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

**Material for the Winter edition of Circuit Exchange** should reach the Circuit Exchange Compiler by email, phone or in writing by **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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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](http://www.wantab.org.uk)

**Wantage web site** [www.wantagemethodist.org.uk](http://www.wantagemethodist.org.uk)

**Circuit web site** [www.wantab.org.uk](http://www.wantab.org.uk)

## From the Manse...

These past four years we have been remembering and commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the events of the Great War. From its beginning in 1914, to the places and battles that have been seared on our minds and collective memories: the Somme, Verdun, Passchendaele and Ypres to name but a few.

This month, the eleventh of the year, on the eleventh day we will remember how the guns finally fell silent. Yet even on that last day, between 4.20 am, when the last soldiers went 'over the top' and the hostilities ceasing, there were 10,944 casualties and 2,738 deaths on the Western Front. At eleven in the morning, the First World War ended and it was all over.

The war to end all wars had at long last finished.

There are no longer now any living service personnel who served and fought during that war. The last living veteran was Florence Green, who served in the Allied armed forces, and who died on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012, aged 110. The last combat veteran was Claude Choules who served in the British Royal Navy (and later the Royal Australian Navy) who died on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, aged 110. The last veteran who served in the trenches was Harry Patch (British Army) who died on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009, aged 111.

Behind each name that is inscribed on a cenotaph, monument, cross, cairn or plaque there is a person, there is a family and there is a story.

At the beginning of the 1930 film version of Erich Maria Remarque's moving and poignant anti-war novel "All Quiet on the Western Front", it states;

*"This story is neither an accusation nor a confession, and least of all an adventure, for death is not an adventure to those who stand face to face with it. It will try simply to tell of a generation of men who, even though they may have escaped its shells, were destroyed by the war...."*

For those who returned home, those who came back from the trenches and the weariness of war could never be the same again.

So on this one hundredth anniversary as we stand and keep silent for two minutes, as we stand and recall the events of the past, and as we remember those from our own families whose names live on, we will honour them and their sacrifice. We will remember them. We will not forget.

With love and God Bless,

*Keith*

## **District Study Day:**

**13<sup>th</sup> November, 10:00 am at Loughborough Circuit (venue tbc)**

2<sup>nd</sup> District Study Day with Professor Peter Kevern.

Grave talk: helping congregations to talk about death and mortality

## **Circuit Stewards team**

Carolyn Roche, from Wantage, is now established as a Circuit Steward, and we are pleased that Geoffrey Maunder, who stepped down as a circuit steward in 2016, has agreed to another term in the post.

We urgently need new blood to join the team. Our vision is of someone representing each of the larger churches – with a team of six, no-one's share would be unbearably large. The scope of the job may also be adjusted to suit the people who are available. Everyone who has been a Circuit Steward agrees that it is a fascinating and richly rewarding thing to do. Are you hearing a call? Please pray about this situation, and don't assume someone more suitable will step forward!

To find out more, talk to your minister or to one of the current team:

***Alan Smith (Senior)***

***Carolyn Roche***

***Geoffrey Maunder***

## **Circuit Exchange**

All material for inclusion in the December edition of Circuit Exchange should be sent to Gordon Skidmore at [wacctxchange@gmail.com](mailto:wacctxchange@gmail.com) by 11<sup>th</sup> November. He will prepare the Wantage sector magazine, and the material which is relevant to the whole circuit will be extracted and reconstituted as Circuit Exchange. This process may require some adjustment, so your patience is requested.

The **Circuit Calendar**, with these and other events, 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](http://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.

TrinityLearning's latest project, refurbishing a Sensory Garden for Kingfisher Special School, will be one of Tesco's Bags for Life causes in November & December. Every time you shop at their stores in Abingdon and Grove you will have the chance to vote for this project - the more votes, the more money we get!

## TrinityLearning

### Education Development Officer

0.4 FTE, salary £30,000 pro-rata

Initial contract to 31/08/2021, starting as soon as possible

Based at The Conduit Centre in Abingdon

An inspirational leader is required for this ground-breaking outreach, which works to improve the Quality of Life in Abingdon schools.

TrinityLearning has been helping reduce stress in local schools for 9 years and is in the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The new Education Officer will have a major role in shaping the project's future, providing strategic as well as hands-on leadership for volunteers and staff.

We are looking for a caring individual who combines extensive experience in the education sector with good management skills and a flexible approach to spiritual education.

For more information and how to apply, contact:

[Trinity.abingdon@gmail.com](mailto:Trinity.abingdon@gmail.com) 01235 520282

The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 6th November 2018



'Open the Book is a project to present the Bible in primary schools in an accessible and enjoyable way, and enable children to engage imaginatively with the stories.'

We are now in our fifth year!

The weekly presentation, on a Friday, of a bible story at our church school is proving a hit both with the children and those performing.

There is always room for more helpers so if you think this is something you could contribute to then: Please contact Jane (763157) or Sue (767248)

**WHITE POPPIES** As usual, Helen Carter has obtained some white poppies. Please let her know if you would like one (fixed price is £1). To learn about these poppies, first introduced by the Co-operative Women's Guild in 1933, look at the information about them in Wikipedia or on the Peace Pledge Union web site. Some of us wear both a red poppy and a white poppy. We may have different reasons for doing so, but one reason is the recognition of the sacrifice of those service men and women who have died (or been scarred for life) in combat, and also the need to work for peace. Peace is not just the absence of conflict. Peace is much more than that. Shalom.

### **A Prayer for an ancestor buried in a military cemetery**

I thank you for this opportunity to visit this place so close to a field of battle.

I thank you for the gift of life which we have received through our family.

Today I stand before the grave of my *great-great grandfather Richard Carnell* who was killed near here a long time ago so far away from home and his family.

Whether we are alive or dead you are the God who created us and loves us all.

I thank you that this now a place of peace and ask the wherever there is fighting peace may come. Amen.

## Tea and Memories

Our annual Remembrance concert, with music, readings and the ever-popular wartime sing-along.

Dedicated to the memory of all whose lives have been affected by or lost in war - marking, to the day, the centenary of the 1918 Armistice.



Join us in Wantage Parish Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Performance to be followed by tea and cakes. Donations to be invited. Proceeds to Parish Church Music and the Poppy Appeal.

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**WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK** will be handing out Christmas hampers again this year. It is hoped that there will be enough donations to make up special parcels for all known families in need. Donations of seasonal goods (with long shelf lives please) will be most welcomed. With the shelves full of 'ordinary' food thanks to all the Harvest Festival gifts, the focus will be on collecting Christmas goodies now. Thank you.



*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.*

*www.wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com*

### **A Message from Annie Hill – Wantage Community Church**

A lady who is coming to Wantage Community Church, works for British Red Cross in Abingdon with refugees, asylum seekers, and those people who have come here but not yet received recognition as a refugee or asylum seeker.

She tells us that there is a great need for toiletries, and especially **sanitary products** for ladies. **Shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors etc would all be welcome too.**

Also, as winter approaches, there is a great need for **warm jackets in good condition for men, women and children.**

I am happy for things to be left at my house (16 Haywards Close, Wantage OX12 7AT) - in the porch by the side door is fine if we are out.

**Also The Cornerstone in Grove, and The Independent Advice Centre in Wantage (behind Barclays Bank) have collecting points for us.**



### **The Church Kitchen**

Available as a Tea Towel from Church House Bookshop

<https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/products/255277/dave-walker-tea-towel-church-kitchen>





# Grove

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November** from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room. There will be handmade cards and other small gift items on sale. Our hosts are Judith and Jean. Proceeds are for Freyja's Fund. This fund at the J.R. Hospital was set up 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. We look forward to seeing you.

There is **no Open House meeting** in November.

**Film Plus on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00 pm** in the Meeting Room.

On this Remembrance Day, we will be watching the original version of "All Quiet on the Western Front" made in 1930. It will be followed by refreshments and a short act of worship at 6:30 pm led by our minister, Rev Keith Underhill, based on themes from the film.

## **Grove Tuesday Fellowship:**

6<sup>th</sup> November Preparation for Anniversary on 13<sup>th</sup> November  
13<sup>th</sup> November Anniversary Service – Speaker: Barbara Sexton  
20<sup>th</sup> November Libby Bolton will be coming to speak to us  
27<sup>th</sup> November Malcolm Newton is visiting us

The **Warmed Hearts group** will meet on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November** at 8:00 pm at 8, Vicarage Close, Grove for session three "Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion". It is always good to see new faces. All are welcome. Further information from Peter Hemmings (01235 762504)

**Film Club is on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room and the choice is "**Early man**" 2018 PG 1hr29mins

*A plucky cave man named Dug, his sidekick Hognob and the rest of their tribe face a grave threat to their simple existence. Lord Nooth plans to take over their land and transform it into a giant mine, forcing Dug and his clan to dig for precious metals. Not ready to go down without a fight, Dug and Hognob must unite their people in an epic quest to defeat a mighty enemy – the Bronze Age.*

*Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddlestone, Nick Park, Maisie Williams, Timothy Spall.*

Admission is free. Tea / coffee and biscuits at end of the film for a small donation.

We would like to thank the people who have offered to help so that the Film Club can continue to meet and enjoy films together.

The **Worship Consultation** meeting is on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room. All are invited to come along to consult together over the ways we worship in our church and share in the planning of special services for the months ahead. Keith has agreed to chair the meeting and Katie to act as secretary, in place of Andrew and Su who have filled these roles for many years.

**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.

£1 donation to Cornerstone and pay for your choice of drink. All welcome.

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

The quiz for November / December will be available from Sheila Hall, (763135) at the beginning of November.

**Thank you** to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The October coffee morning raised £100 for Millie, towards supporting her as a volunteer with Youth for Christ this year.

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter Hemmings (tel: 762504). Thank you.

#### **Flower Rota**

4 <sup>th</sup> November	Lynda Culley
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Kath Gourlay
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Lois Greenhalgh
25 <sup>th</sup> November	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.

# Wantage

## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

### **Bible Reading Notes [ IBRA ]**

Each Year the International Bible Reading Association produces notes to help people read the Bible on a regular basis. This year the title is **FRESH FROM THE WORD** for 2019 with foreword by Rev Leslie Griffiths. Please order your copy now **on the form on the notice board in the Hall vestibule**. The last day for doing this is **Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**,

For further information contact Peter Preston (01235 762332).

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study.**

We will meet at 9:00 am on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November** in the Hall to continue our study of the Psalms.

### **Tuesday Afternoon House Group**

During October we continued our Lifebuilder Bible Study entitled "Heaven, Finding our true home."

In November we will conclude our study "Heaven, Finding our true home" and study two parables based on a DVD before starting our Advent Study on 27<sup>th</sup> November. We are following the York Courses Advent Study which this year is "Life to the full?" It is written by Matt Woodcock who is a Pioneer Minister and Mission Enabler for the Diocese of York. He is a contributor for Pause for Thought on Radio 2 and author of Becoming Reverend. The accompanying audio material includes contributions from churchgoers of different denominations.

Alison Phillips is leading a group on the **same course** on **Thursday afternoons**. The venue will be confirmed but potentially it will either be at her home, 1, Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis or the home of one of the participants in the group if they would like to offer hospitality.

If you would like to join us for this study please **let me know** as soon as possible so that I can order you a copy of the Course Booklet.

The details of the November dates are as follows:

6 <sup>th</sup> November	Looking for the City – Revelation 21-22. This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting.
13 <sup>th</sup> November	The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37
20 <sup>th</sup> November	The Unmerciful Servant - Matthew 18:21-35
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent 1 – Humming Bird or Artic Fox

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](mailto:m.rennie50@ntlworld.com) or talk to me at Church.

## PRAYER & PASTORAL

### Prayer list

Loving Father, we praise you for the wonder of your creation. We give you thanks for the extended summer we have enjoyed and for the beauty of this Autumn with all its wonderful colours. We thank you for the comfort of our homes as we look ahead to colder weather and darker days. Make us mindful of all those who do not enjoy the comforts we do and following your ways help us to offer whatever help we can, in whatever way we can to those less fortunate than us. Bless us in all that we endeavour to do in your name so that others too may receive your blessing. Amen.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Alex and family, Doug, Emily, Carl, Findley, Harrison, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Ken and Grace Wright, Daniel O'Sullivan, Eric and Debbie Wilde, Enid, 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 December / January Newsletter or you want to add anybody, please let me know by **16<sup>th</sup> November** in order for me to meet the newsletter deadline.

*Eileen Rennie. Telephone: 01235 224284, email: [m.rennie50@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.rennie50@ntlworld.com)*

### Pastoral - *praying for each other*




In November the following people **on Judith and Mike Skinner's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Alison Brown, Faith & Damien Culshaw, Alex Mwange, Heather Wells and Graham Wells.

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.

### Flower Rota for November & December

November	4 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Rennie	December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Carter
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Barber		9 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Phillips
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Meriel Robson		16 <sup>th</sup>	Celia Roser
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Leake		23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Flowers

### Rota for Church Flowers 2019

....Thank you to everyone who has provided flowers for church this    year. It is now time to try and complete the rota for next year. The sign-up sheet for the first half of 2019 is on the wall in the corridor near the Parlour door. For those who find it easier making arrangements electronically, please email your preferred dates to this address: [annbarber7@gmail.com](mailto:annbarber7@gmail.com) and I will confirm whether they are free as I update the chart on the computer weekly. We invite everyone to be part of the flower rota on a date or dates in the year which are of special significance. Perhaps there are birthdays or anniversaries of people who mean a lot to you, or whose memory you wish to celebrate. You can also choose where they go afterwards – either taking them to someone yourself, or nominating the person to

receive them and they can be delivered on your behalf. Otherwise, just leave that column blank and the flowers will be taken to someone for whom it's pastorally appropriate.

Finally, if a concern about your flower arranging skill is deterring you from signing up, please don't let it. Flowering plants in pots are perfectly acceptable alternatives to cut flowers, or you could ask someone else to arrange your flowers for you.

If you have any queries about the Church flowers rota and arrangements, please let Diane B. or me know. Many thanks. *Ann*

## **YOUNG CHURCH**

### **Kids@Church**

*Jane Kent*

In October we explored the theme 'Treasures in jars of Clay'. In the church the children looked at different types of pots and what might belong in them. Cath talked about God being the Potter and lovingly creating us. We then sang a fun action song and shared a prayer before we went through to the hall and created our own pots and other items from clay.

K@c is an informal service for primary-school-aged children and their families usually starting in the church then moving through to the hall for a game, craft, cooking...

In **November** we will meet on **18<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am when we will be exploring the theme of angels. New people always welcome!

### **YMOSES**

*Jane Kent*

In October we went as a group to Witney Methodist Church one afternoon to an excellent event organised by one of their young people. They had invited the Methodist Youth President, Jasmine Yeboah, for the day to speak and meet the young (and older!) people.

We joined together for worship and then people could choose which workshops to attend including craft, Bible study, singing, games, discussion...we all found something we enjoyed. We took part in their evening service before heading home. Here are some comments from some of our young people-

"It was amazing! We enjoyed the worship sessions, particularly the modern, up-beat songs, and found Yasmin's testimony inspirational. We did several workshops exploring being courageous in our church and in the wider world. These involved games, discussions and art. It was great fun to be with young people from Witney Methodist Church and to see friends from 3Gen again."

In **November** we meet at 7:15 pm at Chris and Charlotte's on **11<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone of secondary school age is really welcome to come along to this informal, friendly discussion group.

YMOSES is an informal, faith-based discussion group for young people at secondary school and beyond! If you would like to come along you would be very welcome - just give me a call or email Jane 01235 765421 [JanevKent@icloud.com](mailto:JanevKent@icloud.com)

## MISSION & EVANGELISM



### Christmas Tree Festival Wantage Methodist Church 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> December



Once again we are holding a Christmas tree festival on the weekend of Wantage Dickensian evening. This year we will be supporting **Little People**.

We will be open from **6 pm on Dickensian Evening, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** for people to look at the trees and to enjoy refreshments in the hall. There will be a **coffee morning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** and the trees will remain for the Sunday service.

We will be having a stall in the hall selling cakes, biscuits and handmade Christmas gifts/goodies. Please let Eileen, Carole or myself know if you would be able to contribute something for this. Many thanks in advance for your support. Looking forward to seeing you all that weekend.

*Carolyn Roche*

### Christmas cards for HMP Bullingdon

We will once again be sending cards from the church to the men attending the Christmas Day service. These will be available to sign on some Sundays in November. These cards are hugely appreciated. Rev Andrew Foran (Anglican chaplain) has now retired, but we have another contact who goes into the prison on a voluntary basis and so can make sure the cards get to the chaplaincy for distribution.

### Knit & Chat

*Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)*

### Christmas Angels



Just over seven weeks and it will be time for our little angels to be blessed and sent out into Wantage. There are currently 730 angels in my house and I know of another 246 that have been knitted. We shall definitely reach our target of 1000 angels. As we have a greater



number of angels this year we could cover more than the centre of Wantage. Any suggestions?

I am currently sorting out the labels and am hoping to be tying them on the angels on the first two Mondays in December – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, like last year, there may be **non-knitters** who would like to help with this task.

The Knit & Chat group will be meeting in the Parlour on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** and **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. As well as angels we are also knitting decorations for a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Come and join us if you enjoy knitting, chatting or drinking tea / coffee. Please feel free to do any sort of knitting or maybe bring some other handicraft that you enjoy doing.



## **Wantage Methodists in 2020**

We are starting to plan to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

This will be a celebration of the past but also a refreshment of our Mission for today. A few ideas for that year were identified at the recent meeting of Movers & Shakers:-

- + Special preacher each month
- + Specific mission for the year
- + Series of events to raise money for the year's chosen charity
- + Hymns through the decades
- + Stage musical (as done in the past)
- + Memories of people in the church

I am sure that you will have more. As you can see, there is plenty of scope for more ideas, practical thinking and committed contributions.

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

## **Chicken and Egg Tea Party**

You will all be pleased to hear that this was a successful event enjoyed by all who attended. The final result was £1,162.92. The total was made up of £588 from the sale of tickets, £207.00 from the raffle, £213.76 from the cake stall, £101.16 from the gift stall and £53.00 in donations.

Thanks are due to Pam from the outset for all the publicity and ideas, Keith for words of welcome, Cath, Mary, Rita, Penny, Sharon, Stella and Sue for all the preparation of the room in the morning, Ann for the sandwiches, Alison for the scones, and cakes for the tea and cake stall from Alison B, Carolyn, Catherine, Gill, Helen, Jane, Julie, June, Keith, Liz, Margaret, Mary T, Nicky, Valerie and Veronica and to our waiter Peter and waitresses Charlotte, Claire, Ellie, Gloria, Jordan, to Ann, Cath, Chris, David, Rita and Sharon for managing the kitchen, Carolyn and Pru for the welcome at the door and sale of raffle tickets and our stallholders Stella, Sue, Penny, Emily and Ella Maria. It was wonderful to note that our helpers ranged in age from 9 to 92! Diana who is always such a wonderful helper was sorry to miss the event due to ending up in hospital unexpectedly. We are pleased to see her back amongst us.

Thank you, Gill and Gordon, for the background music which you so willingly provided. We have received lots of appreciative comments. Thanks to Helen and June who provided transport and to the wonderful team who helped us clear up. The final thank you however goes to all of you who supported this event for All We Can, we could not have done it without you.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **Wednesday Fellowship**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 7<sup>th</sup> June Grunwald is giving a talk relating to WW1.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rev Josie Midwinter will tell about her Pilgrimage to Ethiopia.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jane King, Head Receptionist at the Church Street Surgery, will speak to us today.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Part 2 of Michael Bailey's visit to Peru starts with Condors at Colca Canyon, on to Lake Titicaca, then train to Cusco, ending at Machu Pichu itself.

## Lunches in November:

Lunch dates in November will be as follows

**Sunday lunch** will be **11<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Friday lunch** will be **30<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please remember to **sign up for Sunday lunch**.

We look forward to seeing you.



**Christmas Lunch** will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. This will be a roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings with a vegetarian alternative. This will be **by ticket only** and will cost £10. Tickets will be available from Julie.

## Life without Pam Martin

We wish Pam well as she moves to Thame to be nearer her family. We shall miss her conscience, advocacy, and challenging thinking. Over the years she has made an invaluable contribution to Wantage Methodist Church and the wider Circuit. Thank you, Pam.

At a more mundane level she has made a quiet weekly contribution to our lives preparing publicity artwork and managing the Hall noticeboards. For many years she has pushed for a "Publicity" Officer to be found.

June Grunwald and Gill Skidmore have taken over the Notice Board management and will be developing a "Publicity" function.

## **Ride and Striders 2018**

After the threat of a wet day, Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a good day for cycling. Carolyn Roche rode out into the Vale, visiting 15 churches; Gordon Skidmore took a different route in the Vale and visited 16 churches; while Alison & Clive Phillips went out to the Hendreds and also visited 16 churches. Thirty-one Riders & Striders visited our church, about the same as in previous years. A big thank you to our church welcomers: Irmgard, Nicky, June & Alan, Geoffrey, Kelvin & Pam and Helen & John. Without them our church would not have been open and it makes a big difference to riders & striders to receive a welcome. Thank you to all those who sponsored us. Altogether £255 was raised from sponsorship of which half (+ gift aid) goes to OHCT and half to our church. Carolyn gives us a taste of her adventure as she writes: "Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September turned out to be a good day for cycling to different churches across the Vale of the White Horse – a little sunshine and NO RAIN. The only problem I found as I set out for Childrey was a stiff head wind and I seemed to cycle into this no matter which direction I was going! After visiting the two churches in Childrey I carried on via Sparsholt and Kingston Lisle to Uffington. Here I paused to watch my son and grandsons busy with Uffington boys football club. After a drink of water and a biscuit it was off to Baulking, Goosey and Denchworth. All the churches that I visited had people to sign you in, offer you refreshment and encourage you on your journey. They were also proud of their church buildings and pleased if you had time to look round. After a snack of ham and banana it was off to Grove. At St John's, cyclists had to sign in at the hall as a wedding was taking place in the church. A red double-decker bus was parked outside ready to take the guests to the reception. A quick stop at the Methodist church and then it was back to Wantage and a tour round the five churches that were open. I really enjoyed the jelly babies supplied by the parish church – a welcome change from biscuits. Having left home at 10 am, I reached my final stop, Wantage Methodist Church, at 2 pm."

## **Property Points**

### **Installation of acoustic panels in the Chapel**

The installation of wall panels will take place between October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The installation of the ceiling panels will take place w/c 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Routine Reminders**

The Godfrey Room is now in regular use. Please do not use it as a dumping ground. It should always be left tidy with 10 chairs and a small table.

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

### **Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings**

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

[wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com](mailto:wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com)

07710 214601

The following bookings are in place:

**OCTOBER**

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Rock Choir	Chapel
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Funeral	Chapel
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Afternoon	Superheroes (after WF)	Hall
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Evening	Music Group	tba
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> >> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Wall panel installation	Chapel

**NOVEMBER**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Day	Wantage Independent Advice Centre	Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	NSPPG AGM	Hall
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Private Party	Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Church Council	Chapel
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Wedding	Chapel
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Private Party	Hall
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Evening	Circuit Leadership Team	Godfrey
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Private Party	Hall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> >> Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Ceiling Panel Installation	Chapel
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Worship Consultation	Parlour
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Music Group	tba

**DECEMBER**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Afternoon	Foodbank	Hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Dickensian Evening	Hall
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Coffee Morning	Hall
Fri/Sat/Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>		Christmas Tree Festival	Chapel
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Wantage Community Church	Chapel

**Weekly Bookings      October 2018**

Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

### OCTOBER

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>      9:00 am    Bible Study at Wantage      p11  
                          3:00 pm    Memorial Service at Grove

### Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2018

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>      Closing Date for Completed Boxes

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>      10 am to Noon    Coffee Morning at Grove      p9  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup>      2:00 pm    Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour      p14  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>      12:15 pm    Sunday Lunch at Wantage      p16  
                          4:00 pm    Film Plus at Grove      p9  
                          7:15 pm    YMOSES      p13

### Deadline for Circuit Exchange

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>    7:30 pm    Wantage Church Council  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup>      7:30 pm    Grove Film Club: “**Early man**” 2018 PG      p9  
 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>      9:30 am    Kids@Church      p13

### Deadline for the December/January Newsletter

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>      2:00 pm    Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour      p14  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>    7:30 pm    Grove Worship Consultation  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>      12:15 pm    Friday Drop-in Lunch at Wantage      p16  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>      9:00 am    Bible Study at Wantage      p11  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>    7:30 pm    Wantage Worship Consultation

### DECEMBER

Friday to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>    Wantage Christmas Tree Festival      p14  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>      10:30 am – 12:30 pm    NCH Coffee Morning at Childrey      p8

### Publication Dates 2019

	Deadline	Print		Deadline	Print
February	20/1	23/1	July/August	23/6	26/6
March	17/2	20/2	September	18/8	<b><u>20/8</u></b>
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

## Sunday Services – November 2018

	<b>Childrey</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>Wantage</b>
<b>November 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 31</b>	11:00 am Alan Smith	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill  6:30 pm Elizabeth Wood	10:30 am Helen Carter Worship through Colour
<b>November 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 32 Remembrance</b>	11:00 am Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Rev Frances Blood  4:00 pm Film Plus Rev Keith Underhill	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill  10:45 am Remembrance at Wantage Parish Church
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 33</b>	10:00 am United Service at St Mary's Rev Keith Underhill & Rev Helen Cameron	10:45 am Geoffrey Caudle  6:30 pm Andrew Dixon	9:30 am kids@church  10:30 am Local Arrangements
<b>November 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent  Violence against Women</b>	11:30 am United Service at St Mary's	10:45 am Daphne Savage  6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	9:00 am Bible Study  10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill