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<https://wantagemethodist.org.uk>

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 4th 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

Monday 5th October

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

7:30 pm Church Leadership Team in the Parlour

Tuesday 6th October

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

Thursday 8th October

7:30 pm Music Makers

Sunday 11th October Prisons Sunday Ordinary 28

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

10:30 am Morning Worship – led by Daphne Savage

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,
the family of Rachel, 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.

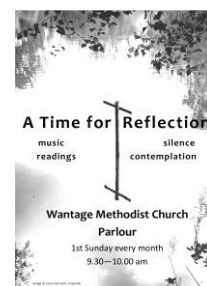
A Time for Reflection

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!



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.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION - URGENT. If you intend to go to the Black History Celebration being held **at Trinity church, Abingdon, on 17th October (for details see below), please could you inform a steward today** so we can send the numbers in during next week. As there will be substantial refreshments, those who are organising are needing numbers please. Thank you.

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

Church Council Meeting, Monday 19th October, 7.30 pm

Reports and any Agenda items should be with Gill Skidmore by Friday 9th October please so that they can be distributed to members in time for the meeting.

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)

WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS
It's time to book in your quiz team for our Curry & Quiz Night 2026
Saturday 7 November, 6.30 pm
The Old Mill Hall, Grove

£15 per person on the door but only £14 per person in advance!

See this web page: bit.ly/wgsp-quiz2026 and email in your team booking as soon as you can!

Maximum 6 people on a team!

Raising funds for Wantage & Grove Street Pastors

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

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