



WOODSTOCK METHODIST CHURCH



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Sunday March 7th	8.30am	The Revd Philip Beuzeval (Holy Communion)
Sunday March 7th	10.30am	The Revd Jonathan Todd
Friday March 12th	9.30am	Friday Prayers
Sunday March 14th	10.30am	David Matthews

Spirituality on Screen

Our film tonight is "Rendition" (certificate 15) starring Reese Witherspoon, Jake Gyllenhaal and Meryl Streep. It tells the story of a woman searching for news of her husband who seemingly disappears into thin air having boarded a plane home. Meanwhile, he is being interrogated at a secret location, believed by the CIA to have been involved in recent terrorist activities. What lengths are you prepared to go to for the one you love? What lengths are you prepared to go to for the country you love? What lengths are you prepared to go to for your family, friends or religion? Come and watch the film and then share your thoughts afterwards. Film begins at 5.30pm followed by food and conversation. Everyone welcome - 10 Bletchingdon Road, Islip.

Concerned about recent press coverage of the President's visit to the Anglican General Synod?

We have received a 'Pastoral Letter to the Methodist People' written by the President and Vice-President of the Conference and by the General Secretary of the Methodist Church. It is partly a mid-year reflection by the President and Vice-President halfway through their term of office, and partly a response to the press reports on their address to the Church of England's General Synod a week or two ago. We have also received a copy of the Synod address. Both texts have been placed on the Circuit website (www.oxfordmethodists.org.uk) so that people can look them up and read them and are also on the church noticeboard.

Fair Trade Fortnight finishes today - but you don't have to stop buying fairly traded items!

Don't worry if you have given up chocolate for Lent - there are plenty of other delicious items to be found on our church stall. Come and browse and buy, in the hall, after the service, while you sip your cup of fair trade coffee or tea. Every item purchased helps producers and growers towards working their way out of poverty.

Stainer's Crucifixion

Come and sing Stainer's Crucifixion at St Mary's on Palm Sunday (28th March). There will be a rehearsal at 2pm that afternoon and we shall break for tea (provided!) at 4.30pm before the performance at 6pm. Copies of the music are available from Chris Ward (01993 810666). If you would like extra rehearsals, these are happening every Friday evening at 8pm (except 26th March) in the parish church. If you don't want to sing, please do come along and listen. You might even recognise the tenor soloist.

Pinafore Pirates

The Lime Walk Players' next production is "The Pinafore Pirates", a pastiche of Gilbert & Sullivan by Malcolm Sircom. It's in their church hall in New High Street, Headington, from Thursday to Saturday, March 25-27, at 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) from 01865 761711.

Eryl's Coffee morning : A Thank you message

I have just finished counting the money and we raised £340 + £20 sponsorship today at the Coffee morning which is incredible so thank you very much to everyone who helped in whatever way. There will be a little bit more as we hope to sell a few cookies and cakes tomorrow after church. I am also doing a table top sale with Anna next week to see if we can sell more jewellery and books etc. Thank you all for your support - it's wonderful we can all work together and help the Kilimanjaro team.

We welcome all visitors to our service this morning. Please do join us for coffee in the hall afterwards and make yourselves known to one of the stewards.

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
March 9th	9.45am-11.45am	Hall	Tuesday Tots
March 11th	10.30am	Hall	Thursday Coffee
March 11th	8.00pm	Parish Church	Thursday Group <i>'The Mystic View' - John and Revelation: The Rev'd Brian Wood</i>
March 12th	7.30pm	Hall	Lent Group <i>Prayer: The Revd Philip Beuzval</i>
VC Room→Valerie Clark Room; Islip→Jonathan's house			

Forthcoming Events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
March 15th	7.30pm	Hall	Pastoral Committee
March 20th	1pm	Wesley Mem	Charity Auction
March 23rd	2.30pm	Hall	Tuesday Fellowship <i>Looking forward to Easter The Revd Jonathan Todd</i>
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Passion 2011

Bringing Easter Alive

How can we as a community together bring alive the Easter story for the people of Woodstock?
How can we help people connect with the drama of Holy Week?

Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon are currently exploring how we might do this in April 2011. Could we put together an outdoor passion play using the landmarks of the town in a reenactment of the story – the town hall and square for the trial scenes, the museum garden for Gethsemane, St Mary's graveyard for the tomb? Or maybe we could present a modern retelling in the Marlborough Enterprise Centre? Or maybe we could engage with the community in other ways, calling on the talents of those in our local schools and other community groups? How might God be challenging us to tell the story?

There will be a meeting for everyone interested in exploring these ideas further on Tuesday 30th March at Woodstock Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome. Alternatively, if you are unable to be there on that occasion but have thoughts, ideas or simply want to be involved, please contact Jonathan on 01865 842214 or email passion2011@woodstockmethodists.org.uk