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March 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...

There are signs of new life all around us, the days are lengthening, snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils are coming in to flower and the birds are singing. Spring is on its way, but not here yet, it is definitely coming although we will have to wait a bit longer before we can fully enjoy it.

With Spring not officially arriving until 20th March, we find ourselves living in the waiting times between the end of February and winter and the early weeks of the third month.

We eagerly await all that is to come with the promise of spring.

However, we must not forget the importance of living in the present even as we look to what is still to come, otherwise, we miss all that is around us and the joy of the immanent and the here and now. An unexpected warm day, the beauty of the blackbird's song, a sunrise or sunset, or the enjoyment of a noticeably lighter evening can take us by surprise.

Lent which begins this month, is also about living in the waiting times. As we look forward in anticipation to the joy of Easter and the message of resurrection, we do so in these days of preparation, reflection, prayer, fasting, self-examination, study and self-denial.

Just as there can be no short cuts to spring, (we have to pass through the in-between times of waiting), so too with Easter. There can be no short cuts to resurrection you have to arrive there via Lent and the cross.

Lent forces us to face up to the hard questions of life, to reflect on our relationship with God, our pilgrimage of faith and how we translate that into practice, living out what we believe in and hope for in the church and the world.

Lent also, is for living in the immanent and the present and of allowing ourselves to be suddenly and unexpectedly surprised by God in the here and now. If we look only towards Easter we will miss out on all that God wants to show and teach us in this Lenten-tide.

As we await the arrival of spring in all its fullness and beauty, as we await the arrival of Easter, may we make the most of the everyday that surrounds us and in it be surprised by the one who gives us life.

With love and God Bless

Keith

New Vicar of Wantage

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

Praying for our nation, Europe and Brexit.

There is so much uncertainty, anxiety, confusion, claims and counter claims around the whole issue of Brexit as the clock continues to count down to 29th March.

As we reflect on what is happening in these times in which we find ourselves, we recognise that we are a very much divided nation, deeply polarised since the referendum of June 2016.

On the evening of **Thursday 28th March**, our Wantage chapel will be open for prayer, reflection and silence as we hold the future, our concerns, our worries and hopes before God.

Starting at 7:30 pm and ending at 9:30 pm, Keith will lead us in some guided prayers with plenty of time for personal reflection, lighting of candles and silence.

No matter how people voted, this is an opportunity to come together, to pray for the future, for each other, the healing of our nation and our on-going relationship with Europe and the rest of the world.

Ash Wednesday 6th March

To mark this special and Holy day, there will be two Circuit services – both will include the administration of ashes as well as Holy Communion.

The morning service will be at Milton Methodist Church at 11:00 am and the evening one at Didcot Methodist Church at 7:30 pm.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid & Fairtrade **Coffee morning** in St John's rooms, Grove on **9th March**, 10:30 am - 12 noon.

All welcome. Please come and support the local Christian Aid committee and Cornerstone. Lent leaflets will be available.



Abingdon Progressive
Christianity Network
Group presents:

Love Is His Meaning

Understanding The Teaching Of Jesus

Keith Ward

(Formerly Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford)

7.30pm Wed. 13th March 2019

Trinity Church

Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DU

**Tickets: £5 from Cliff Marshall, on 01235 530480, at
cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk or on the door**

*The Progressive Christianity Network works to promote
and support open and contemporary Christian
understanding.*

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.

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
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A Secretary's Prayer

Lord, it is quiet now and I need to tidy the desk of my mind and also my spirit. There are so many things all happening at once and I am surrounded by notes and reminders. You once said that no man can serve two masters and I know what it means to be torn in two by competing claims. Sometimes the answers to questions are easy but often I cannot even understand the question let alone know where to find a solution.

Help me to be patient and thorough and always to remember that the stranger who comes through the door for help might even be yourself. Please let my words and my actions always be as for you.

Even your office, the world, seems a bit untidy sometimes

Amen.

Wantage and Grove Foodbank

Some data on the demands on the Foodbank over the last nine years and a summary of the detail of the year 2018.

It should be noted that there has been a marked increase in demand for the Food Bank in the fourth quarter of 2018.



Monthly Parcel Count

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Jan	0	3	17	29	30	18	14	19	34
Feb	0	7	8	17	26	13	17	11	23
March	0	5	9	14	23	18	12	19	22
April	0	4	8	28	16	13	21	17	13
May	0	4	10	16	18	9	10	33	19
June	1	8	7	13	20	18	12	18	17
July	0	6	10	18	15	13	10	22	20
Aug	3	5	17	19	6	9	10	20	24
Sept	5	4	10	20	15	9	19	19	27
Oct	6	12	11	32	15	14	12	13	21
Nov	10	11	17	23	10	14	16	20	37
Dec	6	12	13	34	19	12	24	18	35
	31	81	137	263	213	160	177	229	292

Annual Data 2018

	Jan-March	April-June	July-Sep	Oct-Dec	TOTAL
TOTAL Number of Parcels delivered	78	49	71	92	290
Total no. adults receiving parcels	139	71	102	148	460
Total no. of Chn. receiving parcels	68	50	67	106	291
Total no. of receiving parcels	207	121	169	254	751
TOTAL no. of items distributed	3520	2624	3500	5340	14984
Number of Donors	56	47	69	96	268
Total number of donated items	2496	2605	3008	6609	14718
Total number of new clients/families in 2018					92
Total of adults provided 1 or more parcels	115	51	82	112	360
Total of children provided 1 or more parcels	62	30	60	77	229
Total of people provided 1 or more parcels	177	81	142	189	589

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

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: No Tear Fund lunch until May

United Service: 24th March 11:30 am United Service at St Mary's

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 PARISH CHURCH
OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
AT 7.30 P.M.

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'Awareness'

The life-transforming teachings of Anthony De Mello

* Thursday March 14th 2019
Thursday March 21st 2019
Thursday March 28th 2019

10am to midday & 'soup' lunch

Aston Tirrold Centre For Reflection
Spring Lane
Aston Tirrold
OX11 9EJ

No charge - voluntary contributions welcome.
(Soup, bread, coffee/tea provided)

Grove

(Women's) World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March. Our local service is at 7:30 pm in St John's Parish Church, Grove. The service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia. All are invited to come along, men, women, young people. All are welcome.

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 2nd March** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon. There will be handmade cards on sale.

Judith Hopkins and friends will be hosting the morning. Proceeds are for 'Freyja's Fund', which was set up at the J.R. Hospital by Freyja's family so that Clic Sargent social workers can access money quickly and easily as needed, to help children who have cancer and their families. All welcome.

Come and enjoy a **Pancake Evening** on **Monday, 4th March** at 8 pm in the Meeting Room – the day before Shrove Tuesday. Cost will be £2 to £3 per person depending on numbers. Please let Noreen (762504) or Judy (762723) know if you hope to be there so they have some idea of numbers. All welcome.

Grove Tuesday Fellowship

5 th March	Tea and Chat at Church
12 th March	Keith will be speaking to us
19 th March	TBA
26 th March	We will visit Cornerstone
2 nd April	Barbara Kershaw talking about her train trip to Vienna

Warmed Hearts group will meet on **Wednesday, 13th March** at 8 pm at 7 Miles Drive, Grove. There was a last-minute change of plan last month, and so we will be looking at "What the papers say" this month instead.

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 details from Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** meets on **Friday, 15th March** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

We will be showing "**The Artist**" PG 1hr 40mins 2011

Outside a movie premiere, enthusiastic fan Peppy Miller literally bumps into the swashbuckling hero of the silent film, George Valentin. The star reacts graciously and Peppy plants a kiss on his cheek as they are surrounded by photographers. The headlines demand: "Who's That Girl?". Peppy is inspired to audition for a dancing bit-part at the studio. However as Peppy slowly rises through the industry, the introduction of talking pictures turns Valentin's world upside down.

Stars: Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman.

Admission is free. Refreshments served at the end of the film, small donation appreciated.

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.

A new quiz will be available from Sheila Hall (01235 763135) at the beginning of March.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The proceeds of the February coffee morning for 'Project Ecuador' amounted to £144.52, which includes Gift Aid claimed for last year.

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

Flower Rota

3 rd March	Rachel Niblett
10 th March	Jean Noddle
17 th March	Veronica Richards
24 th March	Sue Stead
31 st March	Judy Thomas

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

One-man passion play coming to Wantage

A play re-enacting the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus, performed by just one actor, is coming to Wantage.

Actor, Mark Topping is staging *Impossible God* at Wantage Methodist Church on 12th April at 7.30pm

In the drama numerous characters: servants, soldiers and disciples, relive their experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"The drama is a powerful exploration of events at the heart of Christianity," says Mark Topping. "You are taken on an imaginative journey and challenged to look again at Jesus of Nazareth and reflect on what it means."

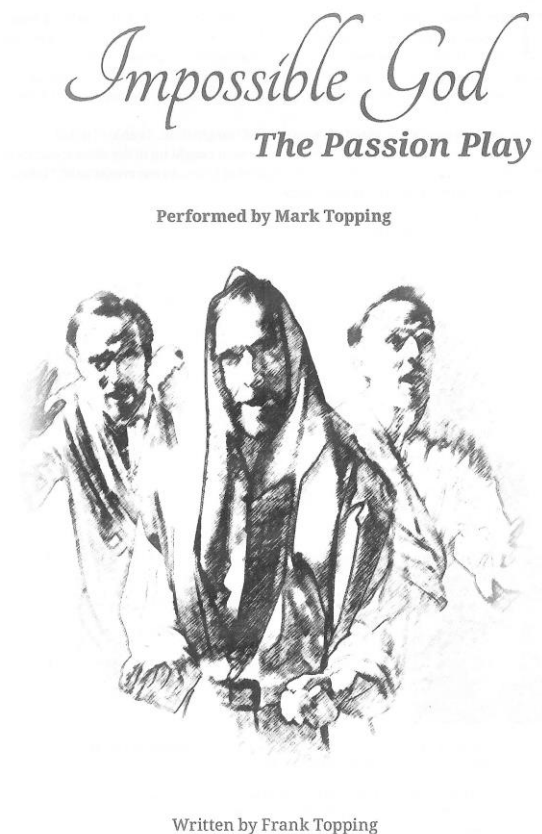
Tickets are £10 (waged) and £7.50 (unwaged) and can be obtained from: Helen Carter

All profits will be donated to Wantage & Grove Street Pastors

Mark Topping is a professional actor. He has toured England, Wales and Ireland for many years performing *Impossible God* and other one-man plays. He has appeared as John Wesley on BBC TV. Theatre work includes *Travesties*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Anne Boleyn*, *Yes Prime Minister*, *Four Minutes Twelve Seconds*, *A Chorus of Disapproval*, *Travesties*. He is the narrator of numerous audiobooks.

The devotional book 'An Impossible God' was written and adapted for the stage by author, actor, broadcaster and Methodist minister, Frank Topping.

Local contact details: Helen Carter mobile: 07881 504623



Wantage

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Baptism on Mothering Sunday.

Fiona and Paul Foster will be bringing their son Benjamin to be baptised, the younger brother of Imogen who was baptised at church on 16th October 2016. We remember the family in our prayers at this special time.

Sunday Morning Bible Study.

9:00 am on **Sunday 31st March** in the Hall

World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March.

Our local service is at 7:30 pm in St John's Parish Church, Grove. The service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia. All are invited to come along, men, women, young people. All are welcome.

Lent focus

Lent Resources for Daily Reflections

This year there are two booklets available from church. These have been supplied by All We Can and by Christian Aid.

The All We Can booklet provides 40 reflections for personal use throughout Lent.

This year's Christian Aid Count Your Blessings booklet is entitled 'Rise Up against Climate Change 2019. It is a chance to put your faith into action through daily reflections and challenges.

Both booklets will be set out on a table in church on Sunday March 3rd.

Take a look and see if there is something that will help your Lent journey in 2019.

If you want to know more please contact Ken Smith or Carolyn Roche.

Ash Wednesday 6th March 2019

07:30 am at Grove Methodist Church

Morning Prayers with communion and ashing

Circuit Services at Milton (11:00 am) and Didcot (7:30 pm)

both will include the administration of ashes as well as Holy Communion.

Full programmes for the following in the insert

Films to make us think during Lent in the Chapel at Wantage.

Wednesday morning Lenten Study Group at Grove Methodist Church

House Groups at Warmans Close and Mill Paddock

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During February we tackled the questions in the hand-out from Gareth Powell's inspirational talk to us on re-affirming "Our Calling" and then returned to studying some more parables.

The details of the March dates are as follows:

5 th March	Keith will talk to us on a subject of his choice. This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting	
12 th March	Lent 1:	The Good News of God.
19 th March	Lent 2:	The Time is Now
26 th March	Lent 3:	God is Present.

This year's **York Course Lent Study** 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 beginning on **March 7th** at 1:30 pm.

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.

PRAYER & PASTORAL

Prayer list

Loving God, for the joy of this Spring-time world we praise and thank you, especially for the beauty that surrounds us and for all new life. In this Lenten season focus our minds to spend more time with you. Guide us to take advantage of the opportunities that are on offer for us to study and reflect with you. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word anew to us. Bless all that we do in your name and may what we do be a blessing passed on to those whom we meet day by day. 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, Daphne and family, Stephen Date, Emma Wright and family, 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 April Newsletter, please let me know by 22nd March in order for Eileen to meet the newsletter deadline.

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

Pastoral - *praying for each other*

In March the following people on **Diane Barton's and Alison Brown's Pastoral Lists** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: June Coppock, Glenys and Rodney Deval, Hilary Rewcastle, Mary and Robin Trotter, June and Alan Grunwald, Jane Robinson, Judith and Michael Skinner, and Geoffrey Stokell.

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

We were thinking about families and how it is not always easy to get on with siblings. We listened in to a conversation between 2 sisters called Mary and Martha, after they had had a visit from Jesus. After bringing to God our own prayers for our families we listened to the song 'Family Blues' by Fischy Music which, after acknowledging that it can be difficult in families sometimes, ends on a positive note with the words -

'God has so much love to give to you and me

God can help us in our families.'

In the hall we made origami houses and decorated them.

We look forward to meeting next on **Sunday 17th March** at 9.30 in the church, when we will be thinking about Lady Procula and her alarming dream!

Kids@Church is an informal service for primary school aged children and their families - new friends always welcome!

YMOSES

Jane Kent

We met at Chris and Charlotte's with a lovely selection of snacks and drinks ready to watch 'The Shack'. We will be discussing it in March. It was certainly a thought-provoking film.

We will next meet on **Sunday 10th March**, 7:15 – 8:15 pm. YMOSES is an informal, friendly, faith-based discussion group for young people aged 12 upwards. New friends always welcome!

Please give me a call if you have any questions about either of these monthly events for young people (01235 765421).

FELLOWSHIP

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)



The Knit & Chat group continues to meet twice a month. Some are busy with angels while others are knitting a variety of other patterns. These maybe projects for a family member, a friend or a charity. I have managed to make contact with someone in the circuit that produced the Christmas tree from knitted squares and am now waiting to get more details. So far we have purchased some DK wool in various shades of green. We next need to ensure that we all knit the same size squares so that they can be successfully made into a blanket – more information about this next month. We invite anyone to come join our 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 March: Monday 4th March and Monday 13th March

Wednesday Fellowship

February

27th Ella from the Ukraine Christian Ministries Trust will tell of their work with children in the Ukraine.

March

6th Sadly Rev. Richard Pollard is unable to be with us. We are pleased that Mark Bradfield is coming to speak about the Letcombe Brook Project.

13th Our friend Malcolm Newton is our speaker today.

20th We have hymns and readings for Lent.

27th June Grunwald will give us a 50's Quiz.

April

3rd Dr Lorna Goodwin will talk about First Star Academies UK, a national organisation that partners with universities, schools and social services, community organisations, etc. to improve the lives of looked-after young people through their innovative university preparatory programmes.

Kids@church invite you to join them for Breakfast on Easter Sunday. Please **sign up** on the sheet on the pin board by **Sunday 14th April**.



Lunch dates for March

In March the lunch dates will be:

Sunday lunch will be on **10th March**. It will be roast pork with a vegetarian alternative if required. Please **sign up by the Wednesday before**, or ring me on 07812370796.

Friday drop-in lunch will be **29th March**.

Meals on both days will be served at 12:15 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Church Flowers

March

3 rd	June Grunwald
10 th	Valerie Broadbent
17 th	Meriel Robson
24 th	Carolyn Roche
31 st	Eileen Rennie

April

7 th	Helen Carter
14 th	
21 st	Easter Flowers
28 th	Easter Flowers remaining

Church Flowers from Easter onwards



Ann Barber

There was a wonderful response to the appeal for people to fill in the blanks on the rota up to Easter. Thank you! We then have two weeks in which to enjoy the beautiful flowers, so skilfully arranged for us by Jan and Gill and others who possess that special gift for arranging, and so enhancing our chapel for the annual festivals. We're then looking at filling the rota from **May onwards**. Not only do the flowers look lovely in church, they are also greatly appreciated by the people to whom they are taken afterwards. If you have little confidence in your aptitude for arranging flowers, please remember that pot plants are just as acceptable, and they don't need any arranging! Hopefully we will be able to fill all of the Sundays ahead, and many thanks in advance to everyone who makes sure that lowers can add beauty to our worship environment, and joy to those who receive them. Many thanks.

Wantage Annual Report

Our Annual Church Meeting is at the end of April. In order to be able to have the Annual Report ready to be distributed with the April Newsletter please could all contributions be with Gill and Gordon Skidmore **by Sunday 17th March**. Ideally contributions should be sent to

wmcannualreport@gmail.com

or to 07710214601.

Thanks

All We Can: The church has just sent its third partnership contribution in this Partnership year, totalling £712. This money came from: £209 collected at the church coffee morning on Feb 9th, £63 from the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme returned by HMRC, £40 from regular donations by members, and £400 donated by the Sharp family in memory of Joyce Sharp. £165 of this money was gift aided, which will increase the value by about £41. The total sent in this Partnership year (i.e. since early November) is £1,675.

WANTAGE METHODISTS in 2020

“Firebrand” revival – May (?) 2020

At the moment it is looking very unlikely that this will be happening. Although we positively want to invite other people in to help us, we need a sound core of committed people from amongst our church members or we will be giving totally the wrong message to the community.

It is not the end of the world – there are many other ideas being followed through. I will leave the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard until the end of March but if there are not significantly more names, we will turn our thoughts to other projects.

PROPERTY & USERS' NEWS

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

We are pleased to welcome Poets in the Parlour on a Monday evening from February 25th. We hope they find the room suitable for their meets.

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

wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

07710 214601

The following bookings are in place:

MARCH

Saturday 2 nd	lunch	Private Party	Hall
Monday 4 th	eve	Pastoral Committee	Chapel Vestibule
Friday 8 th	eve	Residents' Meeting	Chapel
Wednesday 13 th	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Wednesday 13 th	eve	Music Group	tba
Wednesday 20 th	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Monday 25 th	eve	Poets	Parlour
Wednesday 27 ^h	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Thursday 28 th	eve	Brexit Prayers	Chapel

APRIL

Wednesday 3 rd	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Wednesday 3 rd	eve	Music Group	tba
Monday 8 th	eve	Christian Aid	Godfrey
Wednesday 10 th	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Friday 12 th	eve	Impossible God	Chapel
Tuesday 16 th	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Wednesday 17 th	eve	Church Lent Film	Chapel
Friday 19 th	aft	Good Friday Worship	Chapel

Weekly Bookings

March 2019

Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Monday	eve	Poets	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir	Chapel
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
Thursday	morn	Disciple	Parlour
Thursday	eve	Yoga	Hall
Friday	morn	Babes & Toddlers	Hall
Friday	aft	Caritas Choir	Hall
Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall

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1 st & 3 rd Monday	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour
Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
Alternate Monday	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey Room
Second Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall

DIARY

MARCH

Friday 1 st	7:30 pm	World Day of Prayer Service at St John's Parish Church, Grove	pp8/9
Saturday 2 nd	10 am to Noon	Coffee Morning at Grove	p9
Monday 4 th	8:00 pm	Pancake Evening at Grove	p9
Monday 4 th	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour	p15
Wednesday 6 th	Ash Wednesday		pp4/12 Lent insert
	7:30 am	Prayers at Grove	
	11:00 am	Circuit Service at Milton	
	7:30 pm	Circuit Service at Didcot	
Saturday 9 th	10:30 am	Christian Aid & Fair Trade Coffee Morning at St John's Parish Church, Grove	p4
Sunday 10th	12:15 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p16
	7:15 pm	YMOSES	p14
Wednesday 13 th	7:30 pm	Film to make you think at Wantage	p12 Lent insert
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	Deadline	Print		Deadline	Print
April	24/3	27/3	September	18/8	21/8
May	21/4	24/4	October	22/9	25/9
June	19/5	22/5	November	20/10	23/10
July/August	23/6	26/6	Dec/Jan	24/11	27/11

Sunday Services – March 2019

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
March 3rd Ordinary 8	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Esther Miller 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:30 am Elaine Steer Worship through
March 10th Lent 1	11:00 am Rev Ian Griffiths	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Tabitha Griffiths	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Frances Blood
March 17th Lent 2	11:00 am Valerie Grist	10:45 am Alan Smith 6:30 pm Stephen Atkinson	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Barbara Sexton
March 24th Lent 3	11:30 am United Service At St Mary's	10:45 am Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Rev Ian Griffiths	10:30 am Matthew Forsyth
March 31st Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	11:00 am Geoffrey Caudle	10:45 am Helen Carter 6:30 pm Rev Keith Underhill	10:30 am Baptism: Rev Keith Underhill