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

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

Wantage web site www.wantagemethodist.org.uk

Circuit web site www.wantab.org.uk

From the Manse...

This summer, our National Trust membership card was used numerous times as together we explored old familiar properties along with discovering new, previously unvisited ones.

From the interiors of grand houses with their trappings of power, influence and wealth to gardens and parklands with incredible views and vistas, we caught a glimpse of bygone ages and lifestyles very different from our own.

The National Trust was founded as a charity in 1895 by just three people. They recognised the importance of the nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. Those very same values are still to be found at the heart of everything the National Trust does.

Coastlines, forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, nature reserves, villages, historic houses, gardens, mills and pubs and one of the world's largest art collections are all taken care of and looked after by the charity.

We met knowledgeable volunteers who helped to explain and bring to life exhibits and artefacts, each of which told stories of the past

All this got me thinking and poses the question what do we leave behind and what is our legacy? Of course this is not just a personal question that we all have to answer, but also one for the church.

As a new Methodist year begins on 1st September, we are reminded that we will soon be entering the 175th anniversary year of Wantage Methodist Church, the 130th of Grove Methodist Church, the 25th year of the new church building at Childrey as well as celebrating 200 years of Methodist witness in the Vale of the White Horse.

We give thanks to all those whose legacy lives on in and through us – to all those who have gone before us whose faces we still see and whose names we still know.

We remember with gratitude those who have helped to shape not only our churches but our lives as well.

Of course the work of the National Trust is not just about the past and what was, it is also about the present and the future. Enabling visitors today to enjoy the legacy of what has been with a commitment to what is yet to come.

Likewise, as we give thanks for God's blessings in the past, we commit ourselves anew and afresh to work with Him in all that he is doing now and all that He will continue to do.

Love and God Bless

Keith

London to Brighton bike ride final total!

A huge thank you to all those who so kindly and generously sponsored me back in June when along with my friend Deji, I took on the iconic British Heart Foundation's London to Brighton Bike Ride.

The final amount raised (which includes gift aid) is a staggering £1,850! – Thank you so very much.

Keith

Saints Alive



District REIMAGINE Conference 
5th Oct 2019 10am - 3.30pm (doors open 9.30am)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TREY HALL

Since 2000 Trey has helped establish and lead new churches in the UK & the US. He has served as Mission Advisor for the Birmingham District, as well as coaching scores of practitioners renewing inherited forms of church or launching fresh expressions of church. In June 2018 he was appointed as the Connexional Director of Evangelism and Growth to The Methodist Church in Britain

Discussions & Workshops including:



- Connecting with your community
- Chaplaincy on new housing estates
- Models for new churches
- Evangelism
- Together Missions
- and more to follow



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE and find out further information please visit
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=59889769914>

The Methodist Church
Northampton District
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The Circuit initiative for each church to consider its future strategy led All Saints 'Mission Action' group to decide to have a Local Mission Weekend under the strap-line Saints Alive to consider its mission to the people who live on its doorstep. We have secured Methodism's newly appointed Connexional Director of Evangelism and Growth, Rev Trey Hall, to be the keynote speaker. Our initiative came to the attention of Rev Jill Marsh, District Mission Enabler, who many of you will know, and Saints Alive has now grown into a high-profile District event.

The event will be held at All Saints on **Saturday 5th October** from 10 am to 4 pm. Because this is now a District event and All Saints can only seat 130/140 people, attendance may need to be limited and will have to be pre-booked. There will be no cost but you should put the date in your diaries if you wish to attend. We have reserved 30 to

40 places for All Saints and the Circuit, the remainder will be bookable on an on-line booking site. If Local Preachers and other members of our Circuit want to attend, you need to **book a place** with Paul Williams. Paul urges you to reserve a place soon as they may quickly be snapped up.

His contact details: phone 01235 524654 or email, williamspaul819@gmail.com.

Rev Trey Hall will be the preacher at the morning service at All Saints on the **6th October**, the Sunday following the meeting.

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Youth



A new group for the young people
in our Circuit

Activities, crafts, games, discussions
and tea together

Sun 22nd Sept 4.00 – 6.30pm at Didcot
Sun 27th Oct 4.00 – 6.30pm at Wallingford
Followed by worship at 6.30pm

More details from Rev'd Jocelyn Bennett
01235 813242 / 07967 735492 joss@jbennett.org

What is a Community Chaplain?

Probably, one of the questions we get asked most often is "what is a Community Chaplain"? For some, the word 'chaplain' is a known, for some 'community', and for some, the combination of both words is a bit confusing. Chaplains are people (often with a faith) who spend a lot of time engaging with people on the edges of society or church, and listen to their stories. We try to be a friendly face, a known person, and approachable, so when the challenges of life sneak up, as they so often do, we can be there to support you at your time of greatest need, and where appropriate, refer you to the best place to get the help you need.

We're community chaplains, because unlike most chaplains in the country, we're not based in a specific school or statutory agency, but are chaplains to all who "live, work and play" (to borrow Taylor Wimpey's strapline) at Great Western Park in Didcot. In practice, this means we regularly visit schools (both primary and secondary), shops, pubs, uniformed groups and statutory agencies that operate in this new-build area.

We're also community chaplains because without the support of the wider church and secular community, we don't get anywhere. We need your prayers, your encouragement, your sharing of the emerging chaplaincy story, and for those of you with a bit of time on your hands and a passion to serve the people of GWP, your offer of an hour a week or fortnight to come alongside us and share God's love with those who need it most.

Libby & Sarah

Centre for Reflection at Aston Tirrold

The following are events being held at the centre in September and October. Various members of our church have been to events in the past and have enjoyed the experience.

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

CREATIVE REPAIR WORKSHOP WITH REV DR ANNE HOLMES.

Rev Anne Holmes who has recently completed a professional doctorate in Practical Theology on the role of the creative arts in sustaining ministry, will lead us in the ideas around the concept and meditative experience of creative repair. Please bring any ongoing project e.g., knitting, sewing or craft work. Cost: £20 including light lunch.

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

QUIET GARDEN TRUST DAY.

Please join us for another quiet day at the Centre — time for reflection in the garden or to walk the footpaths in Aston Tirrold. Cost: £15 including light lunch.

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 10:30 am — 12:30 pm

ECKHART TOLLE — IN THE PRESENCE OF A GREAT MYSTERY.

Please join me to listen to the first part of this recording. In simple language and with quiet humour, Eckhart Tolle explores the profound mystery of who we are, presenting the problem we face as human beings particularly supporting who we think we are with endless thoughts and habitual patterns. Cost including light refreshments — donation.

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 10:30 am — 12:30 pm

ECKHART TOLLE — IN THE PRESENCE OF A GREAT MYSTERY.

Please join me to listen to the second part of this recording.

Please book any of the above events through the Centre. 01235 850423; coordinator@reflect.freeuk.com

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

Circuit Events

4th September CLT Meeting, 7:30 pm, Milton Methodist Church

12th September Circuit Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trinity Church Abingdon

14th September District Synod, Milton Keynes

1st October Local Preachers' Meeting, 7:30 pm, Grove Methodist Church

5th October Saints Alive, District REImagine Conference, 10 - 3:30, All Saints Methodist Church

Circuit Website - www.wantab.org.uk

The **website** exists 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.

Email: wacctxchange@gmail.com or Tel: 07710 214601

A report for local churches about the business of the 2019 Methodist Conference : Conference Business Digest

The 2019 Methodist Conference, Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham:

Presbyteral Session: 27 – 28 June

Representative Session: 29 June – 4 July

www.methodist.org.uk/conference2019/

Presidential addresses

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson was inducted as President and Prof Clive Marsh as Vice-President of the Conference. 'So What's the Story...?' was the theme chosen by the President for her address, with the Vice-President exploring 'Pleasure, piety and politics' in his address.

- You can read the President's address in full here: (bit.ly/PresAddress19)
- You can read the Vice-President's address in full here: (bit.ly/VPAddress19)

Ordinations of presbyters and deacons

Twenty-two presbyters and four deacons were received into Full Connexion on Sunday morning during Conference Worship, along with seven presbyters by transfer, and one by reinstatement.

Later that day ordination services took place in four venues across the region.

The Theology and Ecclesiology underpinning the Diaconate and the Methodist Diaconal Order

The Conference adopted this major report brought by the Faith and Order Committee. The report emphasises that deacons are ministers of the Church, focusing and representing a ministry of witness and service. The Conference reaffirmed that the Methodist Diaconal Order is a religious order open only to those who are deacons in Full Connexion with the Conference and that all Methodist deacons are also required to be members of the Methodist Diaconal Order. The report explored the broad ministry of proclamation as it is exercised by deacons and affirmed that preaching is part of the ministry of deacons, making proposals for how that will be worked out in practice.

Connexional finances and allowances

The Conference received the Statement of Connexional Finances for 2017/2018 and adopted the Connexional Central Services Budget for three years commencing with 2019/2020, which covers all planned income to, and expenditure from, the connexionally-held funds that are administered via the Methodist Council. The budget for income in 2019/2020 is £36.2m and the expenditure £41.2m, a net deficit of over £5m. This reflects a deliberate policy of reducing reserves on some funds by releasing additional amounts for grants.

The Methodist Church Fund assessment for 2019/2020 is budgeted at £13.7m, in line with a previous decision to restrict increases to 1% per annum. The Conference further agreed to restrict increases for the three years commencing September 2020 to a fixed amount of 1% per annum.

Using the formula agreed by the Conference, the level of increase in the standard stipend will be 2.8% to £24,852.

The Conference considered a review of the preaching fee for supernumerary presbyters, agreeing that the fee should be retained for the foreseeable future (remaining at £25 for two years until August 2021, at which point the amount will be reviewed). Further to the report concerning the preaching ministry of deacons, the Conference agreed that the preaching fee should also be applicable to supernumerary deacons with effect from September 2020.

3Generate

Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President, reflected on her presidential theme, encouraging young people to step outside of their comfort zone to do something courageous for Christ. In an address to the Conference, Jasmine spoke of the priority for the Church to listen to the voices of children and young people. A manifesto has been developed which includes taking action on homelessness, building relationships within communities, supporting the lonely, caring for the environment, creating safe spaces for people to listen to each other and being creative in worship. The Conference urged Local Churches actively to engage with the 3Generate manifesto, by including it on Church Council agendas and committing to intentional actions as a response. The manifesto is available at www.methodist.org.uk/3genmanifestos

The Methodist Council

The Council is charged with responsibility to keep in constant review the life of the Church, to study its work and witness throughout the Connexion, to advise on changes to make the work of the Church more effective, and to give it spiritual leadership.

Along with other matters detailed in this Digest, the Council reported to the Conference and received its approval as necessary for the following:

- the adoption of a connexional financial strategy and a connexional property strategy (available for download from www.methodist.org.uk/property);
- a change in focus for the work of One Mission from a connexional Forum to connexional support for events in Districts which will enable a broader engagement with One Mission thinking, resources and inspiration more locally;
- an encouragement to churches to increase their awareness of human trafficking and what they can do to prevent it.

The Conference received a report from the Council in relation to practical strategies for implementing a connexional approach to vocations. The Conference also accepted a memorial from the Bolton and Rochdale District which requested that the relevant officers be given the resources and time to explore this area as a matter of urgency. The Conference heard from the Secretary of the Conference, who emphasised the importance of vocational conversations and the need for boldness in talking with others about the call that God places upon our lives.

The Conference agreed to create a Global Relationships Committee, to be appointed by the Council who will also set its terms of reference. The Committee will advise and support the Connexional Team in overseeing the implementation, development and monitoring of the strategy of expressing One Mission through our global relationships.

Reaffirming Our Calling

The Conference received a report celebrating some of the ways in which the reaffirmation of Our Calling has shaped the life and work of the Methodist Church during the 2018/2019 connexional year. The Conference explored in workshops the implications for the Church of this renewed focus on Our Calling by reimagining structures of decision-making and the developing of an emerging strategy of evangelism and growth.

Action for Children

The Deputy Chief Executive of Action for Children made a striking presentation to the Conference, marking the 150th year of the charity's support for children, young people and families. In response, the Conference encouraged all Methodists to write to their local MPs to express their concerns about the ongoing plight of children in the UK.

Marriage and Relationships

Following debates held on Monday 1 July and Wednesday 3 July, the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group was commended to the Connexion for study and prayerful discussion. Provisional resolutions were passed on the qualities of good relating, an understanding of cohabitation, celebration of civil partnerships, prayers following the end of a marriage and permission for same-sex marriages to take place in Methodist Churches. These will be voted on by District Synods during the year, and a report will be brought to the 2020 Conference based on those responses. A clause has been included in the proposals that no one would have to officiate at a same-sex marriage if they feel prevented by their conscience. Resources will be available (by emailing MandR@methodistchurch.org.uk) for churches to facilitate discussion of the report.

Housing and Homelessness

The Conference received a report setting out the actions taken since the 2018 Conference expressed its concern about the crisis in housing and homelessness. The Conference commended the work being taken by churches and communities across the Connexion to support people experiencing homelessness and to provide housing and combat the housing crisis. The Conference agreed to encourage Circuits and Districts to consider increasing the social impact of property in local mission and how property might play a part in a holistic housing strategy of reduction, respite, recovery and reconnection. The Conference urged Her Majesty's Government to accelerate its targets to eliminate rough sleeping, allow local authorities to build more housing and to enable the building of more genuinely affordable homes as a means of building stronger and more cohesive communities.

Climate Emergency

In 2011, the Conference adopted Hope in God's Future, which set out a Methodist understanding of the challenges facing our global ecology and the theological and ethical implications, as a Statement of the Judgment of the Conference. The Conference heard that since then, both the scientific evidence and the global ambition for action have developed further. The Council reported to the Conference that it had

endorsed proposals for the development of Eco Circuits and Eco Districts along with the Eco Church awards.

The Conference received a memorial from the Bristol District, which highlighted the need for urgent action on climate change.

Recognising the climate emergency, the Conference endorsed the need for urgent action. The Conference also adopted a notice of motion concerned with reducing the use of plastic.

The Unfinished Agenda

The Conference spent some time discussing matters relating to equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). The Council reported on the EDI Symposium which had taken place in March 2019, and the work still to be done to increase participation and inclusion. Concerns were expressed about procedures relating to incidents of hate or unlawful discrimination and the ways in which EDI issues are dealt with in stationing processes. These will be discussed by the Methodist Council in the year ahead.

Memorials

Memorials are messages from Circuit Meetings and District Synods to the Conference. They play a vital part in enabling the Conference to hear and to respond to concerns from across the Connexion. This year the Conference considered and replied to 56 Memorials on topics including: safeguarding training, marriage and relationships, Israel/Palestine and a proposal for a year of prayer.

Notices of Motion

The Conference debated and adopted a variety of Notices of Motion (items of business put forward during the Conference) including: the role of the Youth President, reviewing the complaints and discipline processes and support for refugees including support for the Lift the Ban campaign which seeks to make it possible for those seeking asylum to work.

The 2020/2021 President and Vice-President

The Conference designated the Revd Richard Teal to be President and Mrs Carolyn Lawrence to be Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2020/2021.

Appointments

The Conference appointed the Revd Dr Jonathan R Hustler as Secretary of the Conference and the Revd Ruth M Gee as Assistant Secretary for the connexional year 2019/2020. These appointments will enable the Council to oversee a process of discernment during the ensuing connexional year, and to bring nominations for new appointments to the 2020 Conference.

The Conference appointed the Revd Dr David Hinchliffe as Chair for the South East District from 1 September 2019 and the Revd Dr James N Tebbutt as Chair for the Cumbria District from 1 September 2019.

Future dates of the Conference

The Methodist Conference will meet in Telford from 25 June – 2 July 2020

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Joint Public Issues Team News

No-Deal Brexit

24th July 2019

An open letter to the new Prime Minister from leaders of 7 Christian denominations expresses concern that failing to agree a deal on Brexit will “hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed”.

The Church leaders say they have been “compelled” to write to the new Prime Minister because of his position that leaving the European Union without a deal is acceptable.

The letter states that “At a time when increasing numbers of families have difficulties putting enough food on the table, we believe it is irresponsible to consider a course of action that is expected to make that situation worse”.

The Church leaders say that “It is notable that assurances about our ability to cope with a no-deal Brexit, while frequent, are yet to be supported by substantial evidence” and ask the Government to publish evidence of the impact a no-deal Brexit on disadvantaged communities.

The letter also invites the Prime Minister to visit one of the many social actions projects run by churches to support millions of citizens who live in poverty.

The letter is signed by leaders from the Methodist Church of Great Britain, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Unions of Great Britain, Scotland and Wales, the Church of Scotland, the Salvation Army, Quakers in Britain and the Scottish Episcopal Church, which together have approximately 700, 000 members.

Specific concerns over food supply, pricing as well as availability of medical supplies and energy are raised in the letter.

The letter warns that, in the event that a deal is not reached, “In essence, the Government will be relying on the hope that our former EU partners are willing to co-operate even without an agreement – a huge gamble to take with the basic needs of our poorest citizens and communities.”

The full text of the letter is here:

Dear Mr Johnson

As Churches, we have a particular care and concern for the people in our society who are locked in poverty. Around the country, local churches are helping families to cope with the rising tide of poverty. Projects range from simple coffee mornings run by a few volunteers, to large projects such as foodbanks, homeless support, employment advice and debt counselling.

With this in mind, we are compelled to write expressing our urgent concern about your position that leaving the European Union without a deal is acceptable. Advice and data from multiple reputable sources, including the UK Government, indicate that failing to agree a deal will hit those held back by poverty very hard indeed.

The UK imports 10,000 shipping containers of food from the EU each day. These containers are part of long and complex integrated supply chains. Even minor

disruptions to this chain have in the past rapidly had serious consequences. A no-deal Brexit will cause a huge and potentially crippling disruption. Government and many other reputable sources highlight the immediate risk of shortages and price rises. Over the longer term they point to the costs of new and less fluid supply chains increasing food bills for families.

Last year our partner, Trussell Trust, which represents around half of the UK's foodbanks, gave out a record-breaking 1.6 million 3-day supplies of food. At a time when increasing numbers of families have difficulties putting enough food on the table, we believe it is irresponsible to consider a course of action that is expected to make that situation worse.

It is also unclear how a wide range of other vital products and services will continue to be delivered in the event of a no-deal Brexit. Government, industry and charity sources indicate potential problems with both energy and medical supplies.

The UK Government's no-deal planning documents highlight that many of the difficulties caused by a no-deal Brexit can only be tackled in collaboration with the EU. The Cabinet Office states that for many issues we must seek accommodations with the EU which are "not within the UK's gift to unilaterally control or mitigate". In essence, the Government will be relying on the hope that our former EU partners are willing to cooperate even without an agreement – a huge gamble to take with the basic needs of our poorest citizens and communities.

The impacts of a no-deal Brexit are at best highly uncertain, and at worst deeply worrying. Our view that it would put at risk the welfare and safety of the poorest communities in the UK is formed on the basis of the best available evidence, including our presence in local communities in every part of the UK. It is notable that assurances about our ability to cope with a no-deal Brexit, while frequent, are yet to be supported by substantial evidence.

Evidence-free dismissals of well-founded concerns are at this stage both dangerous and inappropriate. Your Government's willingness to embrace a no-deal Brexit places upon it a responsibility to demonstrate that the most vulnerable in our communities, those locked in poverty, will not be harmed.

We ask that your Government urgently publishes its current evidence on the impact of a no-deal Brexit on disadvantaged communities. We would also be pleased to welcome you to one of our many projects to hear from those who a no-deal Brexit may most impact.

Rather than being absent from the debate, this evidence and these communities should be at the heart of our debates around Brexit.

We assure you of our prayers as you take up this challenging new role.

Yours sincerely

Revd Nigel Uden, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church
Mr Derek Estill, Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church
Professor Clive Marsh, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference
Revd Dr Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Revd Dr Richard Frazer, Convenor of the Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland
Rev Lynn Green, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain
Rev Alan Donaldson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
Parchedig/Reverend Judith Morris, Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol/General Secretary, Undeb Bedyddwyr Cymru/Baptist Union of Wales
Most Revd Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church
Commissioner Anthony Cotterill, Territorial Commander, The Salvation Army
Paul Parker, Recording Clerk for Quakers in Britain
Elizabeth Slade, Chief Officer General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches

Greenbelt

Over the August bank holiday, some of the JPIT bunch have been at Greenbelt festival. For those of you who were there also, you were invited to the URC tent for our conversations on Islamophobia, Poverty and Immigration. Perhaps we might also have seen you in The Foundry, sponsored by The Methodist Church, for a cuppa and a conversation too.

Changing the Conversation around **Immigration** – Saturday 10-11am

Changing the Conversation around **Islamophobia** – Sunday 8-9pm

Changing the Conversation around **Poverty** – Monday 10-11am

Campaigns

Alcohol continues to cause substantial harm and grief to families and communities across the UK. Alcohol-related illness, injuries and death rates remain unacceptably high throughout the country. However, budgets for alcohol treatment have been massively cut. Currently, only one in five people in England who need treatment are getting the support they need. That's why the Alcohol Health Alliance are asking the government to increase alcohol duty by 2% above inflation in this year's budget. This would help save lives and repair families, and would be cheaper for the taxpayer in the long run, by avoiding higher costs down the line. Find out more and add your support here. (<https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW5-1/c.aspx>)

After Brexit, there are proposals for a system called **ISDS (Investor-State Dispute Settlement)** to be introduced into courts. It's argued that ISDS will help countries attract more foreign investment, but rather than doing this it has in the past given big businesses a powerful tool to challenge policies in the public interest. This can be particularly detrimental to poorer countries. That's why Tradecraft Exchange are calling on the government to 'stop rolling out the red carpet' for big businesses. You can read more about this and add your support here. (<https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW6-1/c.aspx>)

Dates for the diary

1st September - 4th October - Creation Time. Find resources on the CTBI website [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW7-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW7-1/c.aspx)

Find resources from Season of Creation [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW8-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW8-1/c.aspx)

17th - 23rd September - World week for peace in Palestine and Israel. Find out more [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW9-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINW9-1/c.aspx)

22nd September - Peace Sunday. Find resources [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWA-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWA-1/c.aspx)

29th September - 5th October - Good Money Week. Find out more [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWB-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWB-1/c.aspx)

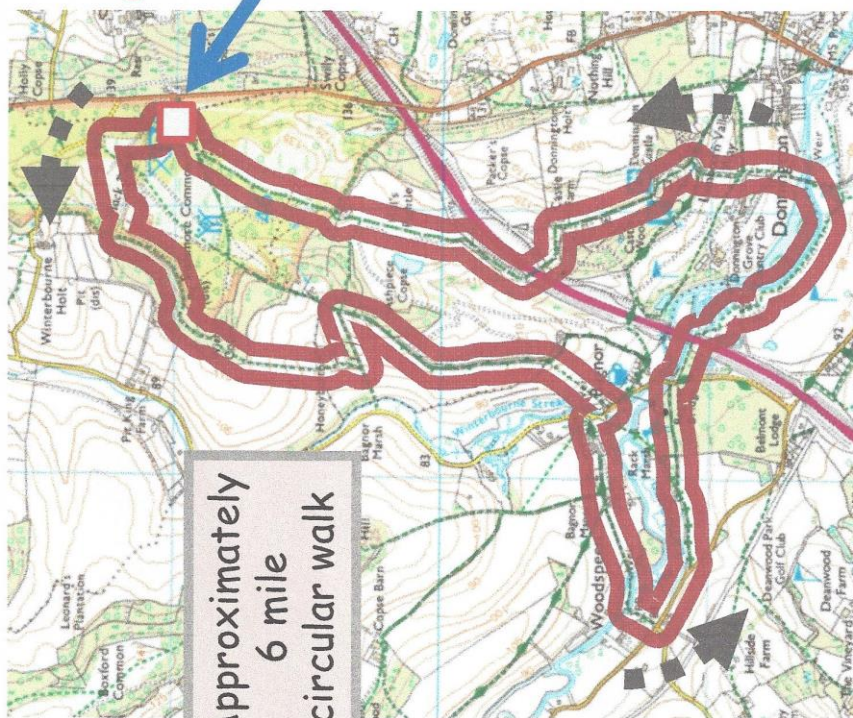
30th September - Join community sponsorship groups in Scotland to share your ideas, experiences and thoughts on community sponsorship. Find out more [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PKLIU-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PKLIU-1/c.aspx)

13th October - Homeless Sunday. Find out more [here](https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWC-1/c.aspx). (https://jointpublicissues-news.org.uk/1MV9-6FFNS-9YVIUC-3PINWC-1/c.aspx)

Sponsored Walk in aid of Pilgrim Homes

11AM Saturday 21st September 2019

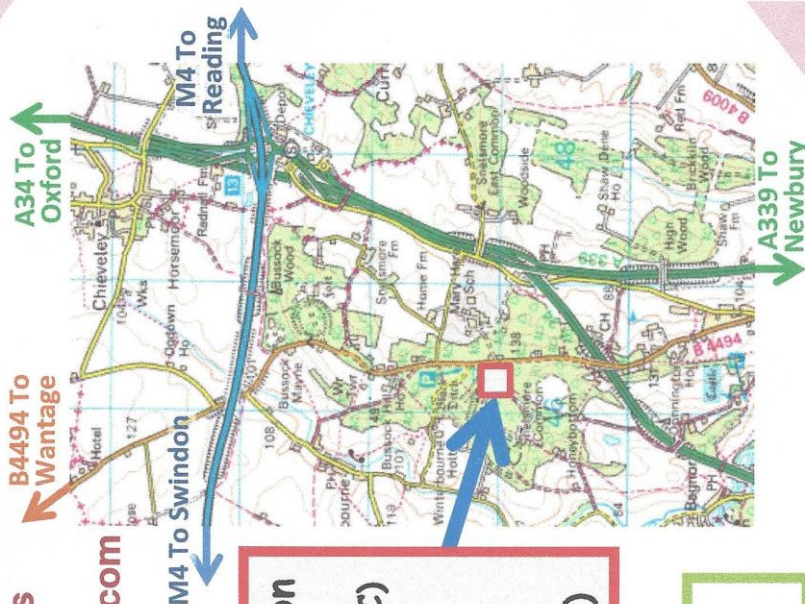
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**Bring a picnic
to eat en-route**



**Please note:- Good walking shoes or boots are strongly recommended as the route is of mixed terrain
Dogs to be kept on a lead and children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult**

Pilgrim Homes
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Tel: 0300 303 1400 Fax: 0300 303 1415 Email: info@pilgrimshomes.org.uk
www.pilgrimshomes.org.uk
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Pilgrims' Friend Society Registered Charity Number 242266





Wantage and Grove
Church Partnership

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday September 26th 2019
From 7:30pm

**Wantage Methodist Church,
Newbury Street, Wantage,
OX12 8DA**

Guest Speaker

Hannelie Watkins

**Speaking as a debt money coach for
Christians Against Poverty**



How it all started

With a small donation and big faith, John Kirkby started Christians Against Poverty in 1996. He believed God was calling him to sacrifice his career in finance and use his knowledge of the industry to help the poor.

ALL WELCOME
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

For further information please contact your WGCP Representative or Marci Sandels
07788 712702

Wantage and Grove Foodbank

Dear Foodbank Volunteers and Churches of Wantage, Grove & Surrounding Villages

Please find below the Wantage & Grove Foodbank Newsletter for July 2019. If you have any questions or comments please do email us at

wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com .

Firstly, thank you for all your support over the past few months - whether that be in giving time to deliver parcels, collect food, organise shelves, or donations of money or food, and of course your prayers. We are immensely grateful for all the support we receive. As a reminder, if you do give money we are now able to gift aid it – if you are eligible – gift aid forms are available from our treasurer Debbie Hooker – again email the foodbank if you would like one. (And a reminder: please make cheques payable to Wantage & Grove Foodbank).

May was a bumper month where we delivered 54 parcels - our busiest month since we started nearly 10 years ago!! And whilst this is great that we can serve and bless our community in this way – demonstrating the love of God practically it presents us with some challenges.

Please could you pray and ask in your churches for the following:

MORE VOLUNTEERS - we are really stretched at the moment and could particularly do with help on Mondays and on Friday afternoons (but there are gaps on other days too). We usually ask volunteers to commit to a fortnightly delivery slot – they would always be with another person – or perhaps two friends could volunteer together even if people would like to try it out for a few months they would be a huge blessing.

WEEKLY SHOPPER – currently our donations of food are not keeping up with our deliveries – we need someone who would be willing to shop for us on a regular basis (and perhaps help label and shelve the food too).

PHONE VOLUNTEER - having an extra person to man the foodbank phone would be a great blessing to the team. Full support and training would be given.

If you know anyone who might be interested please encourage them to get in touch.

HARVEST

We will be send out a newsletter with harvest requests shortly - if you would like one of those for your church please let me know.

D on behalf of the Foodbank Committee

Wantage and Grove **STREET PASTORS**

INVITE YOU TO OUR



Curry & Quiz Night

Saturday 21 September 2019

Wantage Methodist Church

7.30 pm

£8 per person

**Includes meal and soft drink
Teams of up to 6 people max**

**Book your team in now!
07554 655 594**

**wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk
www.wantageandgrove.streetpastors.org.uk
facebook.com/wantageandgrovestreetpastors**

Fundraising for Street Pastors

Everyone is invited to our Quiz and Curry evening on Saturday 21st September, including your friends and neighbours!

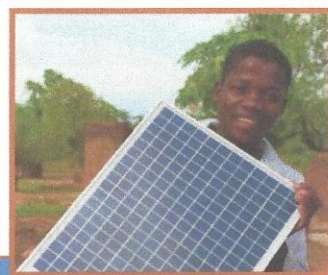
Previous similar events have been very enjoyable.

Form a team if you like, and let Nigel know at 07554 655 594; or if you're not yet a team let him know and he will find one for you.

For any who don't eat curry, alternatives will be available; please let Nigel know if you have any particular dietary restrictions.

Sunshine Tea Party

whatever the weather!



In aid of
RAYS OF HOPE

providing solar irrigation
for farmers in Malawi

Homemade
Cakes

WANTAGE METHODIST HALL
Newbury/Church St

Sat Sept 28th
3-5pm

Sandwiches

Scones
Jam and
Cream

A project undertaken by

**ALL
WE
CAN**

Methodist
relief and
development

Tickets £7.50

Available from

Eileen tel: 224284

or

Margaret tel: 798502

Cake Stall
Raffle
Music

Sunshine
Bonnet
Competition

Churches for Mission and the Community

A Forum for Friends of Churches and Chapels

Dorchester Abbey, September 28th 2019
all denominations welcome

Programme

Registration: from 9:30 (dedicated parking available nearby)

Introductions (10:00)

Plenary I

The Importance of Friends of Churches

Sir Tony Baldry TD DL (Church Estates Commissioner 2010-15)

Sustainability of Churches

Dr David Knight (Senior Church Buildings Officer, C of E)

Refreshments

Workshop I

Plenary II

The National Churches Trust: support for churches & chapels

Nigel Mills (NCT Church Support Officer)

Buffet Lunch

Workshop II

Panel Discussion

with Bernard Taylor DL (Chair of the 2017 Review of the Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals), Sir Tony Baldry and other presenters

Close and Evening Prayer (3:30)

Workshops

Leaders with experience in each area will support discussion and foster an exchange of ideas. Participants will be asked to select two topics from:-

- Setting up Friends Organisations
- Practical help from your community
- Major projects in small churches: what they can achieve - experiences of two Churchwardens
- Project planning: key tasks and the order to do them in
- Quinquennial inspections: a users' guide
- Fundraising
- Make your church a place of pilgrimage for schools
- Moving on in faith: using your building to support the church's mission

Tickets (£10 including lunch) available at ohct.org.uk/events/



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Churches Trust
*Supporting Oxfordshire's
Churches since 1964*



DORCHESTER
ABBAY

Childrey

Tear Fund Lunch: to be advised.

United Service: **Harvest Festival, 22nd September, 3 pm
at St Mary's**

Chapel Anniversary

On **Thursday 17th October at 7:30 pm**, we will be celebrating our Chapel Anniversary. The service will be led by Rev Leonora Hill and the preacher will be Rev Helen Cameron, the Chair of the Northampton District.

The Village Choir will be singing and Diana & Guy Woodhouse will provide the music. This will be a special occasion as it marks the 25th Anniversary of the opening of our current church building.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us! Tea to follow.

Childrey Conversations – engaging with contemporary issues.....

Thursday evenings in November at 7:30 pm.

More details soon!!

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

'Film Plus' returns this month after a short break on Sunday 8th September at 4:00 pm with the showing of "The Bucket List" (cert 12).

We are experimenting with a slightly different format for Film Plus over the next three months. Each film will still begin at 4:00 pm, followed by some discussion, tea and biscuits and then straight into a short act of worship. All of this will take place in the meeting room.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Theme preaching on the Lord's Prayer

Starting on 13th October there will be a four-week theme preaching series on "the Lord's Prayer" during the morning services. These will be led for us by Keith, Carol, Ian and Peter respectively.

You are invited to a **Coffee morning** on **Saturday, 7th September** in the Meeting Room from 10 am till 12 noon. Kath and Jock Gourlay are our hosts. Proceeds from the morning are for Alzheimer's Research UK.

We will be pleased to see you.

Tuesday Fellowship.

September 3rd & 10th To be announced

17th Gill & Gordon Skidmore will talk about the NLMS Music Summer School

24th Libby Bolton

Warmed Hearts house group will meet on **Wednesday, 18th September** at 8 pm at 2 Collinsmith Drive, Grove. We will be studying session 3 of "Life on the frontline", "The Frontline Community". We have a time of fellowship and discussion together and new faces are always welcome to join us.

Contact Peter Hemmings (01235 762504) for more information.

The Film Club will be showing "**Edie**" on **Friday, 20th September** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. 102mins 12a 2018

83 year old Edie believes that it is never too late – packing an old camping bag, leaving her life behind and embarking on an adventure she never got to have – climbing the imposing Mount Suliven in Scotland.

Cast: Sheila Hancock, Kevin Guthrie, Amy Mason

Admission is free. Tea/coffee & biscuits 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

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

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

Dates ahead:

The next **Worship Consultation Meeting** is on **Wednesday, 2nd October** at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room. We invite you to come along and share in the discussion and planning of our worship for the months ahead. All welcome.

We will be celebrating **Harvest weekend** on **6th and 7th October**.

Thank you to everyone who supports or arranges various events.

The proceeds of the July coffee morning for 'MHA' were £103.30.

The August Coffee morning for Link to Hope's 'A Future Changed' project raised £112.60, which will be put towards buying and equipping school bags for children from the shanty town who are moving up from the Kindergarten to 'real' school.

December is still available for 2019. If you are willing to take on this date please speak to Peter Hemmings (tel:762504). Thank you.

Flower Rota

1 st September	Liz Trew	22 nd September	Kath Gourlay
8 th September	Kirsty Bailey	29 th September	Lois Greenhalgh
15 th September	Lynda Culley		

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

Worship through...baptism

Our service on Sunday 1st September at 10:30 am will include the baptism of Louis William Munro-Smith. We hold Louis, his parents Georgia and Michael and all the family in our prayers as they prepare for this special occasion.

Church Membership

We are delighted to say that we will be welcoming a large number of people into church membership later this month (we are working towards 22nd September). This will be through transfer from other denominations as well as by confirmation and reception into membership. This is of course very exciting and encouraging.

If anyone else is interested in becoming a church member or finding out more about what it means and entails, please have a word with Keith as soon as possible. It's not too late!

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival service this year is on **Sunday 29th September** when we will be using the material from All We Can. This will also mark our third year of being a partner church with All We Can as they seek to bring help and hope to some of the poorest communities in the world.

This year's theme is "Deepen your roots" and celebrates how lives in Ethiopia are being transformed by the power of potatoes.

How spud-tacular! A short video about this transformative initiative can be found on the home page of our church website.

All We Can's Harvest Gift-aid envelopes will be available soon.

Bible Study

The 9:00 am last Sunday of the month Bible study returns this month on **Sunday 29th September** in the parlour – we will be continuing our theme of the parables of Jesus.

Tuesday Afternoon House Group

In July we studied a further session of our study of Christian Character, before starting on four weeks on Bible Month studying Colossians. The first week of this we spent at St. Mary's Convent on our Annual Day for Quiet Reflection spending the morning on a general overview of Colossians and the afternoon on the material for Week 1. We met the first week in August for our Monthly Prayer Meeting, to listen and view events from Luccia's John O'Groats to Lands End walk, have afternoon tea and discuss future topics for studying.

We start back after the short Summer break on 3rd September when we will continue studying Christian Character.

The details for September are as follows:

- 3rd Christian Character Session 9 : Developing a Godly Self-Image
Exodus 3:1-15 and Exodus 4:1-17
This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 10th Christian Character Session 10 : Using Your Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12:4-26
- 17th Christian Character Session 11 : Greatness Through Humility
Mark 10:32-45
- 24th Christian Character Session 12 : Called to Persevere
2 Timothy 1:8-2:7

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

From Sunday 1st September we have several blanks on the flower rota until the Harvest Festival weekend on 29th. Those flowers will stay in place for two weeks, but from 13th October we also have blanks throughout the rest of that month.

Please sign up on the rota list in the hall corridor, or let me know if you are able to cover any of those weeks. Remember too that flowering pot plants are fully acceptable, so arranging cut flowers doesn't have to be part of the commitment.

With many thanks to everyone who has provided or offered flowers already, and in hopeful anticipation of more offers for the weeks ahead!

Ann

Sept.	1 st			20 th	Diane Barton	
	8 th			27 th	Gill & Gordon	
	15 th					
	22 nd	Julie Horton		Nov.	3 rd	Helen Carter
	29 th	Harvest			10 th	Eileen Rennie
					17 th	
Oct.	6 th				24 th	Julie Horton
	13 th	Valerie Broadbent		Dec.	1 st	Pam Leake

YOUNG CHURCH

Kids@Church

Jane Kent

We will meet at church on **Sunday 15th September** 9:30 – 10:15 am.

K@c is a monthly, informal service and craft activity / game for primary school aged children and their families. New people always welcome!

YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday EveningS)

Jane Kent

After having a break in August, I look forward to seeing you all on **Sunday 8th September**, 7 – 8:15 pm.

YMOSES is an informal, friendly, faith-based youth discussion group. New young people always welcome.

For more information on either of these groups please give me a call or send me an email. Jane Kent: 01235 765421 (janevkent@icloud.com)

PRAYER & PASTORAL

Prayer list

Loving God, we praise you and thank you for your presence with us through all the turmoils of our world today. September for many brings new beginnings and in our new Methodist Year we pray that you will guide us, helping us to listen to the urgent call of so many people and situations. May we be willing to respond in whatever way you equip us. We all have some skill and pulling together with our varied skills we can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16) 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, Emma Wright and family, Jean Plastow, Alex, A lady with family problems, Graham Savill, 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 October Newsletter, please let me know by 20th September in order for me to meet the Newsletter deadline.

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

Pastoral - *praying for each other*

In September the following people **on Alison Phillips's Pastoral and Newsletter List** will be included in the prayer time at Eileen's House-group: Jan Abrahall, Jill Bunney, Rob Charles, Janet Charles, Ann & Doug Hatto, Marion Jones, Jane & Brian Soffe, Evelyn Osei-Akowvah, Jonathan Hulme, Pam & Alan Tranter.

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Fellowship

The Wednesday Fellowship programme will start again on **11th September 2019**.

September

- 11th We begin the term as usual with a service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Keith Underhill.
- 18th A speaker from the Independent Advice Centre will be telling us about all the services that they offer.
- 25th Our friend Chris Caddy will give an illustrated talk about the UK's latest World Heritage Site, The Lake District.

October

- 2nd Fay Pendell will be telling us about the garden she designed for the Chelsea Flower Show, featuring a statue which was part of the commemoration of the Normandy Veterans. This also has a very local connection.
- 9th Peter Preston's talk is entitled "Delight of our British Birds".
- 16th This is our Harvest meeting led by Peter Hemmings. Please bring goods to decorate the Harvest table.
- 23rd June Grunwald will give an illustrated talk about her visit to Turkey.
- 30th Michael Bailey's talk this time is his visit to Buenos Aires to Rio: Waterfalls and Hummingbirds, visits to two cities, Iguaza Falls.

Lunch dates for September

Lunches in September will be as follows:

Sunday lunch : 8th September - Roast Turkey.

Please sign up by the preceding Wednesday or telephone Julie on 07812 370796.

Friday lunch : 27th September. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

Firebrand

To celebrate the 175th anniversary of Wantage Methodist Church, we are reviving this musical telling the story of John Wesley's life. It was written by two of our former members, Janet Evans and Huw Morgan, in 1988.

The performance will be on **Saturday 13th June 2020**.

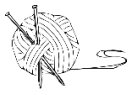
There are opportunities for everyone, aged 0 to 100, to be involved, not just actors or singers, and we hope to include some of our church users and people from around the Circuit.

Please come and find out more at a meeting in the church at **10.30 am on Saturday 19th October**. You will not be committing to anything by attending the meeting, but you might find there is something there for you that you were not expecting.

If you are **interested but not able to come on 19th October**, please let Gill Skidmore know (preferably by email: gill.skidmore32@gmail.com, otherwise tel: 07889 815950).

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)



Despite some warm weather during the summer we have managed to keep knitting. Angel numbers continue to grow and I



know that we have more than 800 already. As well as the angels we have started knitting green blanket squares for the Christmas tree.

If you would like to join our small but friendly group then please come along to the Parlour on the first and third Mondays of the month at 2 pm. Tea/coffee plus yummy biscuits are served during the afternoon.

The dates for this month are **Monday 2th September** and **Monday 16th September**.

MISSION & SERVICE

Toilet Twinning

Members and friends may be pleased to know that the church has just acquired its 13th "twinned toilet". This one is in Choma, Southern Province, Zambia. We ran out of spaces to exhibit our new latrine pictures several toilets ago but the photographs are all on file if you want to see them.

September 14th. Save the date!

The annual Ride and Stride for Oxfordshire Historic Churches' Trust will take place on Saturday September 14th and we invite you to take part in a number of ways.

If you are feeling energetic you can walk or cycle to any of a listed number of churches in this area and receive a welcome and often offer of refreshment as you go.

It is equally important to offer a welcome and refreshment at our church which means we would like offers of church sitters (two per hour is ideal) and you just have to sign the visitors' sheet to say they have called at our church.

If you are unable to do either of these things because you are busy or away, we also would appreciate sponsorship for riders, striders or church sitters because the amount raised is shared between the participating church and the Historic churches fund.

You may remember that our church received a donation towards our refurbishment from the historic churches fund, so we like to continue our support for other churches needing upkeep in these expensive times as well as raising funds for our own.

If you feel interested in any or all of the above, please contact Clive and Alison Phillips who have the necessary forms to fill and a rota of church sitters to compile.

Many thanks and God bless

Community Drop In Café

We have now been meeting for sixteen weeks at the time of writing with around forty people attending each week. We have met and enjoyed chatting to new people and are always happy to welcome them again. It has been good to welcome some children during the school holiday break. People attending can sit and enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, an assortment of table games and colouring books. We also have a box of books from which you are welcome to pick yourself some good reading to enjoy at home. Coffee/tea or soft drinks, cake and biscuits are available between 9:00 am to 12 noon. Donations for the Methodist affiliated Charity, Fund for Human Need, to date have raised £552.11. We have just received another Thank You card from the charity for a further donation that Clive has sent to them. Their thank you cards and Newsletter are on display on Monday mornings for you to read. Why not come and join us? We look forward to welcoming you. Just to remind you we are open **every Monday** and this **includes Bank Holidays** so if you have no plans for August Bank Holiday, 26th August, we would be delighted to see you. For further information please see either Eileen Rennie or June Grunwald.



Every Monday 9 am - 12 noon

**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.**

Sunshine Tea Party

Saturday September 28th at 3 pm

In aid of RAYS OF HOPE providing solar powered irrigation for farmers in Malawi

Tickets £7.50

Now available from Eileen (224284) or Margaret (798502)

Please purchase your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

This year we are having a Sunshine Bonnet Competition so get your thinking caps on!

FINANCE, PROPERTY & USERS' NEWS

Wantage Chapel & Hall Bookings

Weekly Bookings

September 2019

Monday	morn	Community Drop-in Café	Hall
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir (from 17 th)	Chapel
Wednesday	aft	Wednesday Fellowship (from 11 th)	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical	Hall
Thursday	eve	DBands Class (from 12 th)	Hall
Friday	morn	Babes & Toddlers (from 13 th)	Hall
Friday	aft	Caritas Choir	Hall
Friday	eve	Cheek2Cheek	Hall

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.

wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com

07710 214601

The following individual bookings are in place:

September

Wednesday 11 th	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Thursday 12 th	aft	Guideposts Trust	Hall
Saturday 14 th	day	Wantage Christian Fellowship	Hall
Thursday 19 th	eve	Worship Consultation	Parlour
Saturday 21 st	mid	Private Party	Hall
Saturday 21 st	eve	WGSP Curry & Quiz	Hall
Thursday 26 th	eve	WGCP AGM	Chapel
Saturday 28 th	day	Tea Party for All We Can	Hall

October

Wednesday 2 nd	eve	Music Group	Chapel
Wednesday 16 th	eve	Property & Finance	Godfrey
Saturday 19 th	morn	Firebrand Talk-in	Chapel
Wednesday 23 rd	eve	Music Group	Chapel

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 st	10:30 am	Worship through Baptism at Wantage	p24
Monday 2 nd	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour	p28
Saturday 7 th	10:00 am	Coffee Morning at Grove	p22
Sunday 8 th	12:15 pm	Sunday Lunch at Wantage	p27
	4:00 pm	Film Plus at Grove	p22
	7:00 pm	YMOSES	p26
Tuesday 10 th	7:30 pm	Movers & Shakers for Mission & Service (Wantage)	
Wednesday 11 th	8:00 pm	Music Group at Wantage	
Thursday 12 th	7:30 pm	Circuit Meeting at Trinity	p8
Saturday 14 th	All day	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust "Ride & Stride"	p28
	All day	District Synod at Milton Keynes	
Sunday 15 th	9:30 am	Kids@church at Wantage	p26
Monday 16 th	2:00 pm	Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour	p28
Thursday 19 th	7:30 pm	Worship Consultation at Wantage	
Friday 20 th	7:30 pm	Film Club at Grove – "Edie" (12a)	p22
Saturday 21 st	7:30 pm	Street Pastors – Quiz & Curry at Wantage	p18
Sunday 22 nd	3:00 pm	Childrey Harvest Festival at St Mary's	p21
		Deadline for the October Newsletter	
Thursday 26 th	7:30 pm	Wantage & Grove Church Partnership AGM at Wantage Methodist	p16
Friday 27 th	12:15 pm	Drop in Lunch at Wantage	p27
Saturday 28 th	3:00 pm	Sunshine Tea Party at Wantage	p19/29
Sunday 29 th	9:00 am	Bible Study at Wantage	p24
	10:30 am	Wantage Harvest Festival	p24

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 st	7:30 pm	Local Preachers' Meeting at Milton	p8
Wednesday 2 nd	7:30 pm	Grove Worship Consultation	p23
	8:00 pm	Music Group at Wantage	
Saturday 5 th	10:00 am	Saints Alive District Reimagine Conference at All Saints Abingdon	p4
Sunday 6 th		Grove Harvest Festival	p23
Wednesday 16 th	7:30 pm	Wantage Property & Finance Committee	
Thursday 17 th	7:30 pm	Childrey Chapel Anniversary	p21
Saturday 19 th	10:30 am	Firebrand "Talk in" at Wantage	p28

Sunday Services – September 2019

	Childrey	Grove	Wantage
September 1st Ordinary 22	11:00 am Tabitha Griffiths	10:45 am Barbara Sexton 6:30 pm Ian Sturt	10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill Worship through Baptism
September 8th Ordinary 23 Education	11:00 am Helen Carter	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 4:00 pm Film Plus Rev Keith Underhill	09:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Libby Bolton
September 15th Ordinary 24 Racial Justice	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Stephen Atkinson 6:30 pm Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	09:30 am Kids@Church 10:30 am Frederick Obeng
September 22nd Ordinary 25	3:00 pm Harvest Festival at St Mary's	10:45 am Alan Smith 6:30 pm Local Arrangement	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill
September 29th Ordinary 26	11:30 am Rev John Rowland	10:45 am Libby Hawkness-Smith 6:30 pm Malcolm Newton	9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Harvest Festival Rev Keith Underhill