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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)

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From the Manse...

What happens next?

Well, that is down to us and is both the question and the challenge asked of you and me when we come to the end of the Easter story as told in the four Gospels.

Matthew's Gospel has Jesus sending the disciples out to all people to baptise and teach, and Mark's in a similar fashion, to go throughout all the world and preach the Gospel.

Luke's account speaks of the disciples being witnesses to Jesus and to him telling them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit and in John's Gospel, we have the recommissioning of Peter and the call once more to follow Jesus.

It is interesting to note that both Mark's and John's Gospels have additional endings to how their original resurrection accounts finished, re-enforcing as they do the need to go out into the world and to follow.

The truth is, that how the Easter story continues and what happens next, is down to us, as individuals and as a church. We are to be the ones who live out the truth of the resurrection and to show how lives are transformed, hope kindled and love shared.

We are to be the living embodiment of the good news of Easter that we have just celebrated together.

In the same way, the Northampton District's annual children's and youth event, Acts 29 held in February does the very same thing. Why call it Acts 29? Well because the Book of Acts, (Luke's second instalment and follow up to his Gospel account) only has 28 chapters.

Acts 29 is the next step and is a reminder to those who attend that now it is down to them how the story continues and what happens next!

Easter Day may well have now passed and the chocolate eggs all eaten but how things go forward is down to you and me!

With much love and God Bless

Keith

London to Brighton Bike Ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation Sunday 16th June 2019.

Keith and Liz Underhill will be cycling the iconic London to Brighton bike ride in aid of BHF, including the infamous Dichling Beacon! They have pledged to raise £600 between them.

Would you help them raise this total? If so, please sign the sponsorship form on the church notice board or donate on their just-giving web page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/keithandlizunderhill>

Thank you! Every pound counts!



Easter Offering Service

The Circuit Easter Offering Service this year will be held at Didcot Methodist Church on **Sunday 19th May** at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday 19th May **Circuit Services**
6:30 pm at Didcot - Easter Offerings

Circuit Meeting
Wednesday 1st May 7:30 pm at Didcot

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. The next edition of Circuit Exchange will be published in June and items for this must reach Gordon

Skidmore by Wednesday 15 May at
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"Impossible God"

Thank you to all those who supported this fundraising event for Wantage & Grove Street Pastors, through the giving of time, donating cakes, and in buying tickets. In the end, 85 tickets were sold and £362 was the profit from the event, for which grateful thanks are given.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12 – 18 May 2019

'ALL MUMS SHOULD LIVE'



Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of the mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and she is sometimes forced to send people away. In addition to this there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. 'I need help,' Nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying in childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

With your help, Christian Aid could work alongside communities such as Judith's to build bigger, better health centres so that mums can give birth safely.

This Christian Aid week, together, we can make childbirth safe for more mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the poorest mums a chance to live.

Here are some ways that you can help:-

- **Volunteer to help with delivering and/or collecting envelopes house-to-house** – anyone can deliver envelopes, but you have to be over sixteen to collect them in. The more help we have the more streets we can cover and the more money we raise! Please contact Carolyn Roche 01235 764310 if you can help in this way.
- **Come to the Christian Aid Week service** on Sunday 12 May at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton at 6.00pm, preceded by tea and cake at 5.15 pm.
- **Make your own contribution to Christian Aid's funds – caid.org.uk**

Thank you in advance for the support we know you will give. Last year you helped the Wantage and Grove Christian Aid Group raise over £7000.

Wantage and Grove Foodbank

Helen Carter

With an unprecedented demand for food parcels so far this year, this is to thank those who are continuing to support the food bank both with goods and money - both of which are much appreciated. Please talk to me if you want more information. Also, if you would like to volunteer on a fortnightly basis to deliver the food (with someone else) it would appear there is a need for a couple of people again now - specifically on a Monday and Wednesday I believe - but can check that out. Thank you.

wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com

Two articles from JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team)

Poverty and Inequality. Recent announcements

Wednesday 27 March: Government announces that life expectancy falls for the poorest women in the UK. Dropping life expectancy in peacetime is extraordinary.

The gap in life expectancy between rich and poor is also increasing, as is the gap in healthy life expectancy. The poorest men are expected to have 19.1 years less healthy life than the richest.

Thursday 28 March: 4.1 million UK children are trapped in poverty, 70% of them are in working families. The annual statistics on poverty in the UK show more poverty and deprivation – despite there being more people in employment.

Monday 8 April: £1.5 billion is cut from social security benefits. The freeze in benefit levels rolls on, delivering huge cuts to in-work and out-of-work benefits. Overall, the freeze will hit around 27 million people but its worst effects are focused on poorer parents and of course their children.

This country has enough wealth so that its children do not need to be held back by poverty, and so that its poorer adults do not die younger. But this is what is happening – the statistics are clear.

The view of the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty is that we have arrived here because of political choices about how to distribute the money our economy produces. It is hard to put forward any other reasonable explanation.

50 years of our Continuous At Sea Deterrence

April marks 50 years of our nuclear weapons submarines sailing out of Faslane, Scotland. Powered by silent nuclear reactors, the submarines are designed to be undetectable. The Ministry of Defence wants a national celebration of the undoubted technical achievements of our Continuous At Sea Deterrence (CASD) and the dedication of personnel who serve on submarines. The UK government believes that not only have these submarines prevented the UK from coming under nuclear attack, but that they have prevented conventional conflict between NATO states and other adversaries.

The churches in the UK are increasingly clear in asserting their unequivocal and principled opposition to nuclear weapons. They can speak out while also upholding and supporting young men and women in the Royal Navy who go out on patrol for months at a time. We are thankful for those who serve in the forces. Ultimately they serve in various roles on the basis of a defence posture that is not their personal responsibility but rather is the concern of Parliament and of all of us.

Today national governments and civil society groups across the world are supporting the new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Such groups are advocating for the establishment of norms under international law and among these groups our churches find natural allies.

From the World Church

How is Easter celebrated around the world?

Some of our Mission Partners describe the traditions in the countries where they live and serve.

Similarities and differences

We learn from Rachel Ullmer that in Pakistan there are some traditions that are similar to ours in the UK and a few variations.

Easter is a very special time in Pakistan. To prepare for Easter, the padres make visits to all their parishioners and special services are held during Lent. In my Urdu speaking church, there is a lot of emphasis on the preparation for Good Friday.

It is very moving as the padre and his wife wash the feet of the congregation.

He washes the men's feet and she washes the women's feet. The Sunday School children carry palm branches from the nearby trees and sing in the church.

To a deeper knowledge

On Maundy Thursday, there is a service to remember the last days of Jesus, which leads into the Good Friday service. In most churches, this is a three-hour service from 12 noon to 3 pm (we all hope the weather is not too hot). It's where people from the church read prayers and devotions based on the events of the crucifixion. It is a thought-provoking time and moves one to a deeper knowledge of our Lord.

Some churches have hot cross buns, which are made locally.

Celebration

Easter Sunday is a time of celebration.

In our church, we have an Easter cake for everyone, and a sunrise service.

Before dawn, everyone gathers in the church, where there is a model of the empty tomb and an empty cross.

Everyone has a candle to hold and we walk around the streets singing the Easter songs. Many who don't attend the church like to look and some even know the Easter hymns! Afterwards, there are puras and hulva to eat which is fried bread and sweet stuff.

All through this time, the police are guarding our churches. I always feel glad that the whole essence of our faith is celebrated in such a moving and glorious way.

Vibrant worship in Germiston

The Revd Stephen Day explains the priority given to Easter in South Africa

Easter is, without doubt, the Christian festival in Germiston. While much of the worship which accompanies Holy Week would not seem out of place in the UK, there are two defining times of worship which are radically different.

Vibrant services

We may associate Good Friday with solemn, meditative services. In Germiston, we experienced vibrant Seven Words services, focusing on seven words of Jesus from the cross. These services last between three to six hours and involve nine preachers. The first preacher invites worshippers to walk the Via Dolorosa with Jesus, which leads to Golgotha. Seven preachers then preach on one of the seven words, concluding with another preacher who invites a response.

I have found these services to be inspirational, offering a different model for Good Friday worship.

The Saturday night leading into Easter Day is spent in an “all-night revival”. This includes a memorial service for members who have died since the previous Easter and also a healing service. Much time is spent in song and with people preaching on a set theme.

Sharing the good news

When the revival draws to a close, around 6 am, the church lights are turned off. Women bearing candles enter crying out “Uvukile!” which means “He is risen!”. Some of these women then share the good news that Jesus Christ is risen. In the mood of celebration, we then go outside and have a short service of Holy Communion. We have been blessed by these new experiences of Holy Week and Easter worship, which will hopefully enrich our ministry when we return to the UK later this year.

Easter Journey in Zambia

Mission Partner, Keith Waddell describes the road from Lent to Easter in Zambia

On Ash Wednesday, the United Church of Zambia burns the previous year’s palm leaves from home and church. It does this together with all the year’s challenges and any written prayer requests. An ash mark on the forehead is then washed away. Remaining ashes are scattered, signifying a new beginning in repentance for the past.

The next major milestone on the Lenten journey is Palm Sunday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week. It’s an Ecumenical occasion with most churches parading together through the streets before going to their individual churches.

On Maundy Thursday the clergy wash the feet of congregants and adherents. In the evening there is Holy Communion and a Tenebrae Service with the blowing out of candles and the departure in silence.

Purple and black are the predominant colours worn on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday there is a candlelight service with Holy Communion just after dawn, to celebrate the resurrection. This is followed in the afternoon by a moving memorial service for all those who died that year. Their names are read out and artificial flowers are laid. These flowers decorate the church in the coming year.

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: Friday 3rd May at 12:30 pm, venue tba.

United Services: Sunday 26th May at 11:30 am in the Methodist Chapel
Led by Rev Alan Grist.

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.

The Immigrants' Creed

This inspiring reflection was shared at the Churches Together in Rome service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner
but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God's people in
all their diversity.

I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that, in the Resurrection, God will unite us as one people in which all are
distinct and all are alike at the same time.

I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner but all will be citizens of the
kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

(José Luis Casal)

Grove

Come and celebrate our **Church Anniversary** on **Sunday, 5th May**.

Morning worship is at 10:45 am and will be led by Rev Helen Cameron, who is Chair of the Northampton District. Our evening worship with Holy Communion, at 6:30 pm will be led by our minister, Rev Keith Underhill.

There is to be a church lunch. If you are interested, please talk to Noreen Hemmings (762504) or Judy Thomas (762723) for more details. They would like to know definite numbers by **Tuesday, 30th April** for catering purposes.

You are invited to a **Christian Aid Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 4th May** in the Meeting Room from 10:00 am till 12 noon. Lois and Justin Greenhalgh are our hosts for the morning. Proceeds are for the work of Christian Aid which is focussing this year on "All Mums Should Live". With your support, we can help to make childbirth safer for mums and babies and give them the chance to live.

Christian Aid week is from **12th to 18th May**, and we are looking for volunteers to help distribute and collect envelopes in Grove. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board or please speak to Lesley if you can help.

Tuesday Fellowship

7 th May	Lucia Rennie is coming to talk to us about her Charity Walk
14 th May	Rev Jocelyn Bennett – our Minister at Didcot, is visiting us.
21 st May	Visit to Cornerstone
28 th May	No meeting – Bank Holiday week

Warmed Hearts group will meet on **Wednesday, 8th May** at 8:00 pm at 38 Truelocks Way, Wantage for a session of "What the papers say".

We have an evening of discussion and fellowship together and it is always good to see new faces. More details from Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504.

The **Film Club** will be showing "Enchanted April" on Friday, 17th May at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room. 1992 98mins PG

This slow-paced gem is about the civilizing influence of Italy on beleaguered Londoners both male and female and has its own civilizing influence on the viewer. It is almost like taking a little mini-trip to Italy. A gorgeously filmed enchantment. (95mins)

Cast: Josie Lawrence, Miranda Richardson, Joan Plowright, Polly Walker, Alfred Molina, Jim Broadbent.

Admission is free. Refreshments served at the end of the film.

If you would like to receive a reminder of the Film Club meetings please send your email address to Jenny at alans.marriott@talktalk.net

There is no Film Plus service in May.

Handicrafts' Group meets at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **Monday afternoons** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to craft and chat together. (Tuesday afternoons following Bank Holidays.) £1 donation each to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink. All welcome.

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

Quiz sheets. Many of you will already know that Sheila Hall has been in hospital for some weeks and is still there at the time of writing this. So it is not possible to prepare further quiz sheets at the moment. There will be a sheet available shortly giving the answers and winners of the Body Parts (parts 2) Quiz.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The proceeds of the April coffee morning for 'Emmaus' were £133.50.

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

Flower Rota

5 th May	Kath Gourlay
12 th May	Sue Stead
19 th May	Lois Greenhalgh
26 th May	Sheila Hall

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.

Grove Worship Consultation meeting is on **Thursday, 9th May** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room. It is hoped that as many as possible will come along to share in the planning of our worship and special occasions for the coming months. It would be good to see you.

Wantage

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Thanksgiving service for John Fordham

The thanksgiving service for John will be held on **Sunday 5th May** in church at 3:00 pm, followed by refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

We assure Margaret and all the family of our love and prayers at this time.

Quiet day

Jane Kent - 01235 765421 / janevkent@icloud.com

I have booked St Mary's Convent for a quiet day on **Friday 21st June**. Everyone welcome!

Rough idea of timings for the day -

9:30 am Arrival and coffee

10:00 am Join the sisters in the chapel for their morning eucharist

Meet together (unfortunately a sister is not available this day but I am happy to find some material to help us reflect and meet with God)

Free time to walk in the beautiful grounds, sit, sleep, pray, draw, read...

Lunch (cold buffet)

Free time

Closing act of worship

Tea and cake

I will need to go by 3 pm but feel free to stay on if you wish. The price is £20 and I need to pay a deposit of £5 per person by **Friday 10th May** so please could you get in touch with me by then if you are interested.

Please tell anyone you know who may be interested!

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

In April we concluded our study of the York Lent Course "Daring to see God now", had a visit to St. Mary's Convent in Holy Week for reflections at The Stations of the Cross and began a new Lifebuilder Study in 12 sessions "Christian Character".

The details of the May dates are as follows:

7th May Christian Character - Session 3 - The Cost of Commitment.

Reading Luke 14:25-35

This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting

14th May Christian Character - Session 4 - Resisting Temptation.

Reading Genesis 39

21st May Christian Character - Session 5 - Trusting God.

Reading Genesis 22:1-19

28th May No Meeting – School Holiday

Looking ahead we are planning another **day for Quiet Reflection** at St. Mary's Convent on **9th July**. If you are interested in joining us, please talk to Eileen Rennie. Full details will be in next month's newsletter.

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.



Church Flowers

Having enjoyed the beautiful Easter flowers during the last two weeks of April, we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to cover 2nd, 23rd and 30th June. If you're able to cover any of those weeks, please sign up on the notice board in the corridor, or let me know. Many thanks, Ann.

May

5th Diane Barton
12th Eileen Rennie
19th Alison Phillips
26th Ann Barber

June

2nd
9th Mary Trotter
16th Diane Barton
23rd
30th

PRAYER & PASTORAL

Prayer list

Loving God, we praise and thank you for your many gifts which sustain our lives day by day. Forgive us when we always think about what we want or need. Help us to act more in your name and fulfil your will in all our actions. Guide and help us in our love for each other to fully reflect your love as Jesus commanded us. Especially we ask that you will help us more and more to love those we find difficult to love. Most of all we give thanks for your great love for each one of us. 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, Emma Wright and family, Mary and family, Margaret 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 May newsletter, please let Eileen know by **17th May** in order for her to meet the newsletter deadline.

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

Pastoral - *praying for each other*

In May the following people on **Sharon Hayford's** Pastoral List will be included in the Prayer Time at Eileen Rennie's House-group: Nancy and Kofi Agyeman, and Helen & John Carter, together with those on **Carolyn Roche's** Pastoral List: Dilys Seymour, Linda & Rodney Tillotson, Pru Cathcart, Andrew Holley, and Catherine & David Worth.

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.

Labyrinth

Jane Kent

We will have a labyrinth in our church on **Sunday 9th June** between 5 and 6:30 pm for anyone to come along and experience. In the evening YMOSES will be using it. A labyrinth looks like a flat maze, with a way in and out and a path to the centre, but it only has one path so you can't get lost! All you have to do to get to the centre is simply keep following the path. Labyrinths have been used since ancient times as symbols of the spiritual life and since medieval times as symbols of the Christian path. They were used as an alternative to costly and impractical pilgrimages for people who couldn't easily travel. The journey to the middle of the labyrinth might represent travelling to Jerusalem, or meeting God face to face or reaching the end of life.

There are various ways to use the labyrinth but the usual method is simply to follow the path to the centre, rest there a while and then slowly follow it back out. It is a method of praying using your whole body.

I have used 2 labyrinths in my life so far and both experiences were very powerful, insightful and helpful, hence wanting to share this way of praying with YMOSES! You walk the labyrinth individually, at your own pace and I will provide a handout for anyone to use who wishes to do so. There will be refreshments available in the porch. Everyone is warmly welcome!

YOUNG CHURCH

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

What a joyful Easter morning breakfast we enjoyed! It was wonderful to see so many people there and we hope you all enjoyed it too. One of the things I love about church is the mixing of the generations and it was very evident at our breakfast as the ages went from a baby of 7 months up to people in their 90s! Thank you all for your generous donations to 'All we Can' which totalled £196.45.

Our next [Kids@Church](#) will be on **Sunday 19th May** at 9:30 am in the church and we'd love to see you there!

[Kids@Church](#) is a monthly, informal service for primary school aged children and their families running from 9:30 to 10:15 am with some time in church and then an activity in the hall - new friends always welcome!

YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday Evenings) - an informal faith-based discussion group for young people from secondary school age up

Future dates:

- at the Worth's on Sunday 19th May, 7:15 – 8:15 pm
- at church on Sunday 9th June, 6:30 – 8 pm to experience the labyrinth
- at church on Sunday 23th June, 1 – 6:30 pm for our youth event 'Dare to be you!'
- venue tbc for our end of term social on Sunday 14th July

If you would like to come along to this friendly, relaxed discussion group you would be more than welcome.

For more information on [Kids@Church](#) or YMOSES please give me a ring or send me an email. Jane Kent - 765421, janevkent@icloud.com

Dare to be you!

On **Sunday 23th June**, 1 – 6:30 pm, we are delighted to be hosting a **Circuit youth event** with special guest Jasmine Yeboah, the Methodist Youth President this year. It is for all young people aged between 11 and 18.

We will enjoy lunch together then explore the theme in different workshops and conclude with an act of worship.

Please spread the word to any young people you know, from any church or none, as everyone is welcome!

There will be no charge for the event.

If you have any questions or would like to register for this event please ask / email me. Jane Kent (janevkent@icloud.com)

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WITH SPECIAL GUEST **JASMINE YEBOAH**
THE METHODIST YOUTH PRESIDENT

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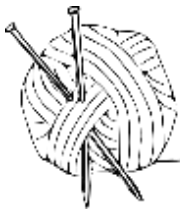
Wednesday Fellowship

MAY

- 1st We open the term as usual with a service of Holy Communion led by our Minister Rev. Keith Underhill.
- 8th Local Preacher Libby Bolton will speak to us today.
- 15th Michael Bailey will show us the first part of his visit to China.
- 22nd Bill Fuller will show us the programme cancelled from last term because of illness, probably pictures of old Wantage.
- 29th Deacon Selina Nisbett will tell us about her visit to Lindisfarne

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)



Angel knitting is going well and there is always plenty to chat about.

Please come and join us in the Parlour at 2 pm and enjoy an afternoon of conversation, fellowship, tea and nice biscuits – knitting or any other craft optional.



Dates for May: Monday 6 May and Monday 20 May

Lunches during May will be :

Sunday 12th May : This will be roast beef.

Please ensure that you **sign up** by the previous Wednesday; or ring Julie on 07812 370 796

Friday lunch will be on **31st May**.

We look forward to seeing you.

MISSION & SERVICE

The emergency envelope appeal that the church held on behalf of All We Can to alleviate the flooding disaster in Malawi has so far raised £927 of which £771 was gift aided, which will increase the total to about £1,120.

Community Drop-In Cafe

We are launching a new initiative within our Church. A Community Drop-In Cafe will happen every Monday morning in the Church Hall between 9:00 am and 12 noon commencing on **Monday 29th April**.

It is open to everyone, so we do hope you will spread the news. There is a welcome, coffee, and people to chat with. There will be a table with jigsaws and board games, a box of books which people can borrow, and whatever grows from talking to one another about what people would like.

It is not a Coffee Morning just a welcome social space for all ages, all abilities, for everyone. For further information please see either Eileen Rennie or June Grunwald.

Community Drop In Cafe



in Wantage Methodist Church Hall, Newbury Street

Every Monday 9am -12 noon (commencing Monday, 29 April 2019)

**All are welcome and invited to drop in anytime
between 9 am and 12 noon - a warm welcome to everyone.**

Come and enjoy a coffee and chat.



Saturday May 25th

Between 2.30 & 5.30pm,

At 53 Pavilion Walk, Letcombe Regis,

No charge, but donations welcome

RSVP John and Valerie tel. no. 797 259.

This event will raise funds for Caring For Life -
a charity committed to sharing the love of Jesus
with hurting and vulnerable people.



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A Taste of Summer 2 Sundae Sunday!

Sunday 30th June 2019

Keith & Liz's Manse 3:00pm-5:00pm

Raising money for All We Can

Do come along and enjoy a glass of Pimms or a St. Clements. Plus scones, strawberries and cream and also make your very own special Sundae!

Tickets to be purchased in advance £7.50 - available from 1st May.



FINANCE, PROPERTY & USERS' NEWS

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

Weekly Bookings May/June 2019

Monday	morn	Community Drop in Cafe	Hall
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Monday	eve	Poets (in June)	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir (not 28 May)	Chapel
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical (not 15 May)	Hall
Thursday	morn	Disciple (not 23/30 May)	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
Second Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall

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

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The following individual bookings are in place:

APRIL

Monday 29 th	morn	Community Drop in Cafe	Hall
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MAY

Sunday 5 th	aft	John Fordham Thanksgiving	All
Wednesday 8 th	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Monday 13 th	morn/lunch	Guideposts Trust	Parlour
Wednesday 15 th	eve	Wantage & Grove Conservation Group	Hall
Thursday 23 rd	morn	Baptist Babes & Toddlers	Hall

Possible bookings for May

Fri 17 th or Sat 18 th	eve	Residents Assoc meeting	Chapel / Hall
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JUNE

Wednesday 5 th	eve	Worship Consultation	Godfrey
Thursday 6 th	morn	Baptist Babes & Toddlers	Hall
Sunday 9 th	eve	Labyrinth	Chapel
Wednesday 12 th	eve	Property & Finance Committee	Godfrey
Wednesday 19 th	eve	Church Council	Chapel
Saturday 22 nd	aft	Viva Verdi	All
Sunday 23 rd	aft/eve	Dare to be You	All
Tuesday 25 th	morn/aft	Holy Habits	All

DIARY

MAY

Wednesday 1 st	7:30 pm	Circuit Meeting at Didcot	p4
Saturday 4 th	10 am to Noon	Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Grove	p10
Sunday 5 th		Grove Church Anniversary	p10
	3:00 pm	Thanksgiving Service for John Fordham at Wantage	p12
Monday 6 th	9:00 – Noon	Community Drop-in Café at Wantage	p16/7
	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour	p16
Thursday 9 th	7:30 pm	Consultation at Grove	p11
Saturday 11 th		District Synod in Northampton	
Sunday 12 th	12:30 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p16
Friday 17 th	7:30 pm	Film Club at Grove “Enchanted April”	p10
Sunday 19 th	9:30 am	Kids@church at Wantage	p14
	6:30 pm	Easter Offering service at Didcot	p4
	7:15 pm	YMOSES	p15
Monday 20 th	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour	p16
		Deadline for the June Newsletter	
Saturday 25 th	2:30 pm	Pause for a Cause Afternoon Tea	p17
Friday 31 st	12:15 pm	Friday Drop in Lunch at Wantage	p16

JUNE

Wednesday 5 th	7:30 pm	Worship Consultation at Wantage	
	7:45 pm	Wantage & Grove Church Partnership Action Group at St John’s Rooms, Grove	
Sunday 9 th	5:00 pm	Labyrinth in Wantage	p14
Wednesday 12 th	7:30 pm	Property & Finance Committee at Wantage	
Wednesday 19 th	7:30 pm	Church Council at Wantage	
Friday 21 st		Quiet day at St Mary’s Convent – Book by 10th May	p12
Sunday 23 rd	1:00 pm	“Dare to be You”	p15
Tuesday 25 th		Holy Habits at Wantage	
Sunday 30 th	3:00 pm	A Taste of Summer 2 : “Sundae Sunday”	p17

Sunday Services – May 2019

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
May 5th Easter 3	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	Church Anniversary 10:45 am Rev Helen Cameron 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:30 am Alan Smith Worship through Music
May 12th Easter 4 Vocations Christian Aid	11:00 am Ian Sturt	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Christian Aid at Holy Trinity, Charlton	09:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Helen Carter 6:30 pm Christian Aid at Holy Trinity, Charlton
May 19th Easter 5 Aldersgate	11:00 am Dixon 6:00 pm Circuit Service at Didcot	10:45 am Geoff Caudle 6:00 pm Circuit Service at Didcot	09:30 am Kids@Church 10:30 am Holy Communion Rev Keith Underhill Street Pastors 6:00 pm Circuit Service at Didcot
May 26th Easter 6 Rogation	11:30 am United Service Rev Alan Grist	10:45 am Carol Sturt 6:00 pm Stephen Atkinson	10:30 am Esther Miller