



Minister:

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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.

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 14th December

Advent 3

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

10:30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Nigel Ogley

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

Focus for Reflection : Psalm 60:8

Trust in him at all times, O people,
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Pray for : Grove Methodist Church

Give thanks for support in our Church and especially for those who volunteer and stand alongside those in need.

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

The community of Wantage Methodist Church as we tackle our financial crisis.

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.

Monday 15th December

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

Tuesday 16th December

2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

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Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:4-7

Thursday 18th December

10:00 am Advent Study Group at 1, Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis

7:30 pm Music Makers in the Hall

Sunday 21st December

Advent 4

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

9:30 am Wantage

Kids@Church

10:30 am Family Carol Service led by Rev Bruce Thompson

Readers needed for our Carol Service. We need lots of readers for our Carol Service. If you would like to offer to do a reading - bible readings and poems are included - then please see Helen Carter today. She would be delighted if she could find enough readers so no one does more than one reading. Thank you.

Loose Cash Collections at our Christmas services will be donated to CRISIS.

Food Bank at Christmas time

To help make Christmas special for those receiving food parcels at Christmas it would be great 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.

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 reported to the Church Leadership Team.

There will be an extra Church Council on Thursday 15 January 2026.

As a continuing effort to restore our financial situation, we invite the congregation **not to exchange Christmas cards, but to make a donation to the church instead.** This does not prevent you from exchanging cards with your friends, but just to say that the pigeonholes will not be put out as in previous years.

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

Christmas Services at Churches in Wantage & Grove Church Partnership

Wantage Methodist Church

Sunday 21 st December	10.30 am	Family Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.15 am	Family Service

Wantage Parish Church

Sunday 21 st December	7 pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve	3 pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11 pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Choral Eucharist
Sunday 4 th January	5 pm	Epiphany Carols

Holy Trinity Church Charlton

Monday 22 nd December	10.30am	Christingle
Christmas Eve	8 pm	First Mass of Christmas
Christmas Day	9.15 am	Sung Eucharist

Wantage Community Church (meeting at Wantage Primary Academy)

Sunday 21 st December	4 pm	All Age Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4 pm	Carols Around the Christmas Tree at Kingsgrove
Christmas Day	11 am	Christmas Day service

Wantage St John Vianney Catholic Church

Sunday 14 th December	5 pm	Carol Service	
Christmas Eve	6 pm	Mass	9 pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day	9 am	Christmas Day Mass	

Wantage RCCG Faith Tabernacle (meeting at Wantage Leisure Centre)

Sunday 21 st December	11.30 am	Christmas Carol Service & Love Feast
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Grove St John's Church of England

Sunday 14 th December	4 pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 21 st December	6 pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4 pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day	10.15 am	Christmas Holy Communion Service

Grove Methodist Church

Sunday 14 th December	10.30 am	Cribfest Service
Sunday 21 st December	10:30 am	Carol service
Christmas Day	10 am	Christmas Day Service

Grove Vale Elim Church (meeting at St John's CE Primary School)

Friday 19 th December	5.30 pm	Wellington Gate Carols at Lancaster Crescent
Sunday 21 st December	10.30 am	Christmas Carol service

Use of the Church Car Park for Sunday Morning Services

The reality of our church's parking facilities is that they are inadequate for our needs. This has necessitated a rethink of how we can continue to assist those with serious mobility needs and do all we can to enable them to attend Sunday Morning Services safely.

After careful consideration of how best to resolve this problem, the system proposed and agreed by the Church Leadership Team, with immediate implementation, is as follows:

- On Sunday mornings, the entire car park, except the space reserved for the Minister or Worship Leader, will be restricted for use only by those whose disability necessitates arrival by car onto the church site.
- Permits have been given to each qualifying disabled regular worshipper, and to drivers who regularly give lifts to any of these people.
- Anyone who needs a permit in the future should make their request to one of the Church Stewards.
- Please remember that the slope leading to Church Street must be kept clear for pedestrian access, especially those who use a walking aid or need to hold onto the arm of a helper.

Notices for the next two weeks 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.

On the premises

Monday	evening evening	CA Slimming World	in the parlour in the Hall
Tuesday	morning evening	MIND Camera Club	in the Hall in the Hall
Saturday	lunchtime	NA	in the parlour