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## Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church

We share Sunday services on Zoom.

The Church Stewards introduce worship, then there is a period of quiet in which we prepare for worship and pray for those leading worship. There are times in the service when most people will stand, such as for singing. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**The Chapel is fitted with an induction loop;** Hearing aid users are advised to sit away from the edges of the room and please switch hearing aids to the "T" setting.

**Glasses of water** are available. There is a crèche room for small children.

**Please join us in the Hall** after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

**Ordinary 3**

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); Matthew 4:12-23

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by Graham Luscombe

**4:00 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service**

"Growing into Christ" at St John's Church, Grove

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

**9:00 am Community Drop-in Café** in the Hall

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January Holocaust Memorial Day

**2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group**

I keep asking - Ephesians 1:15-23

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

**4pm–5pm Grove & Wantage Schools Prayer** in St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church.

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**3:30 pm Caritas Youth Choir** in the Hall

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Ordinary 4**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**9:30 am A Time for Reflection** in the Parlour or Godfrey Room

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by Peter Hemmings

**6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove**

## Focus for Reflection : Isaiah 57:10

You were wearied by all your ways, but you would not say "It is hopeless".  
You found renewal of your strength, and so you did not faint.

**Pray for** : Didcot

**Give thanks** for the opportunity to be still and remember in your name.

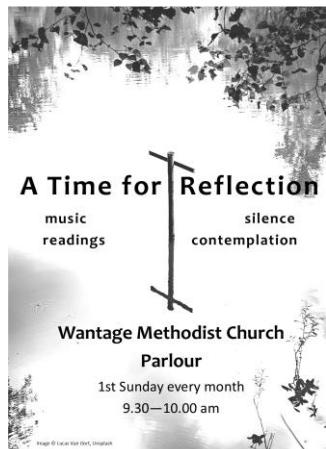
**Please pray for :-**

Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Caroline, Carol Mackinder, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Eileen, Emma Wright & family, Findley, Mark, Angela & family, Geoff, Gloria Smith, Hannah Morton. Hunter, Jade, Jane Robinson, John & Jo, June G, John Broadbent, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, June Hartle, Ken & Grace Wright, Lucas & family, Marc Hewson's family, Mary Spalding, Meriel, Mick Glover, Norma, Peter, Richard, Richard in York, Sharon, Sue, Sonia, Tony G, Trudy, William Chadwick, Vicky, Robin & Becky Legge & all the Legge family.

The community of Wantage Methodist Church as we tackle our financial crisis.

All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

Our Ministers, Community Chaplains, Local Preachers & Worship Leaders, [kids@church](mailto:kids@church) and Street Pastors, Cornerstone and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.



On **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the first Sunday of the month, we have a '**Time for Reflection**' in the Parlour or Godfrey Room from **9:30 - 10 am**.

There will be some music, a reading from the lectionary for that day, some questions to ponder individually and the opportunity to share any thoughts briefly if you wish before finishing with some music.

**Everyone welcome!**

## Grove & Wantage Schools Prayer January 2026

**4pm–5pm on Wednesday 28th January**, in St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church.

## Service of thanksgiving for the life of Linda Atkinson

Some WMC members might well remember Linda, who helped with the holiday club for a good number of years. She was a very gentle woman who spent her last few years of life in Framlands.

She died recently and a service of thanksgiving for her life is to be held in the **Hanney Chapel on Wednesday 28th January at 2:30 pm**.

Helen Carter is willing to give anyone a lift who would like to attend.

Beginning in February, Matt Forsyth, Mission Team Leader at District, will be leading a pilot of a new course entitled Everyone an Evangelist. Please will anyone who is interested in participating in the course, or who is considering whether it might be right for them, contact one of the stewards or get in touch with Jane Hawes at [wantageandabingdoncircuit@gmail.com](mailto:wantageandabingdoncircuit@gmail.com) by next Friday (30th) so that she can notify Matt.

*I am delighted to invite you to take part in a pilot of Everyone an Evangelist, a new course from the Methodist Church designed to help local churches and circuits explore how we are each called to share our faith.*

*The course offers space for honest conversation, reflection, and practice.*

*Together, we'll seek to demystify evangelism and build sustainable, intentional rhythms of both personal and shared witness. It's about discovering the confidence and joy of sharing good news in ways that are natural, authentic, and life-giving within our communities.*

### **When and Where**

*The pilot will run on Zoom across four evening sessions, all starting at 7:30pm-9:30pm:*

- **Tuesday 24th February 2026**
- **Tuesday 24th March 2026**
- **Tuesday 29th April 2026**
- **Tuesday 8th July 2026**

### **About the Pilot**

*This will be a small-scale pilot, with a maximum of four participating groups — one of which we hope will be a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP).*

*Ideally, we would have between 5 and 6 people from a church or circuit join. As facilitator, I will accompany your group between sessions to offer practical support and encouragement, and to help facilitate District grant support where appropriate.*

Every Blessing, Matt Forsyth

# **Wantage & Grove Church Partnership**

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026**

### **‘One Body, One Spirit’**

This year, each church has produced a short service/reflection, which has been compiled into a printed booklet available in the chapel vestibule and in the Hall. You were encouraged to pray in your own time during the week, before meeting on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January** for a combined service at St John's, Grove. The material allows for the fact that the same resource may be used by individuals in private prayer, as well as by smaller or larger groups praying together.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> ‘Growing into Christ’ St John’s Church, Grove  
**4 pm in-person service**

**ZOOM** Please contact Gordon Skidmore (07710 214601) for joining details if you wish to join the Sunday Morning Worship Zoom broadcast.

**Notices for next Sunday should reach Gordon Skidmore  
by the end of Thursday please.**  
wntgmETHODISTNOTICES@gmail.com      Tel: 07710 214601

## Safeguarding

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
  - work to prevent abuse from occurring
  - seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused

If you have, or become aware of any concern, you must contact our Church's Safeguarding Officer  
Ken Smith 01235 767545 or Revd Bruce on 01235 813242  
You must not speak to others about your concerns or investigate them yourself

On the Premises			
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
	eve	CA	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
	eve	Camera Club	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings	Hall
Friday	morn	Mothers & Toddlers	Hall
Saturday	mid	NA	Parlour