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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 1st March

Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

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

10:30 am Morning Worship led by **Daphne Savage**

Monday 2nd March

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

Tuesday 3rd March

2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

Week 7 – Something Old, Something New Reading: Ephesians 4:17-32

7:30 pm Circuit Meeting at All Saints, Abingdon

Thursday 5th March

10:00 am Lent Study Group at 1 Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis

Friday 6th March

2:30 pm World Day of Prayer Service at Grove Methodist Church

3:30 pm Caritas Youth Choir .

Sunday 8th March

Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

10:30 am Morning Worship led by Carolyn Luscombe

Focus for Reflection : Jeremiah 31:35

This is what the Lord says,
he who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar
- the Lord Almighty is his name.

Pray for Wantage Methodist Church

Give thanks for all creation

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.

Jenny Whymark

With deep sadness we have learned that Jenny Wymark died peacefully last Sunday, 21st February, in Framland Care Home.

Those who knew Jenny, when she was well and still able to worship with us, appreciate how generously and faithfully she served our church over a very long period.

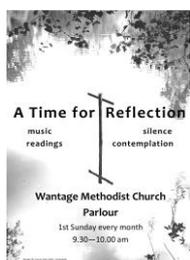
A fuller tribute will be included in the next newsletter, as all of Jenny's contributions to our church life cannot adequately be described in this week's Notices.

The provisional arrangements for the funeral, which will be confirmed later, are for it to take place at 2pm on Tuesday 24th March at Garford Crematorium. We will try to arrange transport for those who would like to attend.

We hold Jenny's daughter Jane, her son Peter, and all of her family and special friends in our thoughts, praying that they will be comforted and held in God's eternal love.

A Time for Reflection

Jane Kent and Helen Carter



On **March 1st**, 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!

World Day of Prayer is on **Friday, 6th March**. This service, prepared by the women of Nigeria, takes place all round the world on this day, from sunrise to sunset. Our local service is at **2.30 pm** in **Grove Methodist Church**. We hope you will come and join in this ecumenical service with folk from Wantage, Grove and surrounding villages. To be followed by refreshments.

Lent 2026 House Group

Alison Phillips

This year we are 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.

We meet on Thursdays from 10:00 am at 1, Mill Paddock. All are welcome.

**You are warmly invited to a
Retreat and Bible Study
led by Rev'd Richard Andrew
(President of the Methodist Conference 2025-26)
18th April 2026 10 am to 3 pm
taking place at
Thornborough Methodist Church .
The Green, Thornborough MK18 2DL
This will also be on Zoom**

**Please contact the District Office if you would like to attend:
office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk**

Caritas Youth Choir

Gill Skidmore

A reminder that Caritas, founded to raise funds for Christian Aid, will be holding a **teatime concert** on **Saturday 14th March**, all proceeds from which, as a one-off, will be donated to our church as a thank you for WMC's support over our ten years of music making. The concert will be at 4 pm, which means that by March it will still be light, and tea or coffee and home-made cakes will be served in the interval.

Buy your **tickets** now from Gill Skidmore.

Alison Phillips, our invaluable support staff member, will be in charge of refreshments. We would be extremely grateful for **offers of cake** for this special occasion.

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	CA	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
	eve	Camera Club	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings	Hall
Friday	morn	WCC Mothers & Toddlers	
Saturday	morn	WCC Dads Out	
	mid	NA	Parlour