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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 17th 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 24th 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

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Sunday 31st 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 18th August

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

2:00 pm Knit & Chat in the Hall

Tuesday 19th August No Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

Monday 25th August

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

Tuesday 26th August No Tuesday Prayer & Study Group

Wednesday 27th August

From 10 am – Housekeeping/Decorating in the Hall building

Thursday 28th August

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

Wed./Thurs, August 27th/28th – Decorating & Housekeeping

We need help to progress with this. If you can help, please let Gordon or one of the stewards know by August 24th.

Care for the Buildings

There will be a meeting for all interested in the care of the premises on Thursday 18th September at 7:30 pm.

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 17th & 24th 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 24th for publishing on Wednesday August 27th.

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 : Genesis 2:1-3a

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing;

so on the seventh day he rested from his work.

And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

Pray for the Circuit's Local Preachers and their families.

Give thanks for the opportunity to rest and praise God our Saviour especially on the seventh day.

Please pray for :-

Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, 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.

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).

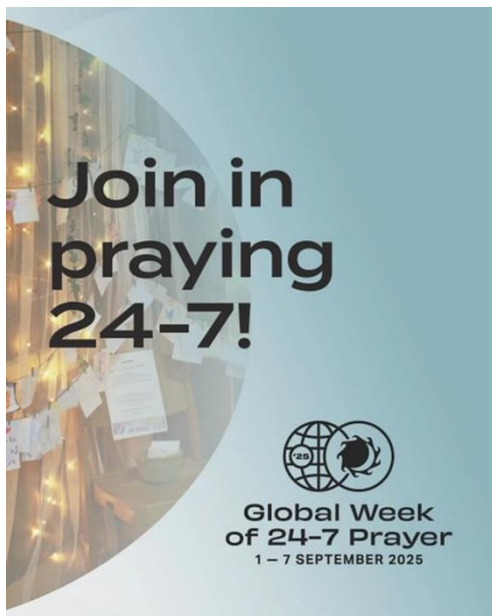
ZOOM

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

Monday	eve	Slimming World - Hall
	eve	CA - Parlour
Tuesday (or Wednesday)		
	aft	Social Services - Parlour
Tuesday	eve	My Life, My Choice
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings
Thursday	lunch	King Alfred's WI
Occasionals		
Friday 29 th	morn	Mothers & Toddlers



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 5th September to 7am on Sunday 7th 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 1st - 7th 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.

Other events over the week:

Monday 1st September: 8pm-9.30pm an evening of prayer and worship to start the week of prayer.

Wednesday 3rd September we are hoping to hold an evening of worship at King Alfreds (TBC)

During the 48 hours of prayer we will be having some themed slots:

Friday 5th September 6pm-8pm for all our young people aged 11-18: an hour of prayer followed by pizza – please book online and let D or Rachel know if you're coming. Under 18s must be accompanied by their youth leader or responsible adult.

Saturday 6th September 2pm-4pm a special time for pre-school and primary aged children (nb: this 2 hour slot maybe slightly noisier) please book online and let D or Rachel know if you're coming. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

D denise@wantagecc.org.uk - Rachel r.e.hutchin@gmail.com>;

Denise Townsend is from the Wantage Community Church and Rachel Hutchins is from St John's in Grove



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 7th September.