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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 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Easter 5**

Acts 11:1-18 ; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6 ; John 13:31-35

**9:30 am Kids@Church**

**10:30 am Morning Worship led by Daphne Savage**

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER**

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

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

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group**

Holy Habits: – Making More Disciples: – Week 2 – Apprentices

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Aldersgate Sunday**

**Easter 6**

Acts 16:9-15 ; Psalm 67 ; Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5 ; John 14:23-29

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by **Stephen Atkinson**

**4:30 pm at Wallingford - Circuit Local Preachers' Service**  
**Recognition of Belinda Kaur as a fully accredited Local Preacher**

### **Getting to know the Rev Bruce Thompson**

Whilst a few of us within the church know Bruce well, there are many who would not recognise him if he were to walk into the church on a Sunday morning. He will be our minister as of the beginning of September and so we are keen that the church has the opportunity to start to get to know him and vice versa. Hence, the first opportunity for this will be on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm** in the church hall. This will be a very informal occasion and we hope many will be able to attend on that evening. We will ensure there is another opportunity to meet, with the acknowledgement that daytime is a better time of day for many. Watch this space!



Wantage and Abingdon Methodist Circuit  
Local Arrangement Leaders' Workshops

#### **Christian Aid**

Thank you for your donations.  
£135 so far.  
Donations will be welcome to  
the end of May.  
Please use the Christian Aid  
Envelopes

**20<sup>th</sup> May**

**12 noon to 1pm  
at Wallingford**

**In Conversation  
Dr Agnes Kaposi MBE  
surviving the Holocaust  
and the Hungarian  
Uprising**

# **The Gospels**

## **Why are there differences?**

Open to everyone interested in finding out more  
about the Gospels

You don't have to be a Local Arrangement Leader  
or to have attended previous sessions

### **Wantage Methodist Church**

20 Newbury Street, Wantage OX12 8DA

**Saturday 14 June 2025**

9.30am arrival, 10.00am start till 1.00pm

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

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

**Focus for Reflection :** Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

In God whose word I praise, in God I trust;

I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

**Pray for** the Circuit Local Preachers and their families.

**Give thanks for** summer days ahead.

**Please pray for :-** Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Angela, Anne, Caroline, Carol Mackinder, 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, Sharon, Sue, Terry & Sue, Sonia, Tony G, Trudy, Val Broadbent, Vic Press, Vicky, Robin and Becky Legge and the Legge family grandchildren.

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.

### **Circuit Administrator Vacancy.**

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Circuit Administrator for the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit.

### **Outline of main T&Cs**

Hours of work: 15 hours per week worked over three days flexibly within the week with a pattern of work to be agreed with your Line Manager; some occasional evening work to attend circuit meetings will be necessary

Location: Flexible between home and a Church based office space based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire

For the complete advert see the May newsletter

For more information and an application pack, please contact

Neil Oastler, Circuit Steward [neiloastler@gmail.com](mailto:neiloastler@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: 25th May 2025

## Coming up in May

See the monthly Newsletter for more details

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- 29<sup>th</sup> May** 7:30 pm in Wantage **Get to know Rev Bruce Thompson**

**Wantage Market Garden Open Day** takes place on Sunday 18th May - **today** - **from 12 noon to 3pm**. The garden is well worth a visit. The given information says "Bring your own picnic! Flower, veg and house plants, tombola, home-made cakes, kid's activities, seed swap, World of Mint, tea, coffee and more. Cash only. All proceeds are used to maintain the garden. Find us behind the Wantage Community Support Service building. Assistance dogs only."

The garden is just beside Charlton School and was previously known at the Charlton Centre. You won't be disappointed!

### **Amsterdam: Anne Frank, Art, and Tulips**

4 nights in **April 2026**

If you would like to know more, please let Rev Bruce know on

[revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk)

Should there be sufficient interest he will approach a travel agent to estimate costs.

### **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>Sunday</b>	aft	Jigsaw - Hall
<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
	aft	Caritas - Hall