



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

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**Sunday 17th March**

**Passion Sunday**

**Lent 5**

Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

**At Wantage**

**9:30 am Kids@Church**

**10:30 am Morning Worship** with Holy Communion  
led by Rev'd Keith Underhill

**2:30 pm Stepping out with Noah** from the Manse at 14 Haywards Close

**DEADLINE for April 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 Childrey

**Give thanks** for the Spring world and new life in so many ways.

**Please pray for** Bethan Grant, Anne, Carol Mackinder, Emma Wright & family, Caroline, Doug & Anne Hatto, Richard in York, Edwina, Adrian, Geoff, Diane, Meriel, Maggie, Diane's daughters Claire & Julie, June Hartle, Jane Robinson, Louise, Richard & Anne, Peter, John & Jo, Jane & Harry Rudd, Mary Spalding, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, Trudy, Jade, Steve, Su, Gordon

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: Isaiah 6:3**

And they were calling to one another:  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Monday 18th March**

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

**2:00 pm Knit & Chat** in the Hall

**Tuesday 19th March**

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

Lent Study - Who is the Christ? Week 6, The Commissioner.  
Readings John 21:1-17 and Matthew 28:18-20.

**Thursday 21st March**

**7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Lent Study Group** at 1 Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis

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

**Friday 22nd March**

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

**Sunday 24th March**

**Palm Sunday**

Lectionary: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

**At Wantage**

**10:00 am Ecumenical service** to mark Palm Sunday in the **Market Place**

**10:45 am Morning Worship - Local Arrangements**

**At Childrey**

**11:00 am Morning Worship** led by Elizabeth Wood

**Arnold Tucker**

We have learned with deep sadness that Arnold died on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, in the JR Hospital where he had been for the last few weeks. He was a well loved and respected member of our church family. Arnold worshipped with us, as well as supporting Childrey Church over very many years, until recently when ill health prevented him from being able to do so. Our thoughts are with his twin daughters Jane and Belinda, and his sons, David and Stephen. We pray that God's love will comfort and strengthen them, and all of his wider family.

**Arnold's funeral will be held at Garford Crematorium, at 3pm on Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

We hold **Cath and Dave Worth, and Chris and Charlotte** in our thoughts following the death of Cath's father a week ago. Cath has spent much time in Liverpool over the last year, caring for her elderly parents, both of whom have been struggling with poor health and in need of much support. We offer all of the family our prayers, and assure them of our love at this sad time.

## Richard George

We are sorry to record that we have lost another of our nonagenarian members. Richard died on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, at Freeland House Nursing Home just outside Witney. He moved there when he became too frail to continue living independently, but was always keen to maintain contact with the friends he had made within our church family. Richard will be affectionately known for his keenness to audibly engage with preachers during a Service, and will also be remembered as a proud Welshman with a love of singing, borne out by his membership of Wantage Male Voice Choir for very many years.

We hold Richard's daughters and grandchildren, and all of his wider, large family in our thoughts, and offer them our love and prayers. Details of his funeral, at our church, will follow as soon as all of the arrangements have been confirmed.

### The Council of Christians & Jews: Oxford

#### Jewish & Christian Music of Sorrow & Forgiveness

By member request we are pleased to announce the return visit to CCJ Oxford of

The Revd. Dr, Johannes Arendt

If you like music you will love this!

Do join us on **March 18th at 7.30 pm** for this month's LIVE EVENT  
at

**Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall St., OXFORD OX1 2DH**

#### On Wantage Premises this week

<b>Sunday</b>	morn	Worship
	aft	Jigsaw - Hall
<b>Monday</b>	morn	Community Café - Hall
	aft	Knit & Chat - Hall
	eve	Slimming World - Hall
	eve	CA - Parlour
<b>Tuesday</b>	morn	MIND - Hall
	aft	Tuesday Study Group - Parlour
	eve	Camera Club - Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	eve	Wantage Sings - Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	mid	KAWI - Hall
	eve	Music Makers - Hall
<b>Friday</b>	morn	Mothers & Toddlers - Hall
	aft	Caritas - Hall
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	morn	Worship

**Notices for next week by the end of Thursday please**

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## **Sector services and events for Holy Week 2024**

### **Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

10:00 am Wantage - Market Place

Ecumenical service to mark Palm Sunday.

10:45 am Wantage Methodist Church – Morning Worship

This is a Local Arrangement service (please note the slightly later start time)

10:30 am Grove Methodist Church : Morning service led by Revd Keith Underhill

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

8:00 pm. Wantage Methodist Church

A Holy Week reflection led by Revd Keith Underhill

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday**

7:45 pm Wantage Baptist Church Jesus Dead or Alive?

A Passion play by Lamps. Please see full details in this newsletter and on posters.

8:00 pm. Wantage Methodist Church : A sectional Tenebrae service for Maundy Thursday which includes Holy Communion - led by Revd Keith Underhill.

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday.**

9:00 am Childrey Methodist Church

Worship for Good Friday Morning led by Rev Keith Underhill

11:00 am Ecumenical walking 'pilgrimage' through Wantage stopping at churches along the way (including Wantage Methodist Church) and ending up in the Market Place – full details available soon.

11:00 am United ecumenical open air service on the green opposite Grove Methodist Church followed by tea, coffee and Hot Cross buns at Grove Methodist Church

2:00 pm Wantage Methodist Church

Reflective service led by Rev Keith Underhill

### **Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March**

6:30 am Millennium Stones, Ardington

Sunrise service to include Holy Communion led by Rev Keith Underhill

10:30 am Wantage Methodist Church

Easter Morning service led by Rev Keith Underhill with Holy Communion

10:30 am Grove Methodist Church : Easter Morning service at led by Ian Sturt

6:00pm Childrey Methodist Church : "Road to Emmaus" informal communion

As is our usual practice, there will be a shared tea (please bring some food with you to share) followed by an informal communion service led by Rev Keith Underhill.

*For all those wishing to walk to Childrey please note that we will be leaving the car park at Wantage Methodist Church at 4:30 pm.*