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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 15th November **Interfaith Week** **Ordinary 33**

Zephaniah 1:7.12-18: Psalm 90:1-8,12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: Matthew 25:14-30

9:30 am Kids@Church
10:30 am Morning Worship – Local Arrangements

Monday 16th November

9:00 am **Community Drop-in Café** in the Hall
2:00 pm **Knit & Chat** in the Hall

Tuesday 17th November

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

Friday 20th November

7:30 pm **Film Club at Grove -** "Captain Corelli's Mandolin".

Sunday 22nd November **Sunday before Advent**

Women against Violence

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

10:30 am **Morning Worship** led by Elizabeth Wood

Deadline for November Newsletter

Please pray for :-

Adrian, family of Alison C, Alyson, Caroline, Carol M, Dave, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Emma Wright & family, Findley, Mark, Angela & family, Geoff, Gillian B, Gill, Gloria S, Greta Thornbury, Jane & Emma S & family, Jane Robinson, Jo, Jo A, June G, Jordan, June H, Ken & Grace W, Matthew H, Mary S, Meriel, Peter, Trudy, the family of Phillip Jones, Sharon, Tony G, 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.

An Advent group will meet at 1, Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis, on **Wednesday morning November 25th at 10.00 am** and then **Thursday mornings at 10 am for 3 weeks from December 3rd** (starting with coffee) and finishing at 12.00 midday. Anyone is welcome whether you are able to come every week or not. We shall be following the same material as the Tuesday study group called 'COMING of the SAVIOUR' by Cindy Bunch, and each week there will be a reading followed by questions which will guide us to think about the passage. The study material suggests we use the NIV bible or the New Revised Standard. Please let Alison or Clive know if you would like a copy of the course.

Our Christmas Tree Festival is now just a few weeks away!

It begins on **Dickensian evening, Friday 4th December**, continues with a **Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th December**, and concludes with our **morning service on Sunday 6th December**. All of the decorated trees will remain in the chapel, and the service will include the Blessing of the Knitted Angels before they take flight to offer their encouraging messages around many locations in Wantage.
We need volunteers to ensure the smooth running of our Christmas Tree Festival and Ann Barber is collating a rota of people

- to help set up the Chapel and Hall beforehand.

The bases for the trees need setting up in the Chapel on or in advance of Friday morning, and tables in the hall will be set up from 12.30 pm.

- and to staff the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions.

Help is requested in three areas, the Chapel, the Hall and the Kitchen.
The Chapel sitters will offer a warm welcome as visitors come in to view the decorated Christmas trees
Kitchen helpers will serve refreshments to visitors coming into the Hall to explore the variety of stalls selling Christmas themed goods
The cake stall helpers will serve customers buying the homemade cakes kindly baked by our church family members
We are seeking volunteers willing to offer help in one hourly slots between 6 and 9 pm on Friday, and 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday
Please let Ann know, in person or via email: annbarber7@gmail.com or phone: 07792 152943 if you are able to help
All offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

Monday 30th November 1pm-3pm
Jane Hawes circuit administrator will be coming to church **to verify documents for DBS checks**. Any questions please contact Ken Smith or Jane Hawes.

Circuit Showcase Day Saturday 16 January 2027
The Carmelite Centre for Spirituality, Carmelite Priory, Chilswell, Boars Hill, Oxfordshire OX1 5HB

We hope that as many people as possible will be able to join us at our Circuit Showcase Day. Churches will be invited to share key developments arising from their Growth Action Plans (GAPs). The purpose of the day is to learn from one another, celebrate the progress made through last year's hard work, and encourage one another as we continue to respond to God's call in our shared mission and ministry.

One of the themes that has emerged from our Growth Action Plans is the need to strengthen digital communication across our churches. We are therefore delighted that Matt Forsyth, District Mission Enabler Team Leader, and Naomi Ensor, Digital Enabler, Mission Team, will be leading sessions on how we can share our stories more effectively, both in person and through digital platforms.

These sessions will also provide an opportunity for Matt and Naomi to see some of our initiatives first-hand and to hear directly from churches about their plans, experiences, and needs. Following the Showcase Day, Naomi will be in a better position to help us organise a Circuit-wide digital communications training day, which we hope to offer within six weeks of the event.

It would be good for as many people as possible to attend. For catering purposes, please let Jane know the number of people attending together with any dietary requirements or access needs, by Thursday 10 December.

Wantage & Grove FOOD BANK

Please ensure any donations have a 'Best before date' of at least January 2027



Suggested items

Tinned salmon / ham Tinned Fruits
Pasta Sauce Jams and Chutneys
Crackers for Cheese Crisps and Savoury Snacks/nibbles
Christmas Puddings Custard Christmas Cakes / Chocolate log
Biscuit Selection Boxes Shortbread Biscuits
Chocolates / sweets Tea / Coffee Hot Chocolate

Many thanks for your support (if possible we need donations by the 1st December :)

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 November 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 –Hall**
Tuesday	**morning – MIND – Hall**
	evening - Camera Club - Hall
Wednesday	**evening - Wantage Sings**
Thursday	**midday – KAWI**
	evening – Slimming World - Hall
Friday	**morning – WCC Mothers & Toddlers**
Saturday	**morning – Craft Matters**
	midday – NA – Godfrey Room
Sunday	**afternoon - Jigsaw**