during a lengthy marriage.

Philautia - love for one's own self.

In 1 John chapter 4:7-9, we read *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.*

As we celebrate love this month, I can't help but wonder whether a wooden cross might be a more suitable and appropriate ideograph than a red heart?

With love and God Bless

Keith

Sunday, 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day

This international day remembers the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, the millions killed under Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

Our Chapel at Wantage will be open for quiet reflection between 2 and 5 pm.

As the day falls on a Sunday, the Holocaust will be the theme for the morning's service, which will be led by Deacon Selina Nisbett.

Talking as Christians to People who use Church Premises

Rev Jill Marsh, District Mission Enabler, is offering an evening session in the New Year to churches in our Circuit to enable us 'to find ways of developing intentional faith interaction with people who use church community centres'.

She says: 'Many of us have large numbers of people who use our buildings every week through playgroups, coffee mornings, lunch clubs, keep fit and dance classes, music rehearsals, uniformed organizations and so on. We need to find ways of developing, or improving, meaningful interaction with them'.

Everyone is invited to this session. It will take place on:

Thursday, 28th February, 2019

7:30 – 9:30 pm

at Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB

Additional parking at Carswell Primary School, Conduit Road

If you plan to come along, it would be helpful if you could let me know, or know likely numbers from your church, in advance.

Malcolm Newton em.newton@waitrose.com

New Vicar of Wantage

Reverend Philip Wells, currently Vicar of Lamorbey in Rochester Diocese and Area Dean of Sidcup has been appointed Vicar of Wantage and will be instituted in a service in Wantage Parish Church on **Monday March 18th**.

The **Circuit Calendar** can now be viewed at <https://www.wantab.org.uk/calendar.html>.

The website and Circuit Exchange exist to link all parts of our Circuit together – let us know what's happening at your church. Send items for inclusion on the website at any time.

Circuit Website - www.wantab.org.uk

Please remember we are always looking for up-to-date stories, even of relatively small-scale events, to ensure the site gives a fresh and up-to-date impression. Anyone can send a paragraph, long or short, ideally with a photo (from your phone?). Don't worry about your prowess as an author – an editorial eye can be cast over your work if you wish.

The Cornerstone Coffee Shop

John Hogston, Cornerstone board member

Job Vacancy: Saturday Cook

Are you an experienced Cook or at Catering College with Saturdays free?

We are looking for someone who enjoys working with people and would work well in a team alongside other cooks and volunteers. You will be able to work well under pressure, producing a variety of dishes to order whilst maintaining our high standards of food quality, hygiene and presentation.

You will be required to pass a food hygiene level 2 qualification.

The hours are 9.30—2.30pm every Saturday . You will be paid at £8.75 per hour and earn annual leave.

For more details contact Sarah Shewring using these contact details:

Cornerstone,
10 Savile Way, Grove
OX12 0PT
01235 772280



QUIZ & SUPPER

In Aid Of The Framland Pilgrim Home, Wantage

5:30pm Saturday 16th March 2018

at Hanney Chapel,

Main St., East Hanney, OXON. OX12 0HX

***Supper includes; jacket potato & filling,
dessert and tea /coffee***

£8 per Adult £4 per Child (up to age 10 years)

£20 per Family (2 adults & 2 children)

**To aid the catering and to avoid disappointment, please reserve tickets
in advance, from: Dave Pepler, 9 Hunters Close, Grove, OXON. OX12 0PX**

01235 766863 dave.a.pepler@gmail.com

Cheques to be made out to 'Pilgrim Homes'

Pilgrim Homes
175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 2AL
Tel: 0300 303 1400 Fax: 0300 303 1415 Email: info@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk
www.pilgrimsfriends.org.uk

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and registered social landlord. Charity No. 242266, RSI No. A0822



Wantage & Grove Foodbank

Many thanks to all who contributed over last year with donations of goods and money. As feared, the number of parcels delivered in 2018 was more than had ever been given out before. That is a sad state of affairs and, sadly, problems with Universal Credit were mentioned on all too many occasions. At the time of writing the stocks are good but if the level of demand continues to be high then I will be asking for specific items again through the weekly notices. Money is always welcomed as it does allow specific items to be bought when a shortage of particular items occurs. If you wish to donate money, then Helen Carter would be pleased to receive that in a sealed envelope marked "Food Bank". With grateful thanks.



The Wantage and Grove Foodbank is a practical, community-based project, organised by local churches, which provides food parcels to those in our area who find themselves temporarily in difficult circumstances.

wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com

12th Wantage Come and Sing Messiah

Sunday 3rd February 2019
St John Vianney Church,
 Charlton Road, Wantage,
 OX12 8ER



George Frederick Handel,
 1685 - 1759

Doors open 2:00 pm
 Rehearsal 2:30pm
 Public Performance 3:30 pm

Musical Director :
Paul Hedley
Continuo :
Steve Bowey

Tickets:

Singers : £12 (concessions for under-18s)
Audience : £12
by phone / email or on the door
 01235 763756 or wantage.messiah@gmail.com

Net proceeds to
 Oxfordshire MIND & Helen & Douglas House

Sector Newsletter Publication Dates 2019

	Deadline	Print		Deadline	Print
March	17/2	20/2	September	18/8	21/8
April	17/3	20/3	October	22/9	25/9
May	21/4	24/4	November	20/10	23/10
June	19/5	22/5	Dec/Jan	24/11	27/11
July/August	23/6	26/6			

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch:

Friday 1st February 12:30pm at Childrey Manor, the home of Satu Marks

United Services:

27th January 11:30 am Annual United Covenant Service
at the Methodist Church

24th February 11:30 am United Service at the Methodist Church
Preacher – Helen Carter

Prayers:

Prayers are asked for Amy Rose Legge and her family, Keith & Leonora, David, Barbara, Shirley, Jean and all those unknown to us who are in need of our help.

We also pray for the continued success of the “Open the Book” Project where the teachings and stories of the Bible are taken into the Ridgeway C of E School in Childrey on a weekly assembly basis by a dedicated band of leaders from local churches using our premises as a base.

Christian Love to all.

Grove

Baptisms

On **Sunday 10th February** we will be baptising Christian Tamanitoakula along with his cousins Joshua and Keshia Tunabuna.

We hold all the families in our prayers at this time as they prepare for this very special day.

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 2nd February** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon. Our hosts will be Alex and Katie King. Proceeds are for 'Project Ecuador', a Christian charity registered in Scotland, run by Dr Andrea Gardiner in a very poor area in the outskirts of Quito in Ecuador. Sponsorship is provided for schooling for some of the poorest children. Women are being taught sewing/baking skills, and help is given to develop housing and sanitation which in some cases is almost non-existent.

Tuesday Fellowship

5 th February	John Stead will talk to us about "Mountains"
12 th February	Visit Cornerstone
19 th February	Liz Wood will come to talk to us
26 th February	Tea and Chat – Church

Warmed Hearts group will meet on **Wednesday, 13th February** at 8 pm at 7 Miles Drive, Grove. We will be looking at "What the papers say".

We have an evening of discussion and fellowship together and it is always good to see new faces. You are invited to come along. More information from Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** will meet on **Friday, 15th February** at 7:30 pm.

We will be showing "**Far from the madding crowd**" 2015 1hr 59mins 12A

Bathsheba Everdene, a wilful, flirtatious, young woman, unexpectedly inherits a large farm and is romantically pursued by three very different men.

Based on the 1874 novel by Thomas Hardy

Stars: Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts, Michael Sheen, Tom Sturridge, Juno Temple.

Film Plus on Sunday, 17th February at 4 pm in the Meeting Room.

The film is "Sister Act" cert PG, starring Whoopi Goldberg, Wendy Makkena, Kathy Najimy, Maggie Smith and Harvey Keitel.

It will be followed by refreshments and a short act of worship at 6:30 pm based on themes from the film, led by our minister, Rev Keith Underhill.

Films to make you think for Lent.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, (from 13th March to 17th April), we will be showing films that will make us think about issues of faith and living in the world. This will take place at Wantage Methodist Church - starting at 7:30 pm. More details soon, but please do make a note of the dates for your diaries.

Handicrafts' Group meets at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **Monday afternoons** from 2 to 4 pm to craft and chat together. £1 donation each to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink. All welcome.

Contact Jenny Marriott, tel: 01235 767624 for further details.

British Towns & Cities **Quiz** no.2 is available from Sheila Hall (01235 763135), price 50p each. Closing date is Sunday, 17th February.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The proceeds of the December coffee morning for church funds were £86.55.

The January coffee morning for Yotam's Truck Fund raised £129.12

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter (telephone 01235 762504). At the moment there are a number of gaps still to fill for 2019 (April, May, June, July, September, October and November). If you could help by taking on one of these dates it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Flower Rota

3 rd February	Lesley Hummerston
10 th February	Katie King
17 th February	Jenny Marriott
24 th February	Margaret Merryweather

Transport to Church

If you are in need of transport to get to church, then please contact Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504, who has a list of people willing to give lifts. He will do his best to arrange transport for you.

Grove Pastoral Visitors' meeting on **Thursday, 7th February** at 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Grove Church Council meets on **Thursday, 28th February** at 8 pm in the Meeting Room.

A date for your diary: Come and enjoy a **Pancake Evening** on **Monday, 4th March** in the Meeting Room – the day before Shrove Tuesday. Cost will be £2 to £3 per person depending on numbers. Please let Noreen (01235 762504) or Judy (01235 762723) know nearer the time if you hope to be there. All welcome.

Wantage

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Baptism

We welcome Elliott and Jonah Browning-Lee to our “Worship through water” service on **February 3rd**, (Janet and Richard Browning’s grandchildren) and remember them and all the family in our prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During January we watched the DVD “The Nativity” and then returned to studying some more parables.

The details of the February dates are as follows:

5 th February	Re-affirming Our Calling. We will be discussing the questions on the hand-out from Gareth Powell’s inspirational talk on 9 th January. Reading: 2 Peter 1: 3-10 This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting.
12 th February	The Dinner – Luke 14:1-23.
19 th February	No Meeting – School holiday
26 th February	The Manager – Luke 16:1-14

Looking ahead we will again be following the York Course Lent Study. This year the title is “Daring to see God now”. The course booklet is written by Bishop Nick Baines and featuring on the accompanying CD are Prof Keith Ward, Rachel Lampard, Bishop David Wilbourne and Cathy Galvin.

The course is in 5 sessions as follows:

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| 1) The Good News of God; | 2) The time is now; |
| 3) God is present; | 4) Change your mind; |
| 5) Live it! | |

We will commence this course on **Tuesday 12th March**, finishing Tuesday 9th April in time for our visit to **Stations of the Cross at St. Marys Convent on Tuesday 16th April**.

Alison Phillips will also be leading a group on the same study on **Thursday afternoons** at her home 2, Mill Paddock Letcombe Regis.

If you are **interested in joining either group** for the Lent Study and would like me to order you a copy of the booklet, please let me know by **Sunday 3rd March**. The cost of the booklet is £3.75.

If the visit to the Convent for Stations of the Cross in Holy Week is of interest to you, please let me have your name by **Sunday 24th March**.

We can assure you of a very warm welcome if you would like to join us for any of our meetings. I would be delighted to talk to you if you would like to find out more about this group. We meet at 50 Warmans Close from 1:30 to 3:15 pm.

You can contact me (Eileen Rennie) by telephone on 01235 224284 or email: m.rennie50@ntlworld.com or talk to me at Church.

Sunday Morning Bible Study.

9:00 am on **Sunday 27th January** in the Hall.

9:00 am on **Sunday 24th February** in the Hall

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PRAYER & PASTORAL

Prayer list

Loving God, we praise you for the changing seasons and all that you bless us with as the changes occur. You called us to live for you. Help, guide and support us in our calling that we may truly fulfil your will for us. May we, as we walk each day in your love, be willing to pass that love to others, trusting that they too may come to love and serve you as we endeavour to do. We pray your blessing on each one of us, on our friends and love ones and all those that we will encounter in our daily living. Amen.

Please pray for:

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Doug, Carl, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Anne, Pam Rose, Fran and Doug, Ken and Grace Wright.

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.

If you or the person/people you have put on the prayer list would still like to be in the March newsletter or you want to add anybody, please let me know by **15th February** in order for me to meet the newsletter deadline.

Eileen Rennie: Telephone: 01235 224284, email: m.rennie50@ntlworld.com

Pastoral - *praying for each other*

In February the following people on **Ann Barber's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Margaret and John Fordham, Lizzy Horton, Julie Horton, Alison and Clive Phillips, Gloria, Ken, Jordan and Zack Smith, Pam and Kelvin Rose, Liz Underhill and Amy Lancaster.

In addition to the names listed above, those in our church family, who through frailty or ill health can no longer worship with us on Sundays, will also be prayed for by name at Eileen's house-group.

YOUNG CHURCH

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

In December we joined with the 10.30 congregation and explored the angels' message to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.

In January we met in the church and started our series focusing on women in the Bible, using a wonderful book called 'Women of the Bible' by Margaret McAllister. We thought about how it was for Mary being visited by the 3 wise men. We sang 'Emmanuel' and then shared in a response prayer before going through to the hall for parachute fun and games!

In February we will meet on 17th to think about Mary and Martha.

Kids@Church is an informal service for primary-school aged children and their families. Everyone welcome!

YMOSES

Jane Kent

In December we met in the church hall as a larger group as everyone invited a friend to our Christmas social. We ate Domino's Pizza and played board games. It was a very happy, friendly atmosphere!

In January we met at Chris and Charlotte's and started by celebrating two of the group members' birthdays with cake and singing! We had all taken a Christmas present we had received and we had to guess who had received what - this was, to my surprise, very quick and easy! We talked about whether the giver knew us well to give us that gift which led us onto reading Matthew 2:1-12 - the account of the visit of the 3 wise men and the gifts they gave to Jesus. We thought and talked about what we would take as a gift if we were going to visit Jesus - one person said 'Chocolate, everyone loves chocolate!' To help us think about this question we listened to 'In the bleak midwinter' - '... what can I give Him, poor as I am?...give Him my heart'

We will next be meeting at 7pm on Sunday 3 February to watch the film 'The Shack' (the church has recently bought this DVD and anyone is welcome to borrow it).

YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday EveningS) is an informal, faith-based discussion group for secondary-school age (and beyond) young people, which meets for an hour every second Sunday of the month, 7:15 – 8:15 pm. New friends always welcome! - just give me a call (01235 765421) or email:

Janevkent@icloud.com

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship

- January 30th Barbara Kershaw will give an illustrated talk about her train journey to Vienna.
- February 6th Katherine Boyce from the charity Flexicare will tell us about their work with Children with severe physical or learning disabilities offering a sitting service to their families in their own homes.
- February 13th We welcome Julie Davies who will be bringing samples of the knitting she did depicting some of the buildings in the Market Place and surrounding area.
- February 20th Our friend Bill Fuller returns with more pictures of Wantage in WW1 possibly about horses, nursing or shrines and memorials.
- February 27th Ella from the Ukraine Christian Ministries Trust will tell of their work with children in the Ukraine.
- March 6th Rev Richard Pollard, a Baptist Minister, will tell of his journey down the East side of Africa supporting struggling churches.

Lunch dates for February

February the lunch dates will be:

Sunday 10th February **Friday** 22nd February

Meals on both days will be served at 12:15 pm.

Please remember to **sign up** for **Sunday Lunch**. If you are unable to get to church to sign please ring Julie by the preceding Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing you.

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Knit & Chat



Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)

The Knit & Chat group held its first meeting for 2019 on 7th January. We discussed the success of the knitted angel project and how well these were received again in the town. It has been decided to continue knitting angels for Christmas 2019 although so far no target has been set. There are also patterns available for those who would like to knit hats, little jumpers etc. for a variety of charities. I am also researching an idea from The Methodist Recorder, given to me by a church member, about a Christmas tree made from knitted squares – the squares eventually become a blanket. We shall continue to meet on the first and third Mondays of the month, wherever possible, although this occasionally has to be changed. Once again I invite anyone to come to this group even if you are not a knitter. We are happy just to offer conversation, fellowship, tea and nice biscuits. Come and join us in the Parlour at 2 pm.

Dates for February:- Monday 4th February and Monday 18th February

Christmas Cards for Bullingdon - the cards were well received by the chaplaincy at Bullingdon prison. Some were given out at their carol service and the remaining cards were given out on Christmas Day. I have been asked to thank everyone who wrote a card - they really were appreciated by the men.

Food Bank - Many thanks to all who contributed over last year with donations of goods and money. As feared, the number of parcels delivered in 2018 was more than had ever been given out before. That is a sad state of affairs and, sadly, problems with Universal Credit were mentioned on all too many occasions. At the time of writing the stocks are good but if the level of demand continues to be high then I will be asking for specific items again through the weekly notices. Money is always welcomed as it does allow specific items to be bought when a shortage of particular items occurs. If you wish to donate money, then Helen Carter would be pleased to receive that in a sealed envelope marked "Food Bank". With grateful thanks.

All We Can - The church has just sent to All We Can a cheque for £225.00 as our second Partnership Contribution for this Partnership year. This money was raised partly from donations, totalling £145, made to All We Can at Richard George's request as part of the celebration of his 90th birthday; and partly from regular monthly donations made by members totalling £80. A total of £125 of the £225 was gift aided, which means that All We Can will receive approximately £256. Altogether, the church has now sent to All We Can approximately £963 in this Partnership year, of which £730 was gift aided, which will result in a total of approximately £1145 for All We Can since mid-October.

Christmas Charitable Collections: Church members and friends may be pleased to know the results of the collections/donations made to charities this Christmas:

Event	Charity	Amount donated	Amount Gift Aided	Total received by charity*
Christmas Tree Festival & Christmas Lunch	Little People	£613 £360	N/A	£973
Nativity Service (16/12)	Crisis	£395	£235	£454
Carol Service (23/12) & Christmas Morning	Homeless Oxfordshire	£616	£480	£736
	Action for Children	£366	£270	£433
TOTAL				£2,596

* Charities can claim tax relief on gift aided donations, equal to 25% of the amount donated.

WANTAGE METHODISTS in 2020

A celebration of the past and a refreshment of our Mission for today.

We are starting to plan to celebrate our 175th anniversary in 2020.

There is plenty of scope for ideas, practical thinking and committed contributions.

If you are interested in getting involved please talk to Keith, or one of the stewards.

“Firebrand” revival – May (?) 2020

Please sign up NOW on the list in the hall vestibule if you are in principle interested in being part of it. Obviously, if your circumstances change, we will understand, but we need to know if it is even a starter. Family and friends welcome.

What is “it”?

A significant number of people have suggested that to celebrate our special year in 2020 we should revive the musical “**Firebrand**”. For those of you with very long memories, in 1987 two of our then-members, Janet Evans and Huw Morgan, wrote a wonderful musical about the life of John Wesley, which we performed as a fully staged production to raise money for building our church hall, replacing the old Victorian school that then occupied that part of our site. Our very own Graham Godfrey was an amazing and very moving John Wesley in the 1988 world premier!

- We had a great deal of fun
- we all got to know each other a lot better, which was good for the life of our church
- we put ourselves on the local map
- we got to know other people from outside our own church who came along as “strengthening”.

To do something like this we need **ALL AGES**, literally from birth to old age. We can **adapt it to suit resources**, but there are openings for

- Actors
- Narrator(s)
- Singers (solo/chorus/acting or non-acting)
- Dancers
- Orchestral players
- Costume designers and seamstresses
- Make-up artists
- Set builders
- Lighting and sound engineers
- Front-of-house staff
- Refreshment providers
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It is a big commitment, BUT it will be worthwhile and very satisfying if we can pull it off. We need church members to form the core but we will open it up to the community as well, which is an **opportunity for mission**.

Are you prepared to offer this commitment?

PROPERTY POINTS

New Neighbours

We are pleased to welcome SUDEP Action as new neighbours who have moved their offices from the Tramway Building in Mill Street to 18 Newbury Street (the ex solicitors' offices who share the drive). We are grateful to them for the good communications and cooperation regarding their move.

SUDEP Action is dedicated to raising awareness of epilepsy risks and tackling epilepsy deaths including Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. They are the only UK charity specialised in supporting and involving people bereaved by epilepsy.

Their services include bereavement support, counselling, help with understanding the inquest process and in collaboration with UK research teams, the involvement of bereaved families and professionals in research through the Epilepsy Deaths Register. To find out more about their work, they have a web site <https://sudep.org>

Please **respect** the discipline regarding their **parking spaces** in the yard during the week. We share the access drive and some of the yard is their property.

Urgent Reminders

All rooms are now in regular use. Please leave rooms tidy at the end of every use.

There is no one but you to do this. We are self maintained with a limited amount of support from an industrial cleaner who is on site on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Their job is to clean, not tidy up.

PLEASE

If you use chairs or tables from the smaller rooms in the Hall, please return them at the end of your meeting/activity. Please leave furniture tidily stacked.

There should be

15 grey chairs and three "coffee" tables in the Parlour

12 plastic chairs in the Godfrey Room and a small "gopak" table

One large and one small "gopak" table under the stairs in the chapel vestibule.

Make sure that

The radiators in the hall are switched on.

All lights are off (kitchen, toilets, corridors)

Water heater in the kitchen is off and the boiler is on standby.

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

Please **check / book your date** with Gordon **before you commit to** your meeting.

wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

07710 214601

The following bookings are in place:

JANUARY

Sunday 27 th	All Day	Holocaust Memorial	Chapel
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FEBRUARY

Monday 4 th	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey
	eve	Christian Aid	Parlour

Wednesday 6 th	eve	Property & Finance	Godfrey
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Sunday 10 th	lunch	Sunday Lunch	All
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Tuesday 12 th	eve	Church Council	Parlour
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	eve	My Life, My Choice	Godfrey
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Thursday 14 th	aft	Worship Planning	Parlour
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Friday 22 nd	lunch	Drop in Lunch	All
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w/c 18 th	Half Term – No	Rock Choir, Disciple, Babes & Toddlers, Caritas	
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Sunday 24 th	aft	Private Party	Hall
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Monday 25 th	eve	Poets (new regular)	Parlour
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	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey
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Weekly Bookings

February 2019

Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
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Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
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Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
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Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir	Chapel
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Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship	Hall
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Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
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Thursday	morn	Disciple	Parlour
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Thursday	eve	Yoga	Hall
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Friday	morn	Babes & Toddlers	Hall
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Friday	aft	Caritas Choir	Hall
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Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall
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1 st & 3 rd Monday	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour
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Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
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Alternate Monday	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey Room
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Second Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
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Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
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Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
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Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall
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Weekly Bookings

March 2019

As above plus

Monday	eve	Poets	Parlour
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Wednesday	eve	Church Lent Film Series	Chapel
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DIARY

JANUARY 2019

Sunday 27th Holocaust Memorial Day p4

FEBRUARY

Saturday 2nd 10 am to Noon Coffee Morning at Grove p9

Sunday 3rd 10:30 am Baptism of Elliott and Jonah Browning-Lee at Wantage p11

2:00 pm "Come & Sing" Messiah at St John Vianney p7

7:15 pm YMOSES p13

Monday 4th 2:00 pm Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour p14

Wednesday 6th 7:30 pm Wantage Property & Finance Meeting

Thursday 7th 2:30 pm Grove Pastoral Visitors' meeting p10

Sunday 10th 10:45 am Baptism of Christian Tamanitoakula and his cousins Joshua and Keshia Tunabuna at Grove p9

12:15 pm Sunday Lunch at Wantage p14

Friday 15th 7:30 pm Film Club at Grove p9

Sunday 17th 9:30 am Kids@Church p13

4:00 pm Film Plus at Grove p9

Deadline for the March Newsletter

Monday 18th 2:00 pm Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour p14

Friday 22nd 12:15 pm Friday Drop-in Lunch at Wantage p14

Wednesday 26th 7:30 pm Wantage Movers & Shakers for Mission & Service

Thursday 28th 7:30 pm "Talking as Christians to People who use Church Premises" at Trinity, Abingdon p4

8:00 pm Grove Church Council p10

MARCH

Monday 4th Pancake Evening at Grove p10

Wednesday 6th 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Wantage

Wednesday 13th 7:30 pm Film to make you think at Wantage pp9/11

Wednesday 20th 7:30 pm Film to make you think at Wantage pp9/11

Wednesday 27th 7:30 pm Film to make you think at Wantage pp9/11

APRIL

Wednesday 3rd 7:30 pm Film to make you think at Wantage pp9/11

Wednesday 10th 7:30 pm Film to make you think at Wantage pp9/11

Friday 12th 7:30 pm "Impossible God" at Wantage

Sunday Services – February 2019

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
February 3rd Ordinary 4	11:00 am Rev Jocelyn Bennett	10:45 am Malcolm Newton 6:30 pm Rev Ian Griffiths	10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill Worship through Water Baptism
February 10th Ordinary 5 Racial Justice	Andrew Dixon 11:00 am Rev Alan Grist	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Elizabeth Wood	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Frederick Obeng
February 17th Ordinary 6	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Barbara Sexton 4:00 pm Film Plus Rev Keith Underhill	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Ian Sturt
February 24th Ordinary 7	11:30 am Helen Carter United Service	10:45 am Barbara Kershaw 6:30 pm Carol Sturt	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill