



Minister:

Rev. Bruce Thompson

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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 8<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Racial Justice**

#### **Ordinary 5**

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

**10:30 am Morning Worship - Local Arrangements**

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**2:30 pm Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home**

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Church Action on Poverty**

#### **Sunday before Lent**

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**9:30 am Wantage Kids@Church**

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by Rev Bruce Thompson

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

**Deadline for March Newsletter**

**Focus for Reflection : Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for  
and certain of what we do not see.

**Pray for** our Circuit Staff and their families

**Give thanks** for our faith that upholds us.

**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 and Street Pastors, Cornerstone and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

**The Crown Singers present MISERERE. Sacred music by female composers  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 3pm, at St John Vianney Church,**

Choral works by Imogen Holst, Amy Beach, Marianna Martines  
& Tobrinka Tabakova.

Tickets £12 including refreshments under 16s free

Tickets available on the door

## **Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home**

*June Grunwald*

Our next session will be held on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February** and our bible passage will be Matthew 5:13-20 (Salt and Light). Elmbrook Bible Study is held at the care home on Grove Road, on the second Monday of the month at 2.30 pm, lasting between 30 and 45 minutes.

## **Lent 2026 House Group**

*Alison Phillips*

This year we shall be following another course for Lent from the Cover to Cover series. The title 'A Passion for Christ' is based on St. Paul's teaching to the church in Corinth where his passion for knowing Christ, for the gospel of Christ, for following and serving Christ was his top priority. As we know, Paul suffered some sort of affliction which turned some people against his teaching, but Paul was not put off by their attitude and it only increased his passion for Christ.

As Paul turned his suffering around to stir up fresh passion in himself for Christ, we will see how a passion for Christ transforms our perspective in any situation.

**Our sessions begin on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am** at 1, Mill Paddock. All are welcome. The books are now available and cost £6.99 so please let me, Alison Phillips, know if you would like one. You can also buy the book at the Cornerstone bookshop if you prefer. It is helpful if you have read the material the week before as the discussion is based on what we have read.

# **In Conversation Matthew Barber**

**Thames Valley Police  
and Crime Commissioner**

**Tuesday 24 February 12 noon  
Wallingford Methodist Church**

**St Leonard's Square, OX10 0AS**

Further details [revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk)



Matthew was first elected as your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in 2021, and re-elected in 2024. As PCC covering Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, and Oxfordshire it is Matthew's role to be the voice of the public, representing two and a half million people. He served as Deputy PCC from 2017 to 2021, during which time he took on the chairmanship of the Local Criminal Justice Board.

**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

This week if you need to contact a minister,  
please contact Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson (01235 219070)

### **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	CA	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
	eve	Camera Club	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings	Hall
Friday	morn	Mothers & Toddlers	Hall
Saturday	mid	NA	Parlour