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

Regular Weekday Meetings

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| 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...

The fact that when the morning alarm goes off in our house, it is still dark outside; the changing colours of the trees as I walk Brodie around the park and the 'autumnal feel' in the air, all point to the conclusion that summer is over. We are now in that period of mellow fruitfulness as we say our farewells to summer and await the coming of winter.

This is the period of Harvest Festivals and harvest celebrations. It is a time of gathering in, a time of bounty and a time of plenty. It is also of course a time of thankfulness.

Whilst the poignancy of saying thank you for a harvest safely gathered in, may now be lost on us by the fact that we can have what we want to eat all year round, there is, nonetheless, a sense of saying thank you at this time of year.

Our Harvest Festival services, whether accompanied by traditional harvest hymns, or modern worship songs, give us the chance to celebrate a constant and daily reality – that God gives us our daily bread. Yet, how good are we at remembering this fact outside of harvest time?

I remember how, a few years ago now, Rev'd John Hellyer the Chair of my previous District, in an almost throw-away line, said that he was more and more convinced that our worship and our prayers should be rooted and grounded in thankfulness.

We say thank you to God for our food and all that we have at Harvest time, but do we suffer from having a kind of selective amnesia for the rest of the year? After all, each day is a new blessing, each new dawn a new gift – yet how do we respond to this? Do we have a sense of thankfulness or do we simply take it for granted?

We know how much we can be disappointed when we do not receive a thank you letter for the carefully chosen gift or present sent, or our efforts and hard work go unacknowledged – how much more God, when we forget to say thank you for all that He continually gives us?

As we once more celebrate the harvest, may we also commit ourselves to continually saying 'thank you' to God for all that we have and for all that He gives us, for indeed we are richly blest.

With love and God Bless,

Keith

Local Preachers' Training Day:

6th October 2018, 10:00 am at **Kidlington Methodist Church.**

Jointly run with the Oxford Circuit. Gather from 9:30 am; bring a packed lunch. Rev Helen Cameron (District Chair) will lead, on the theme of "Preaching and Testimony"

District Study Day:

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

2nd District Study Day with Professor Peter Kevern.

Grave talk: helping congregations to talk about death and mortality

Memorial Service

Our annual sectional Memorial service where we invite those who have been bereaved to come and remember those they love but see no longer, will this year, be held on **Sunday 28th October at Grove Methodist Church at 3:00 pm.**

This service will give us an opportunity to remember with thankfulness those who have died. We will be able to say some prayers, sing a few hymns, light some candles and give thanks to God for them. It will also enable us to bring our present concerns to God and together find comfort and reassurance in the message of hope that is ours.

The service also allows us to remember those who have set us an example and in so many different ways made us who we are today. This service is open to all as together we remember and give thanks for those who have meant so much to us throughout our lives. Our hope is that everyone who comes will find the occasion both meaningful and helpful.

Christian Resources Exhibition - Sandown

The annual CRE exhibition will be held from **Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th October** this year at Sandown Park. The exhibition has "stalls" on church supplies, resources and ideas. The tickets are cheaper if you book in advance (£4). June Grunwald will be going on Thursday 18th October and will have space in her car for 3 more people. If you would like to go with June, please contact her on 01235 760488 or jnurdglaw@live.co.uk.

You can find out more about the CRE exhibition on www.creonline.co.uk.

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.

However, Mary Hancock is stepping down and Andrew moves away in early October, so we still 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

Andrew & Su Lockley

As many of you will know Andrew and Su will be leaving the area shortly to start a new life in Cumbria. Their work in the Circuit and Grove in particular cannot be underestimated and their true contribution will only be fully understood when they have moved and we discover what they did that we did not notice. We all say thank you to them for their care, friendship and leadership and thank you to God for their witness amongst us.

We wish them well as they begin their time in Cumbria and trust they will enjoy good health and happiness in their new community. We will hold them in our prayers.

Some Consequences

All material for inclusion in the December edition of Circuit Exchange should be sent to Gordon Skidmore at wantage.sector.newsletter@gmail.com by 11th 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

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.

We intend that people within the Circuit can use the site to find or disseminate information – as a replacement for the online Circuit Directory, and a central repository for downloadable documents. The local preachers have all been given access, as part of the plan-making tool which was used for the first time last month.

Because of the laws on data privacy, we can only store contact details for those who clearly consent to this, or whose role in the Church requires that they can be contacted. If you would like to be given access, or to share your email and/or phone details with others in the Circuit, especially those holding posts in the Churches, please fill in the form at www.wantab.org.uk/signing-in.html

Marriage and Relationships 2018

Within the Church, people have many views about human relationships and the nature and purpose of marriage. There are fundamental issues in relation to human relationships in the modern world in the life of the church which may or may not lead the Methodist Church to reconsider its understanding of relationships and definition of marriage. These issues include the fact that a major change to the law in 2014 enabled the introduction of same-sex civil marriage, and gave churches and other religious groups the legal ability to opt-in to conduct weddings for same-sex partners if they so wished. But same-sex marriage is not the only consideration.

The Conference in 2014 and subsequently has therefore urged the Methodist people to engage with each other honestly, prayerfully and graciously in a process of deep reflection and discernment about matters relating to marriage and human relationships.

The 2018 Conference directed the Marriage and Relationships Task Group to bring a report to the Conference in 2019 setting out a number of theological arguments and recommendations concerning the most pressing issues in the Church's understanding of relationships and marriage.

The Conference also adopted a Notice of Motion which directed the Task Group to ensure that the recommendations to be brought to the Conference include options for "a way forward that is consistent with the existing commitment to live with contradictory convictions" and enable, amongst other things, "those who feel called by God to solemnise same sex marriages to do so" and "protection for ministers, probationers, members and churches prevented by conscience from participation in such services".

There were several comments in the debates at the Conference that, despite numerous opportunities over many years for consultation about the Church's understanding of relationships and marriage, many individuals and local churches had not engaged much in discussion of the pressing issues. The Task Group is keen to encourage such conversations in every part of the life of the Church in this current connexional year, leading up to the Task Group's presentation of its report to the Conference in 2019.

New Methodist Youth President promises a year of courageousness



Jasmine Yeboah was inducted as the new Youth President of the Methodist Church with a service at St Mark's Methodist Church, Tottenham, London on Saturday 1 September.

Jasmine, herself from Tottenham and a member of St Mark's, will represent thousands of young people across the UK in this important role in the life of the Church.

She has taken up the position of Youth President following an election at last November's 3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly and takes over from Michael Pryke.

In her inaugural address, Jasmine thanked Michael for his work over the past year before moving on to her own priorities and motivations for the year ahead.

Jasmine says: "My focus for the coming year is courageousness and courageous loving. To be loving of yourself, of others and, most importantly, of God. I want to challenge young people to do things differently, to try new things; from writing to your MP and campaigning for change, through to getting sponsored to do something exciting for a charity."

Outgoing Youth President Michael Pryke commented: "My year in office went by in a flash, full of adventures and experiences. My advice to Jasmine, and to all Youth Presidents, is to take time to take it all in and to focus on the goals that will empower young people."

More news from wider Methodism

If you use email, you can sign-up to a variety of newsletters, some more frequent than others, which will keep you up-to-date on other parts of the Connexion.

Go to <http://www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/sign-up-for-e-newsletters>

Wantage & Grove Street Pastors AGM

Tuesday 9th October at 7:30 pm,

Wantage Baptist Church

"Street Pastors: A Celebration of Service"

An act of worship,

incorporating the AGM business,

followed by refreshments.

WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK



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. We are dependent upon donations of food and are staffed by church volunteers.

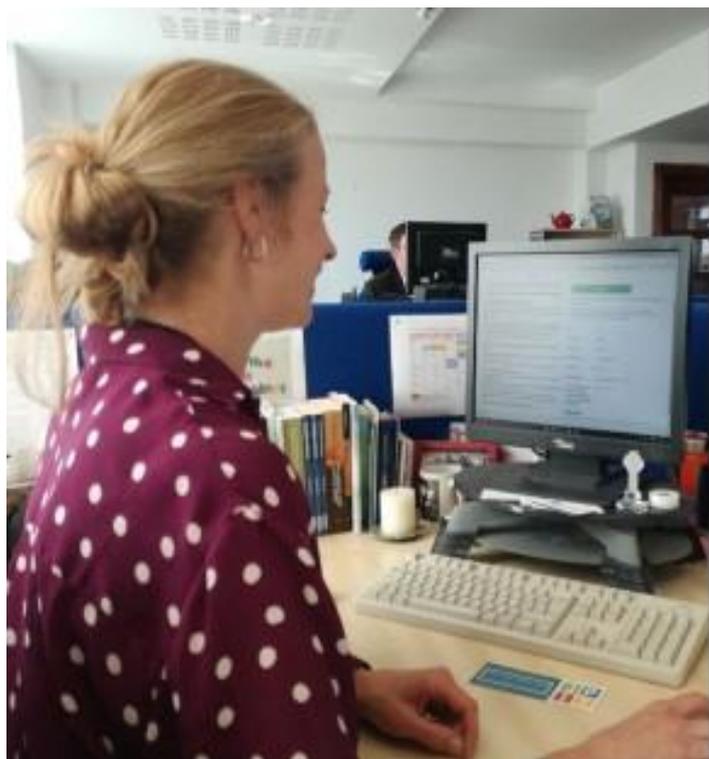
If you wish to donate food there are collection points at: The Independent Advice Centre, Kings bookshop, Wantage & Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Grove. (Or contact your local church).

All food needs to be tinned or packets (with a shelf life of 3-6months if possible). Please remember that we cannot use out of date items or homemade items.

Referrals are made by a number of agencies including: The Butler Centre, The Independent Advice Centre, the Health Centre and local churches. The Food bank is intended to provide short term emergency help to people who find themselves for whatever reason (be it job loss, benefit problems or ill health) unable to feed themselves or their families.

Many thanks for the generous donations of food and money. Both are much appreciated. With Harvest Festival donations, this is now the time of year when stocks will be high so the box in the Wantage chapel vestibule will not be used for a while. Money donations are always welcomed as some items quite often need to be bought – e.g. long life milk and fruit juice. If you would like more information about food bank, Helen Carter would be pleased to hear from you.

www.wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com



Join Rachel Lampard, JPIT Team Leader, in calling on the UK Government to fix Universal Credit. Sign the petition today.

END HUNGER UK

Fix Universal Credit

No one should need to go to bed hungry in the UK

www.endhungeruk.org/universalcredit

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: No lunch this month.

United Services: 11:30 am Rev John Anderson at Childrey Methodist Church

CHILDREY CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY
THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 7:30 PM
SPEAKER : REV ALAN GRIST
CHAIR: REV KEITH UNDERHILL
CHILDREY CHOIR
DIANA & GUY'S MUSIC GROUP
CHILDREY'S USUAL LAVISH REFRESHMENTS
(NO NEED TO HAVE TEA BEFORE YOU COME!)

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

Our **Harvest**, on **30th September**, will be supporting the work of “All We Can” and their “Let your light shine” campaign, which enables communities to be transformed through the use of solar irrigation systems, with a particular focus on Malawi. During our morning service we will be hearing about this amazing work and, among other things, be introduced to Shanu and his young family, and hear how “All We Can” is transforming their lives and the lives of so many others. The evening service will be a Service of Holy Communion.

We invite you to come and share in worship with us.

“All We Can” Harvest Appeal gift aid envelopes are available in church for you to use should you wish to.

Harvest Supper is on **Monday, 1st October** at **7:00 pm** to be followed by the auction of fresh produce. Supper will be jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (Beef chilli, Coronation chicken or Cheese & beans) plus salad, and a choice of dessert (Apple pie/crumble, Ginger Grundy or Fruit Salad). Tickets are £8, available from Lynda Culley in church or contact by email or phone or text. Book your ticket and make your choices **by Friday, 28th September** please. Proceeds are for “All We Can”.

Gifts of dried and tinned produce will be given to the Wantage & Grove Foodbank.

On **Saturday, 6th October** the **Coffee morning**, from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room, is raising funds to support Millie, who is in her second year as a volunteer with Youth for Christ. Our hosts are Peter and Noreen Hemmings. We look forward to seeing you.

Film Plus on **Sunday, 7th October at 4:00 pm** in the Meeting Room.

The film is “He named me Malala”. It will be followed by refreshments and a short act of worship at 6:30 pm led by the stewards, based on themes from the film.

Tuesday Fellowship

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| 2 nd October | Tea and Chat – Church |
| 9 th October | Visit to Wantage Baptist Fellowships’ 83 rd Anniversary Speaker – Mrs Rachel Markham – Bible Society |
| 16 th October | Julie Davies, Knitting Art. Julie has displayed her Knitting Art on TV |
| 23 rd October | Visit from our friend Frances Blood |
| 30 th October | Outing to Cornerstone |

Notice for November: Our Anniversary - Speaker: Barbara Sexton

The **Warmed Hearts group** will meet on **Wednesday, 10th October** at 8:00 pm at 107 Mayfield Avenue, Grove for a session on “What the papers say”. It is always good to see new faces. All are welcome.

Film Club is on **Friday, 19th October** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room and the choice is "**A beautiful mind**" 2001 PG13 2hrs13mins

From the heights of notoriety to the depths of depravity, John Forbes Nash Jr experienced it all. A mathematical genius, he made an astonishing discovery early in his career and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But the handsome and arrogant Nash soon found himself on a painful and harrowing journey of self-discovery. After many years of struggle, he eventually triumphed over his tragedy, and finally, later in life received the Nobel Prize.

Stars: Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly.

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

As I'm sure you are aware, Andrew and Su are moving away very soon. The Film Club has been in existence for five years due to their enthusiasm and commitment to it and we have enjoyed a wide variety of films, chosen by the members, during this time.

Peter Hemmings has agreed to be "projectionist" for the October film. We do need other volunteer "projectionists" to come forward if the Film Club is to continue. **Might you be able to help?**

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, for further details.

"ANIMALS - AGAIN!" Quiz for September & October from Sheila Hall, price 50p. Closing date: Sunday, 21st October.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The Cream teas on 26th August raised £292 for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The September coffee morning raised £162 plus £55.03 on the stall, to buy items for the Link to Hope Family Shoebox Packing Day (21st October).

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

Flower Rota at Grove

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| 7 th October | Sue Stead |
| 14 th October | Judy Thomas |
| 21 st October | Elizabeth Trew |
| 28 th October | Kirsty Bailey |

Transport to Church

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

Church Council meets on **Thursday, 18th October** at 8 pm in the Meeting Room.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2018.

Leaflets are available in church, from Cornerstone or from Jenny Marriott. Closing date for completed boxes is 31st October. The Packing Day is in Old Mill Hall on **Sunday, 21st October**, from 12:30 pm, when they plan to pack 100 Family boxes. Any donations for the Packing Day should be given to John Willemsen or Jenny Marriott as soon as possible please. Offers of help to John Willemsen telephone. Please look on the website www.linktohope.co.uk to find out where last year's boxes went and how much they were appreciated.

John & Margaret Willemsen are having a Coffee Morning at 1, Sycamore Walk, Grove on **Saturday, 6th October** from 10:00 am to 12 noon raising funds to buy things for the boxes, and there will be a stall of various items for a small donation.

GIFT AID

Judy Thomas

I have now received the tax reclaimed from all donations given to Grove Methodist Church for the tax year 2017 - 2018. The main Gift Aid raised £6513.29 and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) raised a further £901.86, making a total of £7415.15.

I would like to thank everyone for giving in this way. We have just raised nearly £7500 without further financial contributions by ourselves.

The main Gift Aid scheme is a simple way of increasing ones giving without cost to oneself as long as one is a tax payer. It can be done on a regular basis through a standing order into the Church's bank account, the weekly envelope scheme, or if you are not part of the weekly envelope scheme, by using the gift aid envelopes available at the door. You will be given a unique number so no names need be put on the envelopes. If you pay tax but do not already participate, and are interested, please see me.

Wantage

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Harvest 2018 and “All We Can”

Our Harvest will once more be supporting the work of 'All We Can' as we focus on their campaign for this year, "Let your light shine" which enables communities to be transformed through the use of solar irrigation systems, with a particular focus on Malawi.

During our Harvest service we will be hearing about this amazing work and among other things, be introduced to Shanu and his young family and how 'All We Can' are transforming their lives and the lives of so many others.

'All We Can' Harvest appeal gift aid envelopes will be available in church nearer the time for you to use should you wish.

We are pleased to be able to say that our church has committed to being a Partner Church with 'All We Can' for a further year. We will continue to support them, pray for them and raise funds for the incredible work they do.

Later in the year, Matthew Forsyth will be able to share with us in worship once more as we celebrate the transformative work of 'All We Can' and the ways in which they bring hope, and change to some of the poorest communities in the world.

We also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jane Kent and Cath and Dave Worth for being our church link with 'All We Can' this past year and if there is anyone who would like to do this for the coming year, please let Keith know ASAP.

Preparations

The church will be open from 10 am on **Saturday 6 October** to receive donations of flowers, foliage and produce for the harvest decorating. We would really welcome offers of help with the decoration. Keith will be also be ready to receive items at the Harvest service on Sunday morning. We will be taking any non-perishable food to Foodbank and it sounds as if their shelves are fairly empty at present. Please make sure items are within date. Thank you for all your help.

Baptism

We give thanks for James Rory Heaver at this time, as his family prepare for his baptism here at church during our 10:30 am service on **Sunday 28th October**. We remember James, his parents Rory and Lucy and all the family in our prayers and look forward to welcoming them to our worship on this special occasion.

Sunday Morning Bible Study.

The September Sunday morning Bible Study will be held on **September 30th** at the usual time of 9 am.

Our monthly morning Bible study for October will be on **Sunday 28th** at 9:00 am in the hall. As we continue our study of the Psalms, Keith will lead us in our reflections on Psalm 10.

As always, everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During September we studied three sessions from a Lifebuilder Bible Study entitled "Heaven, Finding our true home." and Keith came to inspire us in our studies on 18th September.

In October we will continue our study, "Heaven, Finding our true home."

The details of the October dates are as follows:

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| 2 nd October | Run to Win. | 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. |
| | This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting | |
| 9 th October | Practising our praise. | Revelation 4 |
| 16 th October | Welcome to the Party! | Luke 14:7-24 |
| 23 rd October | No Meeting | |
| 30 th October | Working for your Father. | Matthew 25:14-30 |

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 or email or talk to me at Church.

Changes in music for worship

In the summer newsletter we said thank you to June for all that she has done in more than twenty years of leading the music group. We reported that the group was meeting to discuss its future. As a result of that review, the group decided that they wanted to try playing every three weeks as a regular pattern. Up until now, Gill has tried to match the availability of the members of the group to the preacher on the plan, in the hope that we would make best use of the different skills offered by the music group and match them with the sort of music we predicted a given preacher might choose. This meant that rotas often had to come out at the last minute. The new arrangement may or may not work, but we will try it for six, or maybe twelve, months and then review it. It is always good not to be stuck in a rut!

We reiterate what we said in the summer – if anybody is **interested in joining** as either a singer or an instrumentalist, please talk to one of the music group. Rehearsals are usually at 8 pm on the Wednesday before the group is scheduled to play – watch the church notices for dates.

LONGER BIBLE STUDY PROJECTS

Disciple - becoming disciples through Bible study

"An intensive, 34 week, systematic Bible Study Course that will blow your socks off!"

The Disciple Course takes place on **Thursday mornings, 9:30 am - 12 noon** normally in the Parlour.

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| 4 th October | Disciple 5 | God hears the cry |
| 11 th October | Disciple 6 | God sends the law |
| 18 th October | Disciple 7 | When God draws near |
| 25th October | No meeting - half-term | |

PRAYER & PASTORAL

Prayer list

Loving God, we praise you for the beauty of the Autumn and thank you for the bounty of harvest. Lord, you have the whole world in your hands and we too are there. Help us to rejoice in your presence, fulfil your purpose and hold on to your promises. You know the trials and temptations each one of us face; help us faithfully to rely on you and be confident that you hold on to us. We pray that our harvest efforts will go some way to making life a little easier for some. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Alex and family, Doug, Eve, Emily, Carl, Findley, Britzaida, June Hartle, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Mavis Morris (Sister-in-law to Gill and Gordon), Carole, Keith 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 November Newsletter or you want to add anybody please let me know by **19th October** in order for me to meet the newsletter deadline.

Eileen Rennie.

Pastoral - *praying for each other*

In October the following people on **Kelvin Rose's Pastoral List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen Rennie's house-group: Terry Adams, Andrew Barber, Ian Campbell, Margaret and Francis McAlpin, Carolyn Roche, Gordon and Marina Scott, and Carole and John Sturney.

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.

Prisons Sunday 14th October Prayer Leaflets will be available to take home and use during the week.

MISSION & EVANGELISM

Wantage Methodists in 2020

We are starting to plan to celebrate our 175th 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
- + Series of events to raise money for the year's chosen charity
- + Hymns through the decades
- + Specific mission for the year
- + 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.

YOUNG CHURCH

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

It was great to be back at Kids@church for the autumn term. In church we enjoyed listening to the story 'Mayfly Day' and then thought about what we were thankful for and wrote or drew these things on post-its. We also gave everyone the opportunity to take a pebble and think of something that we want to hand over to God (anger, resentment, a situation...) and then as a symbol of that to leave it in a basket on the altar table. We sang 'Bring it all to me' before moving through to the hall for a delicious welcome back breakfast!

Next month we will meet on **Sunday 21st October** and we will be working with clay! Kids@church is an informal, monthly service for children from 9:30 – 10:15 am. We usually start in the church and move through to the hall for a game, craft or cooking. We would love to see you there.

For more information please contact Rev. Keith Underhill on 01235 763321.

YMOSES

Jane Kent

It was great to meet up again after the summer and have three new young people join us, who have just started secondary school.

We listened to a song written and sung by Garth Hewitt called 'All the time' and reflected on and discussed the lyrics in groups. Keith, our minister, joined us and led a simple, informal communion at the end.

In October we are going to Witney Methodist Church to hear the new youth president speak and to attend workshops on the theme of courage.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship

OCTOBER

- 3rd We welcome Jon Colville from the Treloar Trust who will give an illustrated talk about their wonderful work with physically disabled young people.
- 10th John Race will give a talk entitled "Humans and other Thinking Machines, a Personal History of Computing".
- 17th Our friend Geoff Caudle will lead our Harvest meeting.
Please bring your contribution to decorate the Harvest table.
- 24th We are entertaining ourselves with a poetry afternoon.
Please bring a favourite poem, serious or funny, or an amusing cutting from a newspaper. If you don't want to read it aloud somebody will do it for you.
- 31st Rosemary Stanbury's talk is Future Pillars "Empowering Vulnerable Children in Zambia".

Lunches in October:

The two lunches in October will be **Sunday 14th** and **Friday 26th**.
These will commence at 12:15 pm.
Please remember to **sign up for Sunday lunch**.
We look forward to seeing you.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)

Christmas Angels



Only two and a half months to go until our angels are blessed and they are shared with the community in Wantage. We will soon need to make decisions about the messages that they carry on their labels



The Knit & Chat group continues to meet twice a month. We meet in the Parlour so do come and join the group if you enjoy knitting, chatting or drinking tea / coffee. Please feel free to do any sort of knitting (it doesn't have to be angels) or maybe bring some other handicraft that you enjoy doing. I am shortly going to learn to crochet!

The dates for this month are **Monday October 1st** and **Monday October 15th** at 2 pm. If you would like an angel pattern to knit at home then please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you.

Property Points

New Copier / Printer

We are changing the copier in the vestry the day before we print this newsletter. The new copier is capable of printing in colour but access to that mode will need a password. Also it is capable of printing by local Wifi connection direct from a computer. We will share the way to do this along with general training with users during the next few weeks. Please talk to John Carter or Gordon Skidmore if you wish to know more.

Routine Reminders

Please ensure the **fridge** is firmly closed when you have been into it and the **water boiler** is on "standby" when you leave.

When refilling **paper towel dispensers** please ensure the towels are loaded the correct way over. The "flaps" of the towels should be underneath when you load them so that they can be pulled out when used.

Thank you for your support, without which we would struggle to serve all our user groups.

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

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

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The following bookings are in place:

SEPTEMBER

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|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Friday 28 th | Lunchtime | Friday Lunch | Hall/Parlour |
| Saturday 29 th | Day | Chicken & Egg Tea Party | All |

OCTOBER

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| Saturday 6 th | Morning | Private Party | Hall |
| Wednesday 10 th | Morning | School Visit | Chapel |
| | Evening | Property & Finance | Godfrey |
| Saturday 13 th | Morning | Host Abingdon | Hall |
| Friday 26 th | Afternoon | Literary Festival | Chapel |

NOVEMBER

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| Thursday 1 st | Day | Wantage Independent Advice Centre | Hall |
| Thursday 8 th | Evening | NSPPG AGM | Hall |
| Wednesday 14 th | Evening | Church Council | Chapel |
| Saturday 17 th | Afternoon | Wedding | Chapel |
| Wednesday 21 st | Evening | Circuit Leadership Team | Godfrey |
| Saturday 24 th | Afternoon | Private Party | Hall |
| Tuesday 27 th | Evening | Worship Consultation | Parlour |

DECEMBER

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| Sunday 2 nd | Afternoon | Foodbank | Hall |
| Friday 7 th | Evening | Dickensian Evening | Hall |
| Saturday 8 th | Morning | Coffee Morning | Hall |
| Fri/Sat/Sun 7 th – 9 th | | Christmas Tree Festival | Chapel |

Weekly Bookings October 2018

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| 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 | 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

SEPTEMBER

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| Sunday 30 th | 9:00 am | Bible Study at Wantage | p13 |
| | | GROVE HARVEST FESTIVAL | p10 |

OCTOBER

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| Monday 1 st | 2:00 pm | Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour | p17 |
| | 7:00 pm | Grove Harvest Supper | p10 |
| Thursday 4 th | 7:30 pm | Childrey Chapel Anniversary | p 9 |
| Saturday 6 th | 10 am to Noon | Coffee Morning at Grove | p10 |
| | 10:00 am | Local Preachers Training Day at Kidlington | p 4 |
| Sunday 7 th | 10:30 am | Wantage Harvest Festival | p13 |
| | 4:00 pm | Film Plus at Grove | p10 |
| Tuesday 9 th | 7:30 pm | Wantage & Grove Street Pastors AGM | p 7 |
| Wednesday 10 th | 7:30 pm | Wantage Property & Finance | |
| Sunday 14 th | 12:15 pm | Sunday Lunch at Wantage | p17 |
| Monday 15 th | 2:00 pm | Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour | p17 |
| Thursday 18 th | 8:00 pm | Grove Church Council | p11 |
| Friday 19 th | 7:30 pm | Grove Film Club: "A Beautiful Mind" 2001 PG13 | p11 |
| Sunday 21 st | 9:30 am | Kids@Church | p16 |
| Deadline for the November Newsletter | | | |
| Friday 26 th | 12:15 pm | Friday Drop-in Lunch at Wantage | p17 |
| Sunday 28 th | 9:00 am | Bible Study at Wantage | p13 |
| | 3:00 pm | Memorial Service at Grove | p 4 |

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| Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2018 | p12 |
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| Sunday 21 st | 12:30 pm | Packing at Old Mill Hall | |
| Wednesday 31 st | | Closing Date for Completed Boxes | |

NOVEMBER

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| Sunday 11 th | 12:15 pm | Sunday Lunch at Wantage | p17 |
| Wednesday 14 th | 7:30 pm | Wantage Church Council | |
| Tuesday 27 th | 7:30pm | Wantage Worship Consultation | |

Sunday Services – October 2018

| | Childrey | Grove | Wantage |
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| October 7th Ordinary 27 | 11:00 am Frederick Obeng | 10:45 am Barbara Sexton 4:00 pm Film Plus | Harvest Festival 10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill Worship through Harvest |
| October 14th Ordinary 28 Prisons | 11:00 am Helen Carter | 10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev John Anderson 6:30 pm Marlene Chalkley | 9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev John Anderson 10:30 am Barbara Kershaw |
| October 21st Ordinary 29 | 11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill | 10:45 am Valerie Grist 6:30pm Andrew Dixon | 9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Alan Grist |
| October 28th Ordinary 30 | 11;30 am Rev John Anderson United Service | 10:45 am Esther Miller 3:00pm Memorial Service Rev Keith Underhill | 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill Baptism 3:00 pm at Grove |