



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 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Ordinary 26**

Ezekial 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

**10:30 am Morning Worship** – Local Arrangement

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

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

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**2:00 pm Tuesday Afternoon Prayer and Study Group** in the Parlour  
Fruit of the Spirit

**7:30 pm Circuit Meeting** at Wallingford

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Homeless Sunday**

**Ordinary 27**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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

**10:30 am Morning Worship** – led by Sarah Ifill

**6:30 pm Prayer for Revival** at Grove

### **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, Phillip Jones,  
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 - Funeral Arrangement**

The funeral service will take place at **South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 2pm on  
Monday 12th October**. Ahead of the service, the hearse will arrive outside Grove  
Methodist Church, where a group of Ian's biker friends will form a biker escort to the  
Crematorium. At present, we do not yet have a confirmed time for when the  
procession will meet at Grove.

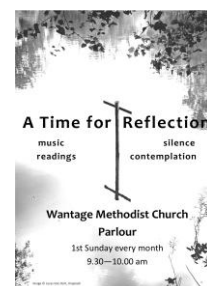
### **A Time for Reflection**

*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!



### **Harvest**

*Helen Carter*

Many thanks are due to all involved in such a memorable day on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Jan  
decorated the church beautifully. There were many gifts laid out and they have been  
given appropriately to the Community Fridge at the Mix and Wantage & Grove Food  
Bank. Bruce led an inspiring and challenging act of worship.

Thanks for all the wonderful contributions brought to the bring and share buffet lunch  
and for all who helped in any way setting up and clearing up for this lovely occasion.

### **Church Council Meeting, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm**

I am currently looking for a willing volunteer to cover minute-taking at Church  
Council on the above date. The secretary does not need to be a member of Church  
Council as any church member may attend the meetings in a non-voting capacity. If  
you feel able to help, please talk to me for further details, in person or by phone or  
email.

Gill Skidmore (07889 815950, [gill.skidmore32@gmail.com](mailto:gill.skidmore32@gmail.com))

## Ride and Stride 2026

THANK YOU to all those who welcomed visitors to our church for the annual Ride and Stride event on September 12th. Our church was open from 9.30a.m. to 6.00p.m. and there was a warm welcome for visitors throughout that time. Sadly the number of visitors was down on past years, which was the same for all churches, but for those who came, to be welcomed in person makes a visit all the more worthwhile and it seemed like the welcomers enjoyed it too.

We have currently raised £110 in sponsorship money, so thank you too to all those who generously donated to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust fund. Half will go to our church and is much appreciated. There is still time to donate if you wish until early October. If you do please speak to Alison or Clive.

## IBRA Daily Bible Study – Fresh from the Word

The 2027 edition is now available and Helen Carter is collecting orders so that a “bulk” order can be placed. There is a notice on the Hall notice board to sign up on. Please sign up by mid October.

### **Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit Black History Month Celebration**

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Black History Month event

**Saturday 17 October, from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm,  
at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd, Abingdon OX14 1DB**

This afternoon event brings together voices from across the Methodist family and beyond, offering reflection, learning, worship, and shared fellowship:

- **Talk:** *The History of Black History Month* **Mr Bevan Powell MBE**

- **Act of Worship:** **Dr Sonia Hicks,**

Chair of the Northampton Methodist District

- **Storytelling:** **Mr Joseph Kingsley Nyinah**

- The Methodist Zimbabwe Fellowship Choir

#### **In Conversation**

A twenty minute dialogue with **The Rt Hon. the Lord Boateng**

We will conclude with a **shared faith meal**, celebrating the rich culinary heritage of the African and Caribbean diaspora.

To assist us in finalising arrangements, we would be most grateful if you could kindly indicate your availability for the event

We look forward to welcoming you.

**RSVP:** [wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com](mailto:wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com)

## **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 October 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**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>evening - CA – Parlour</b>               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>morning – MIND – Hall</b>                |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>evening - Wantage Sings</b>              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>morning – WCC Mothers &amp; Toddlers</b> |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>morning – Dads Out</b>                   |
|                  | <b>midday – NA – Godfrey Room</b>           |
|                  | <b>aft/eve – Private Party?</b>             |