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## **Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church**

### **We are sharing Sunday services on Zoom.**

In the same way that we wait for people present in church to settle before the welcome and notices, so we wait until all Zoom attendees are properly connected.

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.

There is a crèche room for small children.

**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.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Easter Day**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1,2,14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

- 6:00 am Sunrise open-air Communion service** at the Millennium Stones  
led by **Rev Keith Underhill**
- 9:30 am Kids @Church**
- 9:45 am Wantage Church breakfast** (please bring an egg cup with you)
- 10:30 am Morning Worship & Holy Communion** led by **Rev Nigel Ogle**

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

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

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Tuesday Prayer & Study Group will not meet**

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**7:30 pm Holy Habit Film** in the Chapel –

**“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”**

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**10 am – 12 noon Coffee Morning and Gift Day** (see below)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Local Preachers**

**Easter 2**

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

**10:30 am Morning Worship followed by the General Church Meeting**  
led by **Rev Keith Underhill**

**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

### **Wantage Methodist Church General Church Meeting**

Our General Church Meeting will take place on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. There will be a short morning service which will lead into the meeting.

The General Church Meeting elects/re-elects our Church Stewards as well as appoints representatives to the Church Council and a representative to the Church Leadership Team.

It also allows us to reflect together on the life of the church and for anyone to ask any questions they might have.

**If you are willing to serve on either the Church Council or the Church Leadership Team, (you need to be a Church Member to do so) please ensure that you let Keith know in writing along with the name of the person who is willing to nominate you by Easter Day (the end of today).**

### **Wantage Coffee Morning and Gift Day**

We are holding a church **coffee morning and gift day** on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am – 12 noon**. We warmly invite you to come along and join us.

The Church will be open for quiet reflection with background music being played. Tea, coffee, and cake will be available in the hall and Keith and Heather (our Treasurer) will be in the church parlour ready to receive your gifts (whether by cheque, cash, or by bank transfer) or to let them know that you feel able to increase your regular offering. This will of course, be kept confidential. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have regarding the church finances etc.

We are very aware that these are economically difficult times, and that money is tight, but we have a responsibility to balance the church's books.

Discussing our financial situation will also be part of our conversation at the General Church Meeting the following day.

In a service Keith led in January this year on the theme of "Buried Treasure", Keith reminded us of the four markers that help us to reflect on our giving and how we use our money.

**Our giving to God is to be voluntary** - Exodus 25 v. 2

**Our giving to God is to be cheerful** - 2 Corinthians 9 v. 7

**Our giving to God is to be regular** - 1 Corinthians 16 v. 2

**Our giving to God is to be in proportion to our means** - Deuteronomy 16 v. 17

We are very grateful to those who responded after that service with one-off gifts as well as increasing the amount they felt able to give to the church each month – thank you.

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

### **Focus for Reflection : Luke 24:5b-7**

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again’”.

**Pray for Milton Methodist Church**

**Give thanks** for the risen Lord and his presence with us each day.

**Please pray for :-** Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Angela, Anne, Bethan Grant, Carol Mackinder, Caroline, Diane, Diane’s daughters Claire & Julie, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Eileen, Emma Wright & family, Findley, Geoff, Gill, Hunter, Jade, Jane Robinson, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, John & Jo, June G, June Hartle, Lucas & family, Mary Spalding, Meriel, Norma, Peter, Richard & Anne, Richard in York, Sue, Terry & Sue, Sonia, Tony G, Trudy, Val Broadbent, Vic Press, Vicky, Robin and Becky Legge and the Legge family grandchildren, the family & friends of Louise.

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.

**Prayer Tree** - in the entrance foyer of the chapel there is a prayer tree with associated labels for anyone to attach any sort of prayer - be that of thanksgiving, petition, or anything else. If you want to share anything prayer related to go on the table please talk to Helen Carter.

### **WMC Prayer WhatsApp group.**

We have set up a prayer WhatsApp group so that we can share requests for prayers that can't wait until they appear in the weekly notices or the monthly newsletter. It would be so good if we could add others to this group which currently has seven of us in it. Please let Helen Carter know if you would like to be involved in responding to urgent prayer requests. Thank you.

The **Church Annual Report** is available on the web site. Printed copies are available in the Chael Vestibule and in the Hall

### **ZOOM**

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

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

#### **Other Users on Wantage premises next week**

<b>Monday</b>	eve	Slimming World - Hall
	eve	CA - Parlour
<b>Tuesday</b>	morn	MIND – Hall
	eve	Camera Club - Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	eve	Wantage Sings - Hall
<b>Friday</b>	morn	Parents & Toddlers - Hall