



Minister:

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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 22nd March Passion Sunday Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

10:30 am Morning Worship led by **Belinda Kaur**

Deadline for April Newsletter

Monday 23rd March

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

Tuesday 24th March

2:00 pm Funeral for Jenny Whymark at Garford Crematorium

Thursday 26th March

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

Friday 27th March

3:30 pm Caritas Youth Choir .

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16; Philipians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27,66

9:15 am Palm Sunday procession from Holy Trinity Charlton
with **Act of worship** in the Market Place

10:45 am Morning Worship led by Robert Thompson

Focus for Reflection : Titus 2:11-12

For the grace of God which brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Pray for All Saints, Abingdon

Give thanks for God's grace and love.

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 on 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.

The arrangements for the funeral, 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.

It was with great sadness that we heard that Jock Gourlay had died in the afternoon of Saturday, 7th March. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kath, their daughters Lynne and Helen, and all the family at this very sad time. He will be very much missed by us all.

Lent 2026 House Group

Alison Phillips

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study group will be meeting at St Mary's Convent for prayer and meditations using the Stations of the Cross in the St. Mary Magdalene Chapel. This will take place in **Holy Week on Tuesday 31st March at 2pm**. The time of reflection is followed by tea/coffee and cake.

If anyone would like to join us please can you let me know by Sunday 22nd March.

Carolyn Roche 07906 515323 or ciroche48@hotmail.com

PALM SUNDAY: There is a joint celebration of Palm Sunday between the churches in the Wantage and Grove Church Partnership. We will meet at 9.15am at Holy Trinity, Charlton for a very short liturgy of the Blessing of the Palms, and then process (on the pavement and footpaths) to the Market Square for 10am. All are invited either to join the procession or to make their own way to any or all parts of the celebration.

Holy Week Meditations 30th March to 1st April

Monday to Wednesday in the Godfrey Room at 7:30 pm for 30 min.

At the Parish Church

TENEBRAE SERVICE: 5pm Sunday 22 March. Tenebrae - Latin for "shadows" or "darkness" - is based on a solemn Christian Holy Week service, combining traditional readings with hymns and music from the choir.

VIA DOLOROSA – The Way Of Suffering. Saturday 28 March at 7pm. Join the Parish Church Choir for a reflective evening of music and readings for Lent and Passiontide as we follow the journey of Christ's Passion on in the Parish Church. The programme includes music by Handel, Pergolesi, Stainer and Ola Gjeilo, alongside readings from poets and writers including Gerard Manley Hopkins, John Donne and T S Eliot

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	Wantage Sings	Hall
Thursday	eve	Jog Wantage	Parlour
Friday	morn	WCC Mothers & Toddlers	
Saturday	day	Wantage in Harmony	All
	mid	NA	Parlour