



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 29th March

Palm Sunday

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

British Summer Time

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

10:45 am Morning Worship led by **Robert Thompson**

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

11:30 am Wantage Walk of Witness starting at Kingsgrove
going to the **Market Place for a short service at about 12:30.**

2:00 pm Wantage Reflective Service led by **Rev Bruce Thompson**

Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1,2,14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

10:30 am Morning Worship led by **Rev Nigel Ogley**
This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: 29th March

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.

Monday – Wednesday 7:30 – 8 pm Guided Meditations in the Godfrey Room

All are welcome. There will be a short time of music, a bible reading, time to reflect, a prayer and some music to finish. If you want to know more then please chat to Jane Kent or Helen Carter.

Wednesday, 1st April, 10.00 am

The final session of the **Grove Lent Course** is in the Meeting Room at Grove Church. It will be a celebration of Holy Communion and will be led by our minister, Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson. You are invited to come, whether or not you have been part of the Lent course each week.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

There will be a united section service for **Didcot, Milton, Wallingford and Wantage on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm**. It will include music, readings, reflections and a communion. The service will be led by Revd Bruce. Parking has been arranged at the Baptist Union Offices behind the church off Mereland Road.

In Wantage there are services at **7:30 pm at Wantage Baptist Church**
and at **8 pm at Wantage Parish Church**

Good Friday, 3rd April,

11:00 am. Open Air service at the top of **Vale Avenue, Grove**.

To be followed by hot cross buns and hot drinks in Grove church. All welcome.

11:30 am Wantage Walk of Witness starting at Kingsgrove going to the Market Place for a short service at about 12:30.

2:00 pm Wantage Reflective Service led by Rev Bruce Thompson

Easter Day, 5th April,

10.30 am. Morning worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Nigel Ogley.

As is our tradition, on Easter Day, we will be changing a bare cross into one that is truly beautiful by covering it with flowers. We invite everyone who is able to bring a flower, or several flowers, with them to church on Easter Day so we can make that transformation. There will be some spare flowers available for those who don't have easy access to flowers.

Focus for Reflection : John 12:13

They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel".

Pray for Didcot Methodist Church

Give thanks for freedom & blessing in worship.

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, Rachel & her family, 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.

Local Arrangement - 12th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Do you have a **favourite Easter hymn**? Would you like to sing it with others on 12th April? If so, please let Helen Carter (01235 764810) know. We (those putting this act of worship together) can't guarantee to use everyone's hymn on this occasion - there is a limit to the number we can use in one service! However, we suspect several people will choose the same hymn! We will need to know before Easter Day so that we can put together an order of service very quickly. If you would like to share why you have chosen that hymn please let us know that too. Again, we will need to make sure we don't run to a 2 hour act of worship but will try really hard to include as many folk as possible. Additionally, if you have a prayer that you would like said on this occasion, please do let Helen have that too. Thank you very much for being in touch.

Jock Gourlay's funeral service will be on **Monday, 13th April at 12.00noon** at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium at Garford. To be followed by refreshments at The Comrades Club, Newbury Street, Wantage.

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.

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	On the Premises		
Monday	eve	CA	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings	Hall
Saturday	mid	NA	Parlour