



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 18th January

Christian Unity

Ordinary 2

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

9:30 am Wantage Kids@Church

10:30 am Morning Worship led by Rev Bruce Thompson

The service is our Covenant Service including the sacrament of Holy Communion

Deadline for February Newsletter

Sunday 25th January

Ordinary 3

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); Matthew 4:12-23

10:30 am Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe

4:00 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

"Growing into Christ" at St John's Church, Grove

Focus for Reflection : Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity”!

Pray for : Milton

Give thanks for our brothers and sisters of other denominations who unite with us praising your name.

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 19th January

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

Tuesday 20th January

12 noon In Conversation at Wallingford – see below for detail

2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

The purpose of God - Ephesians 1:1-14

Wednesday 21st January

3:00 pm Planning Meeting for February 8th Morning Service

8:00 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

“Called to one hope” **at St John Vianney Catholic Church, Wantage**

Thursday 22nd January

7:30 pm Music Makers in the Hall

Friday 23rd January

3:30 pm Caritas Youth Choir in the Hall

In Conversation 2026 at Wallingford Methodist Church

In Conversation Tuesday 20th January, 12 noon

Holocaust Memorial Special with Georgina Bye, National Director of the Council of Christians and Jews

Georgina will be in conversation with Bruce on the challenges and joys of dialogue between Christians and Jews in the current climate.



**Wantage & Grove Church Partnership
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026
'One Body, One Spirit'**

This year, each church has produced a short service/reflection, which has been compiled into a printed booklet available in the chapel vestibule and in the Hall.

You are encouraged to pray in your own time during the week (and on **Wednesday 21st January** to pray together at St John Vianney), before meeting on **Sunday 25th January** for a combined service at St John's, Grove.

The material allows for the fact that the same resource may be used by individuals in private prayer, as well as by smaller or larger groups praying together.

Sunday 18 th	'Call to unity'	Wantage Community Church
Monday 19 th	'Bearing with one another in love'	Redeemed Christian Church of God
Tuesday 20 th	'The bond of peace'	Wantage Methodist Church
Wednesday 21 st	'Called to one hope'	St John Vianney Catholic Church 8 pm in-person service
Thursday 22 nd	'One faith, one baptism'	Wantage Church of England
Friday 23 rd	'One God over all'	Grove Methodist Church
Saturday 24 th	'Christ's gift'	Vale Elim Church
Sunday 25 th	'Growing into Christ'	St John's Church, Grove 4 pm in-person service

Grove & Wantage Schools Prayer January 2026

4pm–5pm on Wednesday 28th January, in St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church.

Service of thanksgiving for the life of Linda Atkinson

Some WMC members might well remember Linda, who helped with the holiday club for a good number of years. She was a very gentle woman who spent her last few years of life in Framlands.

She died recently and a service of thanksgiving for her life is to be held in the **Hanney Chapel on Wednesday 28th January at 2:30 pm.**

Helen Carter is willing to give anyone a lift who would like to attend.

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

Notices for next Sunday should reach **Gordon Skidmore**
by **the end of Thursday** please.
wntgmethodistnotices@gmail.com **Tel:** 07710 214601

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

Sunday	aft	Jigsaw	Hall
Monday	eve	Slimming World	Hall
	eve	CA	Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND	Hall
	eve	My Life, My Choice	Parlour
	eve	Camera Club	Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings	Hall
Friday	morn	Mothers & Toddlers	Hall
Saturday	mid	NA	Parlour