



WOODSTOCK METHODIST CHURCH



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| Sunday February 5th | 8.30am | The Revd Jonathan Todd (Holy Communion) |
| Sunday February 5th | 10.30am | Local Church Group |
| Friday February 10th | 9.30am | Friday Prayers |
| Sunday February 12th | 10.30am | David Matthews |
| Sunday February 12th | 5.30pm | Spencer Court |

Circuit sermon synchronicity

Churches across the circuit continue to think about the kingdom of God over the next three Sundays. The themes will be based on hymn 139 "The kingdom of God" and a different verse will be covered each week. This week it is verse 2 (on the reverse of these notices).

Men's Breakfast

The long-awaited first Men's Breakfast of the New Year takes place on Saturday 18th February, 8.30am at The Star in Woodstock. The guest speaker will be Andrew Dilnot CBE, well-known economist, broadcaster, and currently Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford. If you'd like to come please turn up, but it would be a huge help to have an idea of numbers in advance, and we can get the breakfasts served faster – do let Adrian Daffern know. (01993 811415 or email rectorblenheim@btinternet.com)

Snowdrop walk

The snowdrops' location has now been revealed. There will be a walk of about three miles on the Sherborne Estate (a few miles west of Burford) followed by lunch at the Fox Inn, Great Barrington. We hope to meet in the Ewe Pen Barn National Trust car park at 11.00 am (which will mean leaving Woodstock at 10.15) and to be back soon after 3.00. If you would like to come, please sign the list on the table by the organ (and tick whether you will be driving or would like a lift) by Sunday, February 12th, so we can co-ordinate transport.

Grace is Gone

This is a film made in 2007 about a man (played by John Cussack) whose wife is serving with the US army in Iraq. When he learns that she has been killed, he has no idea how to break this terrible news to his two girls, aged 8 and 12. They end up going on a road trip together while he tries to summon up the courage to tell them what has happened. Tonight (5th February); usual place (10 Bletchingdon Road, Islip) and usual time (5.30pm). Everyone welcome. Food and conversation afterwards for those who wish to stay.

Let Justice Prevail

This is the theme of this year's Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March. Two services will be held at Woodstock Parish Church - 11.00a.m. for young people - 2.30p.m. for adults. The theme has been prepared by women from Malaysia. All welcome.

Spencer Court

It will be our turn to lead the worship at Spencer Court on February 12th at 5.30pm. If anyone wishes to join Jonathan and share with the residents, they would be very welcome.

Promise of Spring

It may be snowing, but Witney church are reminding us of the promise of spring with a concert : "Promise of Spring" in High Street Methodist Church Witney on Saturday, February 25th, at 7.30pm. It's raising money for the church's Old School Building Appeal, and details are on the notice board at the back of church.

We welcome all visitors to our service this morning. Please do make yourselves known to one of the stewards.

| This week | | | |
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| Date | Time | Venue | Event |
| Monday February 6th | 7.45 for 8.00pm | 2 The Ley | Living the Questions Group <i>Reclaiming the World</i> |
| Tuesday February 7th | 9.45am- 11.45am | Hall | Tuesday Tots |
| Tuesday February 7th | 2.30pm | Hall | Tuesday Fellowship <i>Methodist Relief and Development Fund : Simeon Mitchell Bring and Buy</i> |
| Thursday February 9th | 10.30pm | Hall | Thursday Coffee |
| Thursday February 9th | 8.00pm | 8a Crecy Walk | Thursday Group <i>What Jesus had to say about patience: The Revd Sister Anna Verena</i> |

| Future Events | | | |
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| Date | Time | Venue | Event |
| Saturday February 18th | 8.30am | The Star | Men's Breakfast <i>Andrew Dilnot</i> |
| Saturday February 18th | 10.15 Departure | Sherborne Estate | Snowdrop Walk |
| Friday March 2nd | 11.00am and 2.30pm | Parish Church | Women's World Day of Prayer <i>Let Justice Prevail</i> |

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the lepers are cleansed,
the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

Exploring our questions

During Lent, we will be using some of our services to explore those questions of faith which we all have. Part of our discipleship is to talk to others about our faith, but we often lack the confidence to do so or are worried about the questions others may ask us. This is your chance to suggest some of those questions, which we can then

Why does God allow tsunamis?

I haven't had a conversion experience - does it matter?

What happens when I die?

What about the immaculate conception?

questions about suffering, about other faiths, about a proper Christian lifestyle, about science and religion, about prayer, about religious experience, about the or about anything else. So you are invited to the back, questions that you would like be invited to tackle some of the issues raised. during those four Sundays, but will start with Thank you!

Can cats go to heaven?

explore together. It might be Bible, about particular aspects of theology, either email Jonathan, or put in the box at explored. Preachers during March will then We can't promise to cover all the questions those issues which come up most often.