



Woodstock Methodist Church



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Items for inclusion in the notices need to be received by Thursday lunchtime.

Notices for the week beginning 21 April 2024

Sunday 21 Apr 10.30am Miriam Moul – Holy Communion

Sunday 28 Apr 10.30am Mike Trinder

6.00pm Spencer Court service

Worship at Church takes place as shown above. We will be serving tea and coffee after the morning service in the hall/garden to which all are welcome.

Bible readings Lectionary readings for today, Fourth Sunday of Easter are:

❖ Acts 4: 5-12

❖ 1 John 3: 16-24

❖ Psalm 23

❖ John 10: 11- 18

Stillness, Silence and Simplicity will be meeting again in the future, more information will be shared in the notice sheet about the re-start date when it has been decided.

Tuesday fellowship will meet again on Tuesday 30 April at 2.30pm with a talk entitled 'Encouragement' by Sue Beuzeval. All are welcome, please contact Sue for more details.

Diary for coming week

Tuesday 23 Apr	10.00am onwards	Tuesday Tots
Thursday 24 Apr	10-10.30am	Thursday Prayers with Holy Communion
	10am-12 noon	Coffee Club in hall
Saturday 27 Apr	9.30am	Church cleaning

Spencer Court Next Sunday, 28 April, it is our turn to lead the Spencer Court Care Home service at 6pm. A half hour time of worship with the residents that is very much appreciated. Do come and join us if you can.

Worship meeting The next meeting of the Worship Planning Group is on Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome to come along and help set and provide the pattern of worship at our Church over the coming months, an important part of our Church's Future Story.

Pastoral meeting The next pastoral meeting will be held on Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm in the hall. If you need more details please speak to Ann Leck.

Our Church's Future Story – next steps

The group who have been creating our future story have now almost finished their interviews with key people in Woodstock and in the next week or so are about to share their findings of this and the community audit with you all which we find very exciting! Please make the time, as we have made the time, to read this carefully and, most importantly, prayerfully. After this we will then send you an analysis of what you have all contributed to, which also requires some attentive reading. Over the next few weeks and especially as you consider the material we share, please remember there is a suggestion box at the back of church, please add thoughts and ideas which come to mind in there – don't forget them and any idea however small. On Sunday 2 June Michael will be leading a special morning service in preparation for what comes next when we will invite you to use the suggestion box at the back of church with any ideas that may come out of this service. Then we are inviting you ALL to an "Away Half Day", when we can begin

to match what we would like to see with what the community of Woodstock would like to see us do. This will be on **Saturday 8th June** at the Catholic church in Woodstock – timings to be confirmed. We will be helped in the process by an external facilitator. More details of the shape of the day will follow but PLEASE book the date NOW and let us know if you would like a lift or have any comments or questions. Debbie, John, Michael, Margaret and Paul.

North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank The Food Bank are grateful for any donations. Items left in the box at the back of church will be taken to them each week for distribution. They are always needing long life juice and milk and are particularly short of tinned meats at the moment. They are open to receiving financial donations to purchase items that are particularly needed.



Oxford Methodist Circuit newsletter The latest newsletter from the circuit is attached to this notice sheet.

New additions to our church building

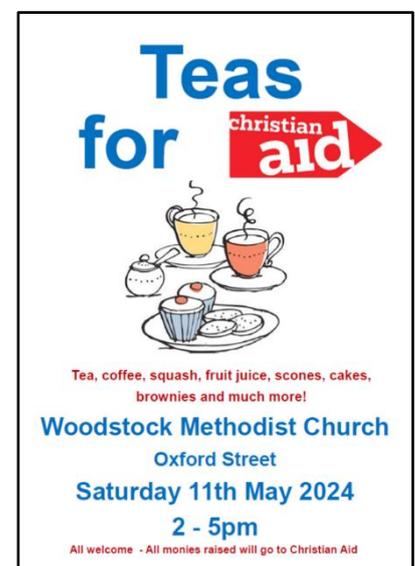


Thanks to Dec for the brightly painted crosses that were added to the rainbow over Easter (and to Phil for helping erect them).

Thanks to Catherine for the beautiful new lectern fall.



Christian Aid teas On Saturday 11 May from 2-5pm we will be serving cakes, scones, biscuits, teas, coffee, soft drinks, etc. to raise money for Christian Aid in church (or if the sun shines on the cobbles at the front). Please tell your friends and family and come along to have a delicious afternoon tea and support this good cause. If you can donate a bake or help for an hour or so serving, setting up or washing-up please let Sue Beuzeval (psbeuzeval@gmail.com) or Debbie Teanby (doranteanby@btinternet.com/01993 812325) know. All help, cakes and custom will be much appreciated!



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Upcoming local arrangement services at Woodstock We are continuing with our second Sunday of each month being a local arrangement at Woodstock, when we are not assigned a preacher from the circuit. These are the services when our own members have been leading worship, often all age, café style. The next second Sunday services will be as listed below. If you are interested in helping with any of these services, then do speak to one of the stewards.

Sunday 12 May - Christian Aid week

Sunday 9 June – Focus on Refugee Week with Links to the local charity Asylum Welcome which is one of our nominated church charities this year



Eco hints and tips As part of our efforts to achieve a silver Eco Church Award we are hoping to include eco hints and tips in our notice sheet each week. Here are some ideas shared at the eco themed service last Sunday:

Visit the Village Refill Shop at Yarnton Home & Garden Centre: a refill shop aiming for zero waste where you can refill many food, toiletries and household items.

Terracycle Zero Waste Bags – bags you buy that can then be used to recycle items that are not collected in our household recycling e.g. medicine blister packs

<https://zerowastebag.co.uk/>

Investigate SHARE Oxford Library of Things at 1 Aristotle Lane, Oxford, OX2 6TP This is a community hiring service, with volunteer support and local sponsorship enabling us

to hire those things that are normally cheaper to just buy. Let's make sharing as easy as amazon, accessible to all, and more fun!

Monday & Thursday 12:00-18:00. Saturday 10:00-13:00 <https://shareoxford.org/hireandborrow/library/>

Have you got any eco hints and tips to share? Do message notices@woodstockmethodists.org.uk and we will include them in future notice sheets.

Future Events in our circuit/district – save the dates

Saturday 8th June 7.30pm at Wesley Memorial Church – a fundraising concert of music for Rose Hill's Community Cupboard. Free with donations received.

Sunday 9th June 3.00pm at Wesley Memorial Church - District farewell to Revd, Helen Cameron, District Chair with refreshments to follow.

Please RSVP to the district office if you intend to be there: office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June the National Methodist Youth Brass Band are coming to Wesley Memorial and will be giving a concert. More information nearer the time.

Saturday 3rd August District welcome for Revd Sonia Hicks as she becomes our new District Chair, time and venue to be confirmed nearer the date.

A prayer from the President and Vice-President of Conference

God of peace and compassion,

We pray for all impacted by the escalation in conflict in Israel-Palestine

For all who are mourning

For all who are fearful, today, and for what may lie ahead

For all traumatised and re-traumatised by what they have experienced.

Enable us to stand in solidarity with people of peace

May your Spirit bring peace and healing to your troubled world, Amen



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