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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 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Ordinary 19**

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**Ordinary 20**

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by **Ian Sturt**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Ordinary 21**

Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**10:30 am Morning Worship - Local Arrangements – Holy Habits**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Ordinary 22**

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16; Luke 14:1,7-14

**10:30 am Morning Worship** led by **Rev Nigel Ogley**

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**2:00 pm Planning Meeting** in the Hall

Preparation for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August Morning Worship

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**From 10 am – Housekeeping/Decorating** in the Hall building

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

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

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

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August No Tuesday Prayer & Study Group**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

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

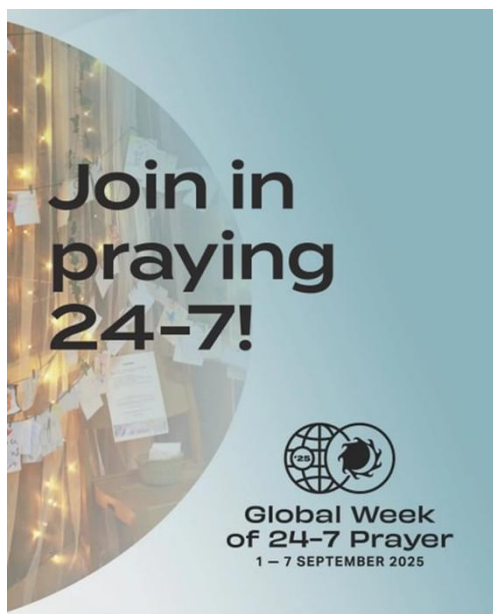
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August No Tuesday Prayer & Study Group**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**From 10 am – Housekeeping/Decorating** in the Hall building

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**From 10 am – Housekeeping/Decorating** in the Hall building



For those unfamiliar with the concept we are inviting people to sign up for 1 hour (or more if you'd like to) slots – in pairs or in small groups – get your friends involved! 😊 We will be praying at St Johns Church for 48 hours non-stop prayer from 7am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September to 7am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Use the online sign-up tool unique to our prayer room which you can use to book time in the prayer room:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/6d2229>

**This September from 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> is the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer and the vision is simple but powerful: to see non-stop prayer in every nation on earth, lifting up the name of Jesus and asking God to move across the world. Non-stop prayer in every nation on earth.**

If you would like a copy of the **Methodist Prayer Manual for 2025-26** (£4.25 ea), please contact Gordon Skidmore . There is a copy available which are not committed.

**The Local Arrangement Service for August 24<sup>th</sup>** will be the third service on Holy Habits – Making More Disciples. Some of the Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study Group will be meeting to plan this on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm in the Parlour. We would welcome anyone else who would like to come this planning meeting. If you wish to know more, please speak to Carolyn Roche.

**During August** we are proposing to do some decorating and housekeeping in the Hall building.

Thurs, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Decorating & Housekeeping – Parlour, Hall

Wed./Thurs, August 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Decorating & Housekeeping – as needed.

If you are able to help with this, please let Gordon or one of the stewards know.

### **Care for the Buildings**

There will be a meeting for all interested in the care of the premises on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Please come along and help us look after the chapel (now 10 years after restoration) and the hall (now 33 years old!!).

**Notices in August - Printed Notices** will be created for the fortnight 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> August and then for the fortnight 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August. The notices on the Wantage Methodist Church website will be updated through the month so if you have access to that you will have earlier access to news. We shall return to weekly printed notices from 31 August.

The deadline for contributions to the **September Monthly Newsletter** is Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> for publishing on Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holy Habits - chat over coffee!**

We are not going to suggest a book this time but would like to invite everyone to come for coffee at Cornerstone, Grove on Saturday 30 August at 10 am to discuss the theme 'Making Disciples'.

It would be lovely to see you there!

Jane Kent (01235 765421- please give me a call if you'd like a lift)

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

### **Focus for Reflection : Psalm 68: 19**

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens.

**Pray for** the Circuit Staff and their families and ministers and deacons who are moving circuits or retiring from active work.

**Give thanks for** all Circuit Staff who work so hard on our behalf. May they enjoy pleasant and restful holidays.

#### **Please pray for :-**

Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Anne, Caroline, Carol Mackinder, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Eileen, Emma Wright & family, Findley,

Geoff, Gill, Gloria Smith, Hunter, Jade, Jane Robinson,

Jane & Emma Soffe & family, John & Jo, June G, June Hartle,

Ken and Grace Wright, Lucas & family, Mary Spalding, Meriel, Norma, Peter, Richard & Anne, Richard in York, Sharon, Sue, Terry & Deborah, Sonia, Tony G,

Trudy, Val Broadbent, Vic Press, the Rowe family,

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 a prayer WhatsApp group to share urgent requests for prayers. It would be good to add others to this group. Please let Helen Carter know if you would like to be involved in responding to urgent prayer requests. Thank you.



# A Time for Reflection

music  
readings

silence  
contemplation

**Wantage Methodist Church**  
**Parlour**

1st Sunday every month  
9.45—10.15 am

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**First meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **FINAL CALL** for updates for the next edition of **our Church Directory**.

Ann is using details as supplied on the consent form used last time, and is assuming it to be a continuing consent for the purposes of production and distribution of the new directory.

It will, of course, fulfil the conditions of GDPR, [General Data Protection Regulations] as always, which, together with Child Protection regulations, restrict the information allowed within this directory and its distribution.

Children and young people are, and always will be, an important group within our church family, but it is a necessary and appropriate requirement that their contact details are excluded from the directory.

**Please can you advise Ann of any necessary amendments to your contact details as soon as possible, and an absolute deadline of Sunday 10th August**

### **Can you help...?**

**Community Café** takes place every Monday from 9am to 12 noon in the church hall. We would welcome new volunteers to help us occasionally, either as tea/coffee makers, or chatting with visitors or making the occasional cake. Please talk to Carolyn Roche if you feel called to help. (07906 518323).

### **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	Social Services - Parlour
<b>Wednesday</b>	eve	Wantage Sings
<b>Occasionals</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	eve	My Life My Choice
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	lunch	King Alfred's WI
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	morn	Mothers & Toddlers