



*Wantage*  
**Methodist Church**  
*With Childrey*

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**Sunday 14th January**

**Ordinary 2**

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

**At Wantage**

**10:30 am Morning Worship** - Local Arrangements

**At Childrey**

**11:00 am Covenant Service** led by Rev Keith Underhill

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

**Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church**

**We are sharing all services on Zoom.**

Please contact Gordon for joining details if you wish to join the Zoom broadcast. In the same way as we wait for people present in church to settle before the welcome announcement and notices, so we do not start until all Zoom attendees are properly connected. We try to start on time and not early to be welcoming to last minute arrivals.

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.

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

**PRAYER FOCUS**

**Pray** for Wallingford Methodist Church

**Give thanks that** God knows our every thought and fear and help us listen to his voice.

**Please pray for** Bethan Grant, Anne, Carol Mackinder, Emma Wright & family, Caroline, Doug & Anne Hatto, Richard in York, Edwina, Adrian, Geoff, Diane, Ken Harmer, Meriel, Maggie, Diane's daughters Claire & Julie, Jane Robinson, June Hartle, Louise, Richard & Anne, Peter, Kathryn Clark, John & Jo, Jane & Harry Rudd, Pam Johnson, Sonia, Victor, Andrew Holley, Mary Spalding, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, Trudy.

All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

Our Ministers, Deacon, 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.

**Verse for the week: Psalm 139:23-24**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Monday 15th January 2024**

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

**Tuesday 16th January**

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

Holy Habits Eating Together, Week 7 :

The Healing Power of Eating Together. Reading : Luke 19:2-7

**Thursday 18th January**

**7:30 pm Music Makers** in the Hall

**Friday 19th January**

**3:30 pm Caritas Children's Choir** in the Hall

**7:30 pm Film Club** at Grove

**Saturday 20th January**

**10:00 am Book Discussion at Cornerstone** See below

**Sunday 21st January**

**Christian Unity**

**Ordinary 3**

Lectionary: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**At Wantage**

**9:30 am Kids@Church**

**10:30 am Covenant Service** led by Rev Keith Underhill

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

**At Wantage Parish Church**

**4:00 pm**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Reflections**

led by Rev Katherine Price

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY CGW NEWS**

**Book Discussion in January**

Although there will be a little break from Holy Habits in January we have decided to continue reading and discussing a book.

We will meet on **Saturday 20 January at 10am at Cornerstone** to discuss 'The Christmas Mystery' by Jostein Gaarder.

Please text or phone me if you would like to come along so I can give Cornerstone an idea of numbers. Thank you! Jane Kent (07443420205)

## **Dilys Seymour**

We are sad to share the news that Dilys passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve at Foxholes Care Home, Hitchin. Dilys was Rob Charles' mother's slightly older sister and she had her 100th birthday last February. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Richard and daughter Alison and all the family. There will be a memorial service at Wantage Methodist Church on Tuesday 6th February



## **Dedication of Blewbury Methodist Church's War Memorial 2.30pm on Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lych Gate led by Rev. Bruce Thompson.**

The picture shows that the War Memorial is already in place in the Lych Gate of Blewbury's New Cemetery. We are grateful to Blewbury Parish Council for permission to put it there and to members of Blewbury Mens' Shed for installing it.

Blewbury and Upton Methodist Churches both closed at Easter in 2013, and the members all moved on to other local Methodist churches. We wanted the war memorial to stay here in Blewbury because we were aware that the families of some of the men commemorated still live in Blewbury but we thought it would have to be housed in some sort of expensive protective cabinet, which is why it has taken so long to install. Incidentally, the first Methodist Church was built on the same site as the current building in 1826, so there have been Methodists in Blewbury for nearly 200 years.

*Jo Lakeland, for the Blewbury Methodists.*

## **Holocaust Memorial Day events**

**Saturday, 27 January 2024**

**Holocaust Memorial Day at Wantage Methodist Church, Newbury Street.  
A Time for Reflection – 10 am to 12 noon.**

With a 15 minute act of commemoration at 12 noon led by Rev Bruce Thompson. You are welcome to drop in for as brief or as long a time as you wish. Refreshments will be available.

**Tuesday 13 February – Holocaust Memorial Events**

With Holocaust Survivor Dr Agnes Kaposi, MBE, FREng  
and Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich

**12 noon to 1 pm**

**In Conversation at Wallingford Methodist Church OX10 0AS**

**7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

**An Evening of Remembrance at Wantage Methodist Church**

Dr Kaposi and Rabbi Tanya will be present at both events.  
Each event will include survivor testimony and reflections.

Further details from

Rev Bruce Thompson [revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk) or 01235 813242

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Evening Reflections at 8pm via Zoom.

Thursday 18th January	Paul Gander	[WCC]
Friday 19th January	Father David	[St John Vianney]
Saturday 20th January	Ian Sturt	[Grove Methodist]
Monday 22nd January	Keith Underhill	[Wantage Methodist]
Tuesday 23rd January	Keith Underhill	[Grove Methodist]
Wednesday 24th January	John Steventon	[Vale Elim]
Thursday 25th January	Ian Sturt	[Grove Methodist]

Join meeting : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579648164?pwd=MFdaZHdnNINDZEJreG5IRIJ2ZUVKUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 7964 8164 Passcode: 524153

**Sunday 21st January: 4 pm in Wantage Parish Church in person**  
**Katherine Price [Wantage Parish ]**

### SOWN

As so many of the paths and routes continue to be sodden, muddy, waterlogged or indeed flooded in places, I think it best that we wait a little longer before the first SOWN walk.

Therefore, in January we will meet on Sunday 28th at 2:00pm outside my Manse (14 Haywards Close OX12 7AT)

### On Wantage Premises this week

#### Sunday 14

morn Worship

#### Monday 15

morn Community Café - Hall

eve Slimming World - Hall

#### Tuesday 16

morn MIND - Hall

aft Tuesday Study Group - Parlour

eve Camera Club - Hall

#### Wednesday 17

eve Wantage Sings - Hall

#### Thursday 18

eve Music Makers - Hall

#### Friday 19

morn Mothers & Toddlers - Hall

aft Caritas - Hall

#### Sunday 21

morn Kids@Church & Worship

In the entrance foyer of the chapel there is a **prayer tree** with associated labels for anyone to attach any sort of prayer

### Work is continuing on rebuilding 16 Newbury Street.

Please be aware and take care when entering our site from Newbury Street. Also parking spaces will be in use during the day.

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

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