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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 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**

Monday 9th March

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

2:30 pm Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home

Tuesday 10th March

2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

Week 8 – Live in Love, Live in Light Reading: Ephesians 5:1-20

Wednesday 11th March **No power from 8pm to 11pm**

6:00 pm Church Council in the Parlour

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 13th March

3:30 pm Caritas Youth Choir .

Saturday 14th March

4:00 pm Caritas Youth Choir Concert in the Chapel

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

9:30 am Kids@Church

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

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

Focus for Reflection : Hebrews 12:7

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.

For what son is not disciplined by his father?

Pray for Grove 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.

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.

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.

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**

		On the Premises		
Monday	eve	CA		Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND		Hall
	eve	Camera Club	Hall	
Wednesday	eve	No Electricity from 8pm to 11pm		
Friday	morn	WCC Mothers & Toddlers		
Saturday	morn	WCC Craft Group	Hall	
	mid	NA		Parlour



VIGIL OF LAMENT

ON COVID DAY OF REFLECTION

Sun 8 March 3pm, Market Place West End

A chance to pay our respects to those who lost their lives during the pandemic, and to come together in our shared anxiety and anger at everything in our world that isn't as it should be.

Join the Mayor and Vicar of Wantage for a short act of reflection at 3pm outside Marmalade.

find out more!



COVID-19
**DAY OF
REFLECTION**
8 MARCH 2026

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