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September 2018

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Don't forget the Circuit Calendar can now be viewed on the Circuit website.  
Send items for inclusion to Andrew Lockley, at any time.

**Regular Weekday Meetings**

Monday	2 pm	Handicraft Group at the Cornerstone, Grove
Tuesday	2:15 pm	Grove Tuesday Fellowship (in the church)
Wednesday	7:30 am	Morning Prayers at Grove
	2 pm	Wantage Wednesday Fellowship

**House Group at Wantage** Weekly

Tuesday 1:30 pm Leader: Eileen Rennie (01235 224284)

**House Group at Grove** Monthly

Warmed Hearts 8 pm Leader: Peter Hemmings (01235 762504)

**Grove web site** is found from [www.wantab.org.uk](http://www.wantab.org.uk)

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

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

## **From the Manse...**

Catching the bus from the Market Square in Wantage to Didcot Parkway station in early August, was the beginning of a journey that took us safely through to Rogny in France, where we picked up our barge for a week long bike and barge holiday exploring the Loire Valley.

Alighting in Didcot, we then travelled by train, tube, (overnight stop to see Becca in London) bus, tube, Eurostar and finally arriving at our destination by coach.

The journeys were different in length and comfort, sometimes jammed packed and with no ventilation, sometimes with the luxury of air conditioning. The scenery we passed was ever changing; the sounds, sights and smells different and varied.

Our party on this guided tour comprised those from the USA, New Zealand, Australia, Wales, and the Netherlands along with Liz and me.

It was a great holiday. Having never done anything like this before, we weren't too sure what to expect, but the trip surpassed our expectations - we made new friends, saw fantastic countryside, enjoyed cycling in a country that treats those on two wheels with far more courtesy and respect than over here and of course, sampled the delights of French food and hospitality.

Our journey from Wantage to the barge was hassle and incident free. However, our cycling was at times interrupted by a number of flat tyres, including my bike and on one occasion a serious fault that resulted in one of our party not being able to continue their ride that day.

At the end of the week Aire, our tour guide who rode with us and expertly guided us day by day, said that he would always remember our group for the fact that he was constantly hearing laughter and conversation behind him as we cycled along.

Our lives are of course made up of countless journeys, all contained within the one journey that is common to us all. Destinations are important and we seek to arrive safely but so too is the way in which we travel.

As we come to the end of one Connexional year and begin a new journey this month, may the way we travel be as important to us as where we are heading, may it be marked by the signs of the fruits of God's spirit. As we travel together side by side, let our experience be shot through with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Here's to the next stage of our journey! With love and God Bless,

*Keith*

### **Circuit Welcome Service for Rev Jocelyn Bennett**

The welcome service for Rev Jocelyn Bennett will be held at **Milton** Methodist Church at **7:00 pm** on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. It will be conducted by Rev Helen Cameron, Chair of the Northampton District.

Please come and give a warm welcome to Jocelyn who will have pastoral charge of our Didcot, Milton & Wallingford churches.

The service will also include the presentation of long-service certificates to local preachers Geoff Caudle (40 years) and Andrew Lockley (30 years).

### **Circuit Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7:30 pm at **Trinity**

### **"Belonging" conference screening**

13<sup>th</sup> September, 9:30 am at **Trinity**

"Belonging" : welcoming young people with additional needs into the Church.

Trinity Church is hosting a live screening of this online conference. Clergy, parents and church volunteers all very welcome.

### **Local Preachers' Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7:30 pm at **Grove**

The meeting will begin with a service of Holy Communion.

### **Local Preachers' Training Day:**

6<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 10:00 am at **Kidlington Methodist Church**.

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

### **District Study Day:**

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

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

Grave talk: helping congregations to talk about death and mortality

## **Trinity Learning wins URC Community Projects Award**

TrinityLearning, the outreach project of Trinity Church in Abingdon which works to help quality of life in local schools, is one of four finalists to win the URC's Community Projects Award 2018.

Judges spent a day with each of the four finalists (a community centre in Rhyl, community garden in Northallerton and community café in Stocksbridge, alongside TrinityLearning.) Trinity was visited by Alan Yates, then Moderator of The URC, who heard about their work from school staff and pupils. He was particularly impressed by the effectiveness of the project in answering specific needs and the ecumenical team of volunteers, who come from twelve churches and eight denominations!

Petronella, Eve, Abigail and Rosemary, all involved in TL's work from its beginnings in 2009, attended the awards ceremony at the URC's General Assembly in Nottingham on July 7<sup>th</sup>, where they were awarded an impressive brass plaque and a cheque for £2000.

This will be used to provide volunteer training.

## **Part-time assistant minister sought at Peachcroft**

Part-time Young People and Families Minister

Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon

Salary: £15.3k-£17k for 23 hours/week dependent on experience (equivalent to £25k to £27.7k full time)

Peachcroft Christian Centre is seeking an experienced Young People and Families Minister to join our staff team on a part-time basis to help us respond to a growing need and opportunity for us to expand our ministry to young people and families inside and outside the Church. We are a lively church with a worshipping community of around 130 adults and 40 children; but with activities that reach and serve many more in the local community. As an LEP, we belong to the Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed and Methodist church; but could be broadly categorised as an evangelical and charismatic church with a heart for mission by serving our neighbours in practical and meaningful ways.

We are seeking someone with a mature faith, to shape and lead this exciting ministry, as part of the Church Staff team, as well as playing an active role themselves; inspiring, motivating and developing others to share in this ministry; enabling us to pastor, disciple and nurture young people in our church and to reach out to our community.

If you feel that this is a role for which you are qualified and aligns with your passion and calling then look on the Peachcroft website for more information and details of how to apply. For more information, email [recruitment@peachcroftcc.org](mailto:recruitment@peachcroftcc.org)

Closing Date for applications: **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

Interviews: **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **Exploring the vocation of Spiritual Accompaniment**

Sharing the Journey of Faith – Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment

**October, November 2018; February, March 2019**

This Course, offered by the Northampton District of the Methodist Church, lays the foundations for people wishing to accompany others in their journey of faith.

### **What is it about?**

The Course reflects different Christian traditions. It introduces spiritual accompaniment as a specific discipline within Christian pastoral care.

The Course is experiential and practical and the process includes presentations, times of personal reflection, working in groups and the invitation to compile a portfolio of resources.

### **Course Aim:**

The Course aims to enable participants to explore the vocation of Spiritual Accompaniment.

At the conclusion of the Course participants will have an opportunity to engage with further training and personal development

### **What does it include?**

The Course will include topics such as:

- Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment
- The Gift of Story
- Images of God
- Finding God in All Things
- Who is Jesus for us?
- Place of Scripture in Accompaniment
- Exploring Difficulties in Prayer
- Creativity and Accompaniment
- Sexuality and Spirituality
- Practice and Personality
- Uncovering the Hope of God

### **Course Team:**

David Bosworth

*Retired Methodist Minister and Spiritual Director*

Audrey Hensman

*Retired Social Worker and Local Preacher*

### **Further Information**

Applicants should be able to demonstrate a deep commitment to their own faith journey, and acceptance for the Course will be subject to a short interview.

The Course will be limited to a maximum of 21 participants.

**Course Dates:****Tuesdays:** 9th, 16th and 30th October

6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February

5th, 19th and 26th March

**14 evenings, 6.30—9.05 pm****Saturdays:** 20th October and 9th March**2 Saturdays, 9.30—4.00 pm****Place: Burton Latimer Methodist Church**

Duke Street, Burton Latimer, Kettering NN15 5SG

**For Application Form:**

Contact : Audrey Hensman

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**Circuit Website - [www.wantab.org.uk](http://www.wantab.org.uk)**

Please remember we are always looking for up-to-date stories, even of relatively small-scale events, to ensure the site gives a fresh and up-to-date impression. Anyone can send a paragraph, long or short, ideally with a photo (from your phone?). Don't worry about your prowess as an author – an editorial eye can be cast over your work if you wish.

I'm happy to add events for any Church to the calendar – just send me details, as below.

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 email [a.lockley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:a.lockley@tiscali.co.uk) or fill in the form at [www.wantab.org.uk/signing-in.html](http://www.wantab.org.uk/signing-in.html)

## 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>

## Methodist Conference 2018

The annual Methodist Conference took place in Nottingham from 28 June to 5 July, with the Revd Michaela A Youngson inducted as President and Mr Bala Gnanapragasam as Vice-President. The President chose 'Radical Grace' as the theme for her address, and the Vice-President explored 'Transforming Hope'.

Five deacons and thirty-eight presbyters were received into Full Connexion on Sunday morning during Conference Worship, along with four presbyters by transfer. The Conference designated the Revd Dr Barbara C Glasson to be the President for 2019/2020, and Professor Clive Marsh to be the Vice-President.

Next year, the Conference will take place in Birmingham from 27 June to 4 July. The following year, it will be held in Telford from 25 June to 2 July.

- You can read a summary of the business of the Conference by downloading the Conference Business Digest : [www.methodist.org.uk/conference](http://www.methodist.org.uk/conference)
- Download and read the President's address in full here: [bit.ly/presaddress18](http://bit.ly/presaddress18)
- Download and read the Vice-President's address in full here: [bit.ly/vpaddress18](http://bit.ly/vpaddress18)

## The Beckly Lecture 2018: 'Social mobility: a task for all of us'

Former Education Secretary Baroness Gillian Shephard delivered this year's Beckly Lecture at Methodist Conference, speaking on the theme 'Social Mobility: a task for all of us'.

Baroness Shepard spoke about how institutions like churches can contribute to making Britain a fairer place for all, outlining the need for social mobility, the progress that has been made and the solutions that are still needed in order to provide everyone in the UK "with the same shot at success".

She said: "The Methodist Church has been both proponent and practitioner of social mobility, helping to give people the same shot, since its earliest days ... Could you, I wonder ... lend your great voice, which echoes down the years, to this cause, informally and locally, or even more formally, of giving people the same shot at success?"

To read the lecture in full, visit [bit.ly/2mQNx3t](http://bit.ly/2mQNx3t) or watch it on the Methodist Church's Facebook page: [bit.ly/2v2y2Ke](http://bit.ly/2v2y2Ke).

If you would like a **paper copy** of the above, please contact Gordon Skidmore.



## **2018 Conference fringe event**

England 1, Colombia 0 (or “Growing Methodism everywhere”)

By Andrew Brazier

It might not have been the final score, but it raised a number of smiles as Stephen Skuce, Director of Global Relationships, announced that if there had been prayers for the football, he was grateful they had gone our way.

The tone of the gathering was more akin to the situation at the end of extra time than it was to that moment. The delegates brought waves of energy and colour from a variety of traditions. The glorious food, the extemporaneous prayer, the spontaneous singing, the sudden plunges into moments of sadness, the joy of renewal and growing numbers; all just ebbed and flowed with the slightest hint of potential anarchy. It is quite something to attend a meeting where the emotions of Pakistan’s slums were held in the same breath as the wit of the Bishop from Gambia. She told a tale of a minister who followed some errant fishermen into Senegal and started the Methodist Church there.

Then the World Church sang. They sang a children’s song. Like baby footsteps teetering into a wider understanding of God. An acknowledgement of faith stretched across continents. It is too easy sometimes to pay lip service to connexionalism, but here you could feel the realities stretching out into places many of us can only dream of. Grateful representatives stood again and again to thank the Church for the great foundation it had built, for its grounding in Wesley’s teachings and for the gospel in action.

Groups who encountered a vast array of opposition to their faith stood shoulder to shoulder. In each other they recognized that the refugees in Germany and poverty in Haiti are embraced by the bedrock, and “go not only to those who need you, but those that need you most”. As often as not now, that is the Church here in Britain.

Best of all though is that such camaraderie in the face of difficulty came with humour, music and a vegetarian option. This truly was a foretaste of a diverse heavenly banquet.

## **Methodist Women in Britain fringe event**

Described as “a celebration of story and song”, the Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB) Conference fringe event took place on Friday 29 June.

About 150 people attended the event, which began with the launch of MWiB's new project on hearing impairment and the Church.

The Revd Jenny Pathmarajah read out the winning entries of MWiB's 2018 writing competition: ‘God is a Weaver’ by Margaret Chan, and ‘A Prayer Pilgrimage ... With a Difference’ by Margaret Doughty.

Presentations were made to Anne Browse and Gillian Womersley, whose terms as President/Vice-President and as Finance Officer have come to an end. Nina Rawlins replaces Gillian Womersley as Finance Officer in the autumn.

## **Methodist Church announces new Director of Evangelism and Growth**

The Revd Trey Hall has been appointed as the Methodist Church's Director of Evangelism and Growth, a new position aimed at supporting the development of these vital areas in church life.

Trey is a Methodist pioneer, church planting strategist, and evangelist. Since 2000, he has established and led churches in the UK and the US, served as Mission Advisor for the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church in Britain, and coached scores of practitioners renewing inherited forms of Church or launching fresh expressions of Church.

The role is part of the Church's ongoing work to reaffirm its nature of mission, known as Our Calling, in response to the Statistics for Mission Report presented at the 2017 Methodist Conference.

Trey commented: "I am humbled and excited to join a diverse team of leaders across the Connexion who are taking the bold step of reclaiming evangelism as a core dimension of our mission and identity."

## **1000 Letters**

Could you write a letter to encourage a young person in their faith?

This is the challenge the Methodist Children & Youth Team has laid down ahead of the annual 3Generate event. The aim is to get 1,000 Methodists to share via a letter something of their faith stories, which will be shared with the children and young people attending 3Generate in November.

Could you share something about your faith experiences, being part of a church or faith community, something about special people or moments from growing up in a local church, or why you came to faith in the first place? The letter you write will be displayed at 3Generate for children and young people to read.

Send your letters to: **3Generate 1000 Letters, 6th Floor, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR**, to arrive by the end of October.

See [www.methodist.org.uk/1000letters](http://www.methodist.org.uk/1000letters) for more details.

## **Remembrance 100**

To commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I, you can get involved in 100 days of prayer for peace, hope and reconciliation. Engage in innovative peace making activities and look for the **#remembrance100** hashtag on social media.

Remembrance 100 began on Saturday 4 August with a prayer for peace making. It concludes on Sunday 11 November - Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Some outstanding ecumenical resources have been produced by *Hope* with contributions from members of the Methodist family:

- The President of the Methodist Conference 2018/2019, the Revd Michaela A Youngson;
- The President-Designate, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson;
- Methodist ministers the Revds Enid Gordon, Gary Hall, John Howard, Peter Howson and Mike Long;
- The General Secretary of the Wesley Historical Society, Dr John Hargreaves;
- Connexional Team Heritage Officer, Owen Roberts;

- Emeritus Professor of History at the University of York and President of the Wesley Historical Society, Prof Edward Royle.

The following Remembrance 100 resources are available from the Remembrance 100 website: [www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/](http://www.remembrance100.co.uk/100-days/)

· [100 Days of Peace and Hope](#)

Including contemporary stories and prayers aimed at peace making, with contributions from members of the Methodist family, along with others including the Most Revd Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury. There are free downloadable prayers and reflections for every day during the 100 days.

· [Silence](#)

A beautifully illustrated 36-page printed booklet for your Remembrance Sunday worship services. Perfect to hand out to your congregations and passers-by.

For more information, visit [www.remembrance100.co.uk](http://www.remembrance100.co.uk)

## **IN BRIEF**

### **MMHS is 70**

The Methodist Ministers' Housing Society (MMHS) celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. Special worship resources have been produced to mark the anniversary, including a new hymn; you can find all of these at [www.mmhs.org.uk/worship](http://www.mmhs.org.uk/worship)

### **Germinate Conference: 13 October 2018**

Through keynote addresses, case studies and workshops, the 2018 Germinate Conference will explore what it means for rural Christians to do more than belong to their churches and communities. Both inspiring and practical, the day will bring together individuals, churches, agencies and networks involved in rural mission and ministry.

Key speakers include the Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, and the Revd Claire Maxim, CEO of Germinate.

You can view video and audio from the 2016 conference here [<https://methodist-news.org.uk/t/BVI-5JUA0-35L46A-32ET3A-1/c.aspx>]. Find more information and booking details here [<https://methodist-news.org.uk/t/BVI-5JUA0-35L46A-32ET3B-1/c.aspx>]

### **Book now for MHA's 75th anniversary service**

A special service of thanksgiving for the life and work of MHA, formerly known as Methodist Homes for the Aged, takes place at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 13 October 2018, starting at 3.00pm. It will include an act of remembrance for MHA's former residents and staff and a special hymn to mark the anniversary, and will feature music from MHA's own music therapists.

Free tickets can be booked at [<https://methodist-news.org.uk/t/BVI-5MAJM-35L46A-343QPJ-1/c.aspx>] or by calling 01332 221922.

### **Making the world a better place**

Cliff College has launched a Certificate in Social Activism. The week-long course takes place from 12 to 16 November, and explores what social activism is and how to do it. Find out more here [<https://methodist-news.org.uk/t/BVI-5MAJM-35L46A-347L4B-1/c.aspx>].

## From JPIT

### Destitution, discrimination and distrust: the web of the hostile environment



The 'hostile environment' is a web of government policies designed to make life so difficult for people who cannot prove they have the right to live in the UK that they will choose to leave. The hostile environment deliberately inflicts destitution, encourages discrimination, and thrives on distrust.

Our #EndHostility campaign continues, calling for a full independent review of the policies that make up the hostile environment. You can find our report as well as blog posts, poems, prayers, infographics and video content on our website and social media.

You can also take action and write to your MP today.



### Youth Resources

JPIT have launched two brand new youth resources for Sunday Schools, youth groups and perhaps even adults who enjoy interactive sessions exploring faith, politics and social justice.

The first is entitled 'Peacemaking: a Christian Vocation'. This set of four interactive bible studies are designed to be used by Christian youth groups to enable discussion and reflection on peacemaking and Christianity.

The second is designed to explain what we mean when we talk about the 'hostile environment' in the UK and explore how, as Christians, we can create a more welcoming environment for everyone.

Both are available for download from the website.

### Social Mobility: a task for all of us: Beckly Lecture 2018

Rt Hon Baroness Gillian Shephard spoke about social mobility and how institutions – including the Church – can contribute to making Britain a fairer place.

The full lecture is available on the JPIT website or can be watched on the Methodist Church's Facebook page.

### Dates for your diary

- **Creation Time:** 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Download resources to observe Creation Time 2018. CTBI provide links to a variety of resources available [here](#).
- **Peacemaking Sunday:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced a resource filled with sermon ideas, activities for children & young people and much more to help you celebrate Peacemaking Sunday in your own context.



## Christian Resources Exhibition - Sandown

The annual CRE exhibition will be held from **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jnurdglaw@live.co.uk).

You can find out more about the CRE exhibition on [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk).

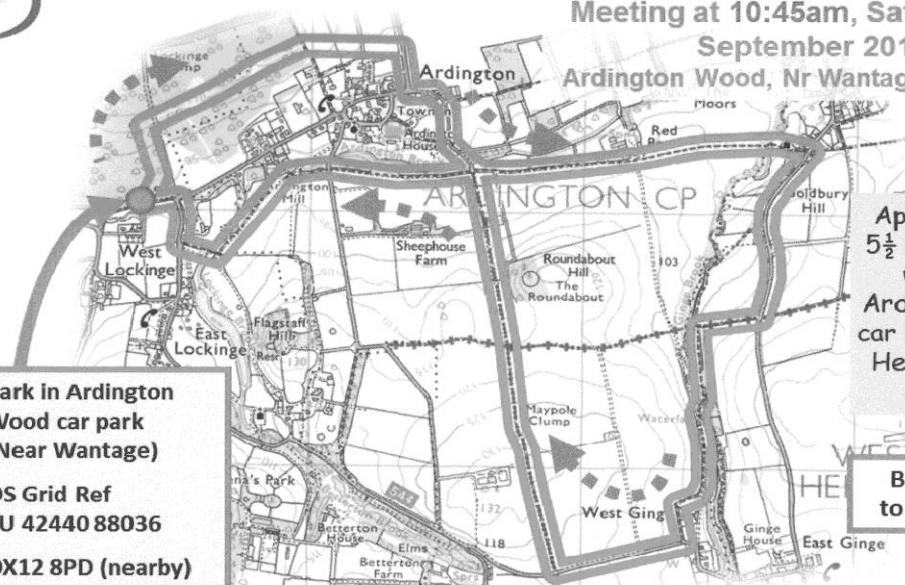
## Riders & Striders

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored "Ride & Stride" will be on **Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>** and most of the churches in Oxfordshire (and surrounding counties) will be open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on that day. People are encouraged to visit churches by riding (bicycle, horse) or walking (striding!) and through sponsorship raise money for the OHCT and their own church. This is a great opportunity to visit beautiful and interesting churches in out-of-the-way places or in Oxford city or local towns. The OHCT supports the refurbishment and repair of churches and our churches have received grants, in the past, for the extension work at Grove, the replacement of Wantage hall and the refurbishment of the Wantage chapel. Money raised by Riders & Striders is divided equally between the OHCT and the church. As always we need volunteers to church-sit on the day. Church-sitters can also seek sponsorship! If you can help and/or would like a sponsorship form and information about the churches open in Oxfordshire, please speak to Clive or Alison Phillips (Wantage) or John & Audrey Hogston (Grove).

**PILGRIMS' FRIEND SOCIETY**

## Sponsored Walk in aid of Pilgrim Homes

Meeting at 10:45am, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Ardington Wood, Nr Wantage. OX12 8PD



Park in Ardington Wood car park (Near Wantage)  
OS Grid Ref SU 42440 88036  
OX12 8PD (nearby)

Approximately 5½ mile circular walk from Ardington Wood car park to West Hendred & the Ginges

Bring a picnic to eat en-route

Sponsorship forms available from Dave Pepler via email - [dave.a.pepler@gmail.com](mailto:dave.a.pepler@gmail.com)

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.

All proceeds go towards the support of the Framland Pilgrim Home  
Pilgrims' Friend Society Registered Charity Number 242266

Pilgrim Homes  
175 Tower Bridge Road, London SE1 7AU  
Tel: 0300 303 1400 Fax: 0300 303 1415 Email: [info@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk](mailto:info@pilgrimsfriend.org.uk)  
[www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk)  
Pilgrim Homes is a registered charity (formerly known as 'The Aged Pilgrims' Society') and registered social landlord. Charity No: 242266. RSI No: A0822

## 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.

[www.wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:www.wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com)

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.

We are currently collecting:

Soup	Tinned meat	Tinned fish	Tinned vegetables
Pasta sauce	Rice	Cereal	Coffee Tea
Hot chocolate (make with water)	Tinned fruit	Puddings	Jam

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.

We are so grateful to you for your continuing support for Foodbank – so far this year (January - July) we have given out: 149 parcels supporting 247 adults and 134 children. We have also this year given out 2 lots of 12 special parcels for the school holidays.

# **Wantage & Grove Street Pastors**

## **REPORT OF OUR JULY 2018 ACTIVITIES**

During July there were:

- 3 Friday night patrols and 3 Saturday night patrols
- 6 Patrols totalling 30 hours of cover involving 20 Street Pastors
- 6 pairs of flip-flops given and 22 bottles of water
- 300 lollies and Love Hearts

Here are some of the ways Street Pastors cared, listened and helped in July:

- Cared for a young man that had had too much to drink
- Offered help to a man sat in a doorway
- Helped search for a lost door key

We patrolled in Wantage on the evening of the England-Sweden World Cup football game.

The atmosphere in Wantage (following England's win) was happy and many people were in town for a drink and some were a little high-spirited! The police were in town and they dealt with an aggressive man. We spotted another man sat in a doorway and offered some help, which was declined. The man stood up and said he only lived down the road.

Another team met a young man that had had too much to drink, and was sleeping on the ground with a small group of friends around him. Concerned for his wellbeing we checked that he was asleep rather than unconscious and decided it wise to call a parent to come and take him home. Mum arrived with a helpful neighbour and took the young man home in a car - however, we saw him back in Wantage later that night.

Street Pastors chatted to two ladies that seemed intent on starting a fight with two men. We stayed with them some time to help calm things down until it seemed ok to leave.

One of our teams that visit Grove chatted to young people at Mary Green park and cleared lots of litter and rubbish from an area just outside the park.

We found a man searching for a lost door key. We spent about 40 minutes looking for the key (to no avail) and lent a fleece for the man to wear to keep warm overnight. Unfortunately he didn't find his door key until daylight!

**Coordinator: Nigel Watt**

Mobile: 07554 655 594

Contact: [wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk)

Website: [wantageandgrove.streetpastors.org.uk](http://wantageandgrove.streetpastors.org.uk)

### **Wantage & Grove Street Pastors prayer cards.**

There are some prayer cards that are designed as bookmarks available. There are suggested topics for your prayers on these, together with information about a couple of events. There are also some 'business' cards that give details of how online donations can be made. Please do take a bookmark and also one of the cards if you would like to make a donation. There is a significant financial cost to ensuring that regular patrols go out on Friday and Saturday nights, and so any donations are very gratefully received. If you would like to consider a regular small financial contribution, then please do check out the website to see how to do that. Thank you very much.

## Childrey

**Tear Fund Lunch:**      **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, 12:15 pm.  
Location to be advised.

**United Services:**      **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
3:00 pm      Harvest Festival at St Mary's

### **Prayers:**

Prayers are asked for Amy Rose Legge and her family, Keith & Leonora, David, Barbara, Shirley, Jean and all those unknown to us who are in need of our help. We also pray for the continued success of the "Open the Book" Project where the teachings and stories of the Bible are taken into the Ridgeway C of E School in Childrey on a weekly assembly basis by a dedicated band of leaders from local churches using our premises as a base.

Christian Love to all.

The Crown Singers present:

# GERMAN PART-SONGS

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: St Denys' Church, Stanford in the Vale

Programme includes selections from Felix Mendelssohn and Franz Joseph Haydn, alongside piano music by Haydn and Chopin

Musical Director: Paul Hedley

Pianist: Cecily Lock

Tickets available from; Anne - 01235 762146 or the Vale and Download Museum, Wantage

Kennet Opera & Chorus present

## **Pop-Up PUCCINI!**

Great Songs & Choruses from  
Puccini's masterpieces

Tosca, Madame Butterfly,  
La Bohème and more...

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 4 pm**

**Wantage Methodist Church**

Tickets £12 from :

Vale & Downland Museum, 01235 771447

Bretts Chemists Grove 01235 763941

Jim@operaunmasked.com, 01235 767975

**CREAM TEA INCLUDED!**



# Grove

Our **Harvest Festival services** this year will be on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

We hope you will come and share in worship with us.

The **Harvest Supper** will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, to be followed by the auction of fresh produce. Proceeds for "All We Can". Details of the supper and how to order will be in the weekly notices. Any dried and tinned gifts will be given to the Wantage & Grove Foodbank.

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September** the **Coffee morning** will be for the Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal, from **10:00 am to 12 noon** in the Meeting Room. Our hosts will be Lesley Hummerston and Jenny Marriott. There will be a stall offering items for a small donation and John and Margaret Willemsen will be on hand to answer questions about where the boxes go and how they are distributed and received. There will also be 'covered empty shoeboxes' to take away to get you started and scarves, mittens, hats for putting in the boxes if you would like to take them. We look forward to seeing you.

## **September Dates for Tuesday Fellowship**

- 4<sup>th</sup> We look forward to Michael Bailey visiting us again to show slides of Japan.
- 11<sup>th</sup> We welcome Audrey Hogston who will speak to us about the history of some of our hymns.
- 18<sup>th</sup> We welcome Sue Stead who will speak to us about her recent visit to 'Highgrove'.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Lindsay White from the Blue Cross Animal Welfare Charity will give an illustrated talk about their work.

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

The **Warmed Hearts group** will meet on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at **8:00 pm** at 12 Rosebay Crescent, Grove for session two of "Receiving Christ in five different ways" - "Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy". It is always good to see new faces. All are welcome.

**Film Club** is on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** at **7:30 pm** in the Meeting Room.

We will be showing "**Hidden Figures**" 2016 PG 2hrs7mins

*Three brilliant African-American women at NASA - Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glen into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space race and galvanized the world.*

*Stars: Taraji P Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Glen Powell.*

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

There is an email “alert” service for anyone who is interested in receiving an email reminder before each film, about a week beforehand. If you would like to be on the list to receive an “alert” message please would you let Su know, giving her your email address, at [su.lockley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:su.lockley@tiscali.co.uk).

**Film Plus on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4:00 pm** in the Meeting Room.

The film will be followed by refreshments and a short service at 6:30 pm based on themes from the film, led by Rev Keith Underhill.

**Handicrafts Group** meets at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Savile Way, Grove on **Monday afternoons** from **2:00 to 4:00 pm** to craft and chat together.

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

*Contact Jenny Marriott (Tel: 01235 767624) for further details.*

It is hoped to have a quiz available from Sheila Hall in early September.

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

The July coffee morning raised £100 for the charity, Emmaus.

The August coffee morning raised £106 for the October Club in Wantage.

If you are willing to help, either by sharing with someone or hosting a coffee morning, please get in touch with Peter Hemmings (Tel: 01235 762504). Thank you.

#### **Flower Rota**

2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Margaret Merryweather
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Rachel Niblett
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Jean Noddle
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Veronica Richards
30 <sup>th</sup> September	HARVEST - All help welcomed

#### **Transport to Church**

If you are in need of transport to get to church, then please contact Peter Hemmings on 01235 762504, who has a list of people willing to give lifts. He will do his best to arrange transport for you.

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

Leaflets are available in church, from Cornerstone or from Jenny Marriott. **Closing date** is **31<sup>st</sup> October**. There is to be a **Packing Day** in Old Mill Hall on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. If you are not able to prepare a box but would like to make a **donation** instead, please give it to the Willemsens or Jenny Marriott by **30<sup>th</sup> September** so that it can be used to buy items for the boxes. Thank you.

Please look on the website [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) to find out where last year’s boxes went and how much they were appreciated.

## Grove Hall / Meeting Room Bookings for September 2018

### Regular Users

Monday	Hall	Pilates2	10.00-12.00	
	MR	Age Uk	10.00-11.30	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> of month
	Hall	Pilates2	18.30-19.30	
	Hall	Cornucopia	20.00- 22.00	
	MR	Open House	20.00- 22.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon of the month
Tuesday	Hall	Pilates1	09.00-11.00	Start Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>
	Hall	Pilates2	13.00-15.00	
	MR	Tues Fellowship	14.00- 16.00	
	Hall	Baby Bliss	19.00-20.30	
Wednesday	Hall	Oasis	9.30-11.30	Monthly Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>
	MR	Sewing Group	10.00-15.00	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed
	Hall	Rainbows	18.00-19.00	Restart Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>
	Hall	Pilates2	19.30-20.30	
Thursday	Hall	Pilates2	10.00-11.00	
	Hall	Rainbows	18.00-19.00	
Friday	MR	Film Club	19.30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri of the month
Saturday	Hall	Ballet	9.00-12.30	Restart Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>
	MR	Coffee Morning	9.30-12.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of the month
Sunday		Worship		

### **Additional Bookings**

Tuesday September 18 <sup>th</sup>	MR	Local Preachers' Meeting	19.00
Thursday September 20 <sup>th</sup>	MR	Card Craft	10.00-13.00
Thursday September 20 <sup>th</sup>	MR	Stewards' Meeting	20.00

# Wantage

## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

### Tuesday Afternoon House Group

During July we studied “Philemon, Why Religion?” and had a very successful Day for Quiet Reflection at the Convent which 17 people attended.

We met the first Tuesday in August for the monthly prayer meeting, afternoon tea and to discuss what we will study in the future.

In September we will study a Lifebuilder Bible Study entitled “Heaven, Finding our true home.”

The details of the **September dates** are as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup> September	Preparing a Place – John 14:1-9 This meeting includes the monthly prayer meeting.
11 <sup>th</sup> September	The Last Frontier – Philippians 1:19-30
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Keith will talk to us.
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Rapture Ahead! - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

### Sunday morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Study will be held on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** at the usual time of 9 am. As always, everyone is very welcome.

## LONGER BIBLE STUDY PROJECTS

### The Bible in a Year - Keith's challenge to us all for 2017 / 2018

We started on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and have completed the challenge to read the whole of the Bible in a year. Like many journeys in life, those of us who have travelled have found things of beauty and inspiration but also sections which challenge our faith in people and question the nature of the God that is portrayed. Then there are the passages that are simply baffling either because they are isolated fragments or dreams in language so far removed from today that discerning the message is like seeing where you are going driving along a road in thick fog!

Congratulations to those who completed the trip. To those who did not, have a go. All the necessary information is in the Newsletters since September 2017 or can be found on the website. You do not have to start “day 1” on any specific date.

Now for another challenge:

## Disciple - becoming disciples through Bible study

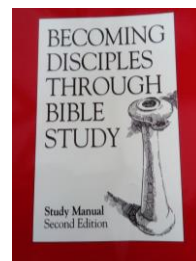
"An intensive, 34 week, systematic Bible Study Course that will blow your socks off!"

The Disciple Course that Keith will start on August 30<sup>th</sup> and will take place on **Thursday mornings, 9:30 am - 12 noon** normally in the Godfrey Room.

The dates and themes for all the weekly meetings were printed in the last two editions of "News". Dates and themes to the end of October are below. The Bible study will be a two and half hour meeting using a mixture of DVD clips, discussion, and various Bible study methods. For the other six days of the week, participants will be reading and reflecting upon the set biblical passages for each day, using the written material in the course handbook.

### 2018

30 <sup>th</sup> August	Initial get-together and giving out of course materials etc	
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Disciple 1	The biblical word
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Disciple 2	The creating God
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Disciple 3	The rebel people
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Disciple 4	The called people
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Disciple 5	God hears the cry
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Disciple 6	God sends the law
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Disciple 7	When God draws near
<b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>No meeting - half-term</b>	



## YOUNG CHURCH

### Kids@Church

*Jane Kent*

In July we had the most beautiful sunny morning in the park playing with the parachute and playing 'Blob tag' and 3 legged races and then tucking into an ice cream. It was so lovely to see such a variety of ages playing so happily together and looking out for each other.

Our **next K@C** will be on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at **9:30 am** at church for some activities and then a 'Welcome Back Breakfast'!

K@C is an informal service for children of primary school age and their families.

For more information please give me a call – Jane (Tel: 01235 765421)

### YMOSES

*Jane Kent*

We had a great summer social to Oxford in July - it was one of those beautiful warm days and after the bus trip we walked into Christchurch meadow armed with our picnic rugs, lots of water and a wonderful bring and share picnic! We sat in the shade by the river and enjoyed our feast before walking by the river and then ending up at G&D's ice cream café for one of their amazing ice creams! It was lovely to welcome Audrey, Jon and Emily, who will be starting secondary school in September, to the group.

Our next **YMOSES** will be at Chris and Charlotte's on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at **7:15 pm**.

YMOSES (Youth Meeting On Sunday EveningS!) is an informal faith-based discussion group for young people of secondary school age and we meet on the second Sunday evening of each month.

For more information please don't hesitate to give me a call - Jane (Tel: 01235 765421)

## **PRAYER & PASTORAL**

### **Prayer list**

Loving Father, thank you for the power and blessing of prayer. Help us to know more clearly how to pray and what to pray for. Thank you for your constant work in our lives and guide us to live in harmony with your will. Thank you that you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray. Lord, you are faithful to us, help us to cast our cares and anxieties on you and to find your rest. Open our eyes to see all that you have done for us, then open our hearts to offer ourselves in your service. Amen.

Jean M, Pam Scholes, Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan and Eileen Bunn and family, Alex and family, Doug, Eve, Emily, Britzaida, June Hartle, Jean Gill, Carol Mackinder, Mavis Morris (Sister-in-law to Gill and Gordon), 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 or you want to add anybody please let me know by **14<sup>th</sup> 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, Rosemary Gashe.

In addition to the names listed above, those in our church family, who through frailty or ill health can no longer worship with us on Sundays, will also be prayed for by name at Eileen's house-group.

### **Flower Rota**

September

2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Godfrey

9<sup>th</sup> Kelvin Rose

16<sup>th</sup> Julie Horton

23<sup>rd</sup> Gill Bunney

30<sup>th</sup> Margaret Fordham

## FELLOWSHIP

### Wednesday Fellowship September programme

- 5<sup>th</sup> We open the term as usual with a Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Robin Radley from Chiks Children's Homes in Kerala State will be giving an illustrated talk on their work.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Michael Bailey will show part 1 of his visit to Peru: Cities and Jungles, centred on a 5-day cruise on the Amazon, including visits to Lima and Arequipa.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nathan Rooke from Wantage & Didcot Fire Service will give the talk postponed from last February owing to snow.

### Lunches in September:

We start the new time table with Sunday lunch on the second Sunday in the month and Friday lunch on the last Friday only.

**Sunday lunch will be on 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Friday lunch will be 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Knit & Chat

*Carolyn Roche (01235 764310)*



### Christmas Angels



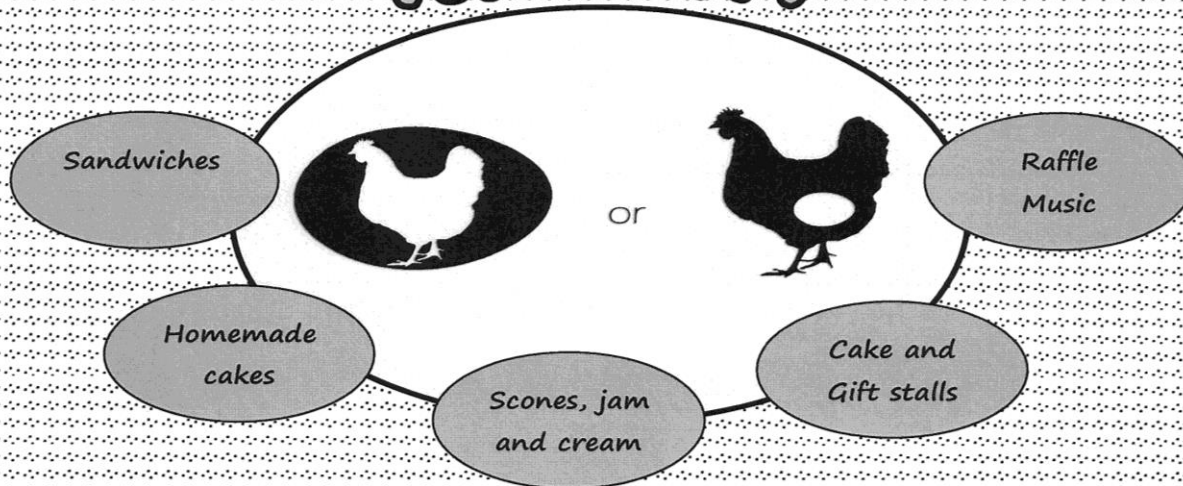
This time last year we began our Christmas Angel project and by the middle of December we had knitted 750 little angels. This year we began much earlier and I already have 405 angels awaiting their flight into Wantage at Christmas. Many knitters have more in their homes so I am sure that we will reach our target of 1000 angels.

The Knit & Chat group continues to meet twice a month. We even managed to keep knitting throughout the glorious hot and sunny weather - although we had to change the chocolate biscuits to go with tea for something less sticky!

The dates for this month are **Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm. We meet in the Parlour so please come and join the group if you enjoy knitting, chatting or drinking tea/coffee. If you would like an angel pattern to knit at home then please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you.



# CHICKEN AND EGG TEA PARTY



**WANTAGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL**  
NEWBURY/CHURCH ST

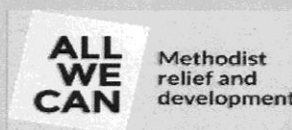
**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**3-5PM**

Tickets: £6

Available from:

Eileen tel: 224284 or Catherine tel:770151

proceeds to



*providing chickens for farmers in Zimbabwe*

**DON'T MISS THIS EGGSTRAVAGANSA !**

Tickets are now on sale for this event priced £6 from either Eileen (Tel: 224284) or Catherine (Tel: 770151). These tickets sell very quickly so please purchase yours soon.



## **Benevolent Fund**

Collections are made for the Church "Benevolent Fund" at Services of Holy Communion and recently the communion stewards have been asked by some newer members and visitors what the fund is for.

The "Benevolence Fund", established by the Methodist Church, is principally for "the relief of poverty and distress" in the local community. Church minister may use it at their discretion to give emergency financial support to individuals or families whether church members or not.

The Methodist Church also requires Church Councils to consider the state of the fund at the first meeting of the connexional year and decide if there is a surplus to expected needs and, if so, how to use it. In practice, at Wantage Methodist Church, we use the surplus to provide donations to local charities and good causes. A list of charities which have benefitted from this can be obtained from the church treasurer.

Our collections for the Fund consist of the loose cash at 9:00 am Holy Communion services, and retiring collections at 10:30 am Holy Communion services. In addition, any donations made at refreshments after the morning service are added to the Benevolent Fund.

## **Property Points**

Thank you to all who helped tidy up at the end of July. We have re-furnished the vestry / Haven so that it is a good office and has ordered storage. There is a key to where to find things on the vestry notice board. If you have not seen the result do have a look.

The safe has been moved back to its proper place and a new filing cabinet installed for the Treasurer.

We have done paint repairs and touch up against the inevitable knocks of wear and tear.

We also did some ground work in the battle against bindweed. This will require regular attention to fight back the invasion.

Over the summer Bryan Coneboy has been working his way round the buildings repairing wood and doing the exterior painting. Craig Colliass has constructed and installed a gate at the back of the hall to limit access to the rear of the premises. We are grateful to them both for their work in what at times has been a very hot summer.

## **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.

The new season is starting and we are as busy as ever. Without your support 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.  
[wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com](mailto:wntgmethodistbookings@gmail.com) 07710214601

The following bookings are in place:

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Afternoon	Caritas Workshop	Hall
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Worship Consultation	Godfrey
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Sunday Lunch	Hall/Parlour
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Private Party	Hall
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Afternoon	Concert & Tea	Chapel/Hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Friday Lunch	Hall/Parlour
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Day	Chicken & Egg Tea Party	All

### OCTOBER

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	Private Party	Hall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Property & Finance	Godfrey
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Literary Festival	Chapel

### NOVEMBER

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> (tbc)	Evening	NSPPG AGM	Chapel
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Church Council	Chapel/Hall (tbc)

### Weekly Bookings September 2018

Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Wantage Camera Club	Hall
Tuesday	eve	Rock Choir (3 <sup>rd</sup> only)	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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	aft	Knit & Chat	Parlour
Second Monday	aft	Age UK Oxfordshire	Parlour/Hall
Alternate Monday	eve	Dietitian	Godfrey Room
Second Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
Last Tuesday	eve	Rethink	Godfrey Room
Third Thursday	mid	King Alfred's WI	Hall
Third Saturday	morn	Dads Out	Hall

## DIARY

### AUGUST

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am "Disciple" starts in Wantage p21

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am to Noon Coffee Morning at Grove p17

7:00 pm

Circuit Welcome Service at Milton p 4

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 pm Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour p25

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Wantage Worship Consultation

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> **RIDE & STRIDE** p13

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7:15 pm YMOSES p22

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am "Belonging" Conference screening p 4

at Trinity, Abingdon

7:30 pm Movers & Shakers for Mission and Service

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Grove Film Club: "**Hidden Figures**" 2016 PG p17

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> **DISTRICT SYNOD**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Kids@Church p21

4:00 pm Film Plus at Grove p18

**Deadline for the October Newsletter**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Knit & Chat in Wantage Parlour p23

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Circuit Local Preachers' Meeting at Grove p 4

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Grove Stewards' Meeting p19

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm Chicken & Egg Tea Party p24

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Bible Study at Wantage p20

**GROVE HARVEST FESTIVAL** p17

### OCTOBER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Grove Harvest Supper p17

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Local Preachers Training Day at Kidlington p 4

## Sunday Services – September 2018

	<b>Childrey</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>Wantage</b>
<b>Sept 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Ordinary 22</b>	11:00 am Libby Bolton	10:45 am Peter Hemmings 6:30pm Helen Carter	10:30 am Rev Keith Underhill Worship through Thanksgiving
<b>Sept 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ordinary 23</b> <b>Education</b>	11:00 am Alan Smith	10:45 am Stephen Atkinson 6:30 pm Frederick Obeng	9:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 10:30 am Ruth Savage
<b>Sept 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ordinary 24</b> <b>Racial Justice</b>	11:00 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill	10:45 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill 4:00 pm Film Plus Rev Keith Underhill	9:30 am kids@church 10:30 am Rev Jill Marsh
<b>Sept 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Ordinary 25</b>	3:00 pm At St Mary's United Harvest Festival	10:45 am Alan Smith 6:30pm Peter Hemmings	10:30 am Holy Communion: Rev Keith Underhill
<b>Sept 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ordinary 26</b>	11:00 am Rev John Rowland	<b>Harvest Festival</b> 10:45 am Rev Keith Underhill 6:30 pm Holy Communion Rev Keith Underhill	9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Esther Miller

