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## **Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church**

### **We are sharing 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.

There is a crèche room for small children.

**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.

**Please join us in the Hall** after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Interfaith Week

**Ordinary 33**

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**9:30 am**

**Kids@Church**

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by **Rev John Anderson**

**3.00pm Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Grove**

**celebrating the 30th Birthday of Cornerstone – All are welcome.**

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**2:30pm Knit & Chat** in the Hall

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**1:30 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group** in the Parlour

Esther-Courage to Act.

Reading - Esther 5:1-8; chap 7-8

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**3:30 pm Caritas** in the Hall

**7:30 pm Film Club** at Grove "Deep in my Heart"

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Women against Violence

**Sunday before Advent**

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by **Peter Hemmings**

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**PRAYER FOCUS**  
**Focus for Reflection : Proverbs 16:9.**

In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

**Pray for.** the Circuit's Local Preachers and their families

**Give thanks** that God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit guide our paths and our witness.

**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, Marc Hewson's family, June G, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, June Hartle, Mary Spalding, Meriel, Ken & Grace Wright, Lucas & family, Norma, Peter, Richard, Richard in York, Sharon, Sue, Sonia, Tony G, Trudy, John Broadbent, Geoffrey & Marianne Maunder, Vicky, Robin & Becky Legge & all the Legge family.  
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.

**WMC Prayer WhatsApp group** to share requests for urgent prayer requests. Please let Helen Carter know if you would like to be involved in responding to urgent prayer requests. Thank you.

**Prayer tree**

Anyone can leave a prayer request on the tree. Please write a date on the tag somewhere. Please take time to check the tree and choose someone or a situation to pray for or about. Also, if any of the prayer cards on the table feel relevant to you please do take one.

**Other Users on Wantage premises next week**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | eve  | Slimming World - Hall     |
|                  | eve  | CA - Parlour              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | morn | MIND - Hall               |
|                  | eve  | Camera Club - Hall        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | morn | Abingdon Family Help Team |
|                  | eve  | Wantage Sings             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | day  | KAWI                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | morn | Mothers & Toddlers        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | mid  | NA - Parlour              |

## **NOTE START TIME CHANGES**

**During November Tuesday Prayer & Study Group will be starting at 1:30 pm**  
(instead of 2:00pm)

**Saturday 22 November Local Arrangement Leaders' session - cancelled.**

### **Christmas Tree Festival – Cake Stall**

We will be having a cake stall in the hall during the Christmas Tree Festival. If you are able to contribute cakes, biscuits, mince pies etc please can you let Ann Barber know. All the money that we raise this year is for the **Alzheimer's Society**.

I am also looking for volunteers to sit in the chapel during Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Many thanks. Carolyn Roche

### **Advent Group 2025**

The material for the Thursday Advent group has arrived. It is called 'A Strange Christmas' and is a four week course beginning on Thursday November 27th at 10.00 am. We will meet at 1, Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis. We start with coffee and ending by 12 Noon

Anyone is welcome to join the group but please let me know so that I can give you a booklet which costs £6.99.

As we read familiar passages together there will be fresh and inspiring thoughts to share, which I pray will both help to consolidate our thoughts and stretch our minds. Clive and I look forward to seeing you on this Advent journey. Alison Phillips

**Street Pastors' October Quarterly News and Monthly Report is available on our website.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon In Conversation with Rev Dr Sonia Hicks**  
Chair of our District and past President of the Methodist Conference at Wallingford

### **AMSTERDAM TRIP + April 2025**

There are just 3 spaces left for the trip to Amsterdam next April. There will be an Anne Frank day, a historical day, art day, and tulip, clog and cheese day

If you are interested to know the full itinerary and cost then please contact Bruce on 01235 813242 or [revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Food Bank at Christmas time**

To help make Christmas special food those receiving food parcels at Christmas it would be really lovely if there were a good number of special items in those parcels such as tins of ham, box of chocolates and other luxury goodies. Please consider donating something special in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

### **IBRA**

IBRA notes "Fresh from the Word" for 2026 will be ordered at the end of November. If you want to use these notes please sign up on the sheet on the notice board in the hall vestibule or contact Helen Carter or Gordon Skidmore. The cost this year will be £16.

## **Financial Crisis**

At the last Church Council it was clear from last year's financial statement that we have a financial crisis. A small working party has been addressing the issue and will report to the Church Leadership Team on Thursday this next week.

Last year we had a deficit of about £7K and the church's total balances at the year end – August- were just under 24 thousand pounds. The first call on our finances is the Circuit assessment which is our contribution to the work of the Methodist Church in our circuit, district and the connexion. This is £12400 / quarter this year. At church council it was clear that there is not enough money in the current accounts to pay this, this quarter. This is a serious issue.

Some costs can be reduced and proposals are going to CLT to action these. However we must increase our income as well.

This announcement is to share the situation with you all and there will be more information in the next newsletter.

## **Dreaming of a Green Christmas**

A new book out this year by Olivia Warburton is "Dreaming of a Green Christmas". Cornerstone are hosting an afternoon with Olivia on Saturday, 22nd November at 3.30pm. Please go along to Cornerstone for great ideas of how to make your Christmas more sustainable.

**Zoom** Please contact Gordon Skidmore (07710 214601) for joining details if you wish to join the Sunday Morning Worship Zoom broadcast.

**Notices for next week** should reach **Gordon Skidmore** by the end of Thursday please.

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## **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.