



*Wantage*  
**Methodist Church**  
*With Children*

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**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**

## **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.

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.

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** Milton Methodist Church

**Give thanks for** our opportunity this week to share unity with all our friends and all whom we meet.

**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: Romans 15:5**

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Monday 22nd January 2024**

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

**Tuesday 23rd January**

**2:00 pm**    **Tuesday Prayer & Study Group** in the Parlour  
Rev Keith Underhill will talk to us on a subject of his choice.

**Friday 26th January**

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

**Saturday 27th January**

**Holocaust Memorial Day**

**10:00 am - 12 noon**    The chapel will be open for silent reflection

**Sunday 28th January**

**Ordinary 4**

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

**At Wantage**

**10:30 am**    **Morning Worship** led by Tabitha Griffiths

**At Childrey**

**11:00 am**    **Morning Worship** led by Rev Ian Griffiths

**2:00pm**    **Stepping out with Noah**

Meet outside the Manse (14 Haywards Close OX12 7AT)

**Grove & Wantage Schools Prayer Meeting - January 2024**

The next meeting to pray for our local schools is from **4pm to 5pm on Wednesday 31st January** in the St John's Rooms at Grove Parish Church.

Specific prayer requests from schools.

If you have contact with a school as a parent, grandparent, member of staff, governor, or similar, then please do pass on any requests to Helen (andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday 29th January.

**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 at 12 noon

**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.

**Holocaust Memorial Day events**

**Saturday, 27 January 2024**

**Holocaust Memorial Day at Wantage Methodist Church**

**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 or 01235 813242

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

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579648164?pwd=MFdaZHdnNINDZEJreG5lRIJ2ZUVKUT09)  
[pwd=MFdaZHdnNINDZEJreG5lRIJ2ZUVKUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83579648164?pwd=MFdaZHdnNINDZEJreG5lRIJ2ZUVKUT09)

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)

## LUNCH

The next 'Eating Together' occasion will be on 4th February straight after the launch of our next Holy Habit. I am looking for 3 people who love making soup and would be happy to supply enough for about 8 to 10 people. If this is you, please talk to Helen Carter (07881 504623 or 764810). There will be a sign-up list for this lunch for this lunch. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like to stay for lunch that day. Thank you.

## FOOD BANK

There is a particular need just now for

tinned potatoes,

tinned pulses

and

treats (chocolates, crisps etc)

## On Wantage Premises this week

### Sunday 21

morn Worship

aft Jigsaw

### Monday 22

morn Community Café - Hall

aft Knit & Chat - Hall

eve Slimming World - Hall

### Tuesday 23

morn MIND - Hall

aft Tuesday Study Group - Parlour

### Wednesday 24

eve Wantage Sings - Hall

### Thursday 25

### Friday 26

morn Mothers & Toddlers - Hall

aft Caritas - Hall

### Saturday 27

morn HMD - Chapel

### Sunday 28

morn 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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