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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 6th September

Ordinary 23

Ezekial 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

09:30 am A Time for Reflection in the Godfrey Room

10:30 am Morning Worship – led by Stephen Atkinson

6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove

Monday 7th September

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

Tuesday 8th September

12 noon In Conversation – Wallingford

Monawar Hussain, Imam Eton College, founder of the Oxford Foundation,
and leading voice in inter faith dialogue

Tuesday Afternoon Prayer and Study Group – No Meeting

Sunday 13th September

Education Sunday

Ordinary 24

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

10:30 am Morning Worship – led by Rev Nigel Ogley

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

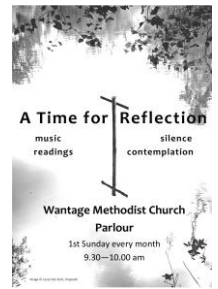
A Time for Reflection

Jane Kent and Helen Carter

On the first Sunday of the month, we have a 'Time for Reflection' in the 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!



Please pray for :-

Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Caroline, Carol M, Carole R,
Dave, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Emma Wright & family, Findley,
Mark, Angela & family, Gary R, Geoff, Gillian B, Gill & Gordon S, Gloria S,
Greta Thornbury, Jane Robinson, Jo, June G, Jane & Emma S & family, Jo A,
Jordan, June H, Ken & Grace W, Mary S, Meriel, Peter, Rachel & her family,
Sharon, Tony G, Trudy, Val & John B

Our Ministers, 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.

Ian Sturt

It is with deep sadness that we must inform you of the death of our brother, Ian Sturt, a faithful member of Grove Methodist Church. The Circuit has lost a much-loved brother and a seasoned local preacher whose ministry, friendship, and Christian witness touched many lives. Please hold Ian's family in your prayers together with the community of Christian Bikers with whom he regularly fellowshiped, and our brothers and sisters at Grove Methodist Church as they mourn his passing. Even in the midst of our sorrow, we give thanks for the assurance of eternal life that is ours through Jesus Christ. Our hope is grounded in the resurrection of our Lord, who has conquered death and opened the way to eternal life. May the Holy Spirit sustain and comfort us all, reminding us of the hope we have in Christ and granting us peace in the days and weeks ahead.

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

May Ian rest in peace and rise in glory.

Ride and Stride 2026

Clive and Alison Phillips

As September approaches it is time to think about the annual Ride and Stride for The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. This event is a major source of funds to support the Trust's grants to the county's churches, and our church benefitted from such a grant when refurbishing the chapel.

The idea is to visit as many churches as possible on Saturday, 12th September, either by foot, bicycle or horse! At each church you sign in and your visit is recorded on your sponsor form, and at the same time you may be offered refreshment and the use of the loo if necessary.

Clearly to allow this to happen your church needs to be open and ideally someone to welcome you, so if you are free on Saturday 12th September and would be willing to give an hour or two of your time between 10a.m. and 5p.m. please let Alison Phillips know and she will construct a rota.

However, you may feel more adventurous and wish to get out and about to visit some local churches yourself, (there are 5 in Wantage alone!) in which case, have a word with Clive and he will give you the necessary form to record your visits. There are some suggested routes on the website including a category of townwalks which may be worth a look; ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/

Finally, if you are not available to be at church to welcome or feel up to travelling about, it would be great if you would like to sponsor someone for the number of churches they have visited or the time spent church sitting, every little helps.

With many thanks and look forward to seeing you on Sunday

Harvest Festival Sunday 20th September

Our harvest celebration will be on **Sunday 20th September** and will be led by Rev Bruce.

- Jan Abrahall will be at the church on Saturday 19th morning for gifts of foliage of flowers from your gardens. These gifts need to be with her before 10am please so that she can plan how she is going to decorate the church.
- Harvest gifts - both non-perishable and perishable can be brought to the church on Saturday 19th in the morning or on Sunday morning at the time of the service.
- After the service we will share a "bring and share" buffet lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the foyer of the hall for you to indicate that you intend to come, and also there is space to say what you think you might well bring to share. Your contributions for the lunch should be brought to the Parlour before the service please (Kids@church will be using the kitchen and so we don't want to disturb them. We will ensure that we take those items that need to be in the fridge into the kitchen very speedily.)

Schools Prayer Group 2026-2027

Wednesday 23 September 2026

4-5pm at St John's Rooms, Grove

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.

The September Newsletter has been published and is available on our website. There are a limited number of printed copies available in the Chapel Vestibule.

**Weekly printed notices are prepared on a Friday.
They will be updated on the website during the week if necessary.
Any notices should reach Gordon Skidmore by the end of Thursday please.
wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com Tel: 07710 214601**

On the premises this week

Monday	evening - CA – Parlour
Tuesday	morning – MIND – Hall
Wednesday	evening - Wantage Sings
Friday	morning – WCC Mothers & Toddlers
Saturday	midday – NA – Godfrey Room