



Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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Notices for the week beginning 21 January 2018

Sunday 21 January	10.30am	Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings Covenant Service with St Mary Magdelene Church
Sunday 28 January	11.00am	Joint service at St Mary Magdelene Church
Fridays	10.00am	Friday Prayers

Church lunch on 14 January Thank you for all the delicious puddings and for generous financial donations. As a result, we have been able to give £35 each to the two charities we are currently supporting – Dogs for Good and Asylum Welcome.

New minister Rev. Paul Carter starts with us in September. See overleaf for more details.

Next Sunday we will share in worship at St Mary Magdelene Church, beginning at 11.00am.

Bible notes In recent years, several members of our church community have used *Fresh from the Word*, a book which suggests a Bible reading for each day and provides a reflection and suggestions for prayer based on each reading. If you would like a copy of the 2018 edition (£9.95), please let Ian Leck know.

Now recruiting Volunteers are sought for four rotas: to program the church laptop computer and project words and images during worship; to help with coffee; to set up and clear away after communion; and to count and bank the collection (as many people give by standing order, this doesn't have to be every week – and nor do the others). No experience or perceived skill is necessary: training will be given as required. If you are interested and can help, please let a steward know – Sue, Beth, Fleur, Ruth or Phil. Thank you.

Snowdrop Walk – Saturday, 10 February. This will be a circular walk of about 3 miles in Sherborne Park (off the A40 beyond Burford), starting from the National Trust car park there at 10.45am. After the walk we shall drive on to the Fox Inn at Great Barrington for lunch at 12.30pm, where non-walkers are most welcome to join us for lunch. If you would like to come, either on the walk or just for lunch, please sign up on the form on the table by the organ, if possible by Sunday, 4 February.

Holocaust Memorial Day is on 27 January and Wantage Methodist Church will be open for quiet reflection from 10am – 6pm, offering a space for people of all faiths on this day of remembrance of the inhumanity of the genocides of recent history.

Local Arrangement It being close to Fair Trade Fortnight (26 February – 11 March), we are delighted to announce that **Mrs Clare Matthews** has agreed to come and share in our service on **18 February**. Clare is one of the founder members of the *Fair Trade at St. Michael's* shop in Oxford. We are delighted too that she will be accompanied by her husband Professor David Matthews, who happens not to have a preaching appointment that day.

Sensing God is the title of a silent retreat at Douai Abbey (near Reading), being held on Friday 6 – Sunday 8 April. There will be several led sessions, time of silence and one-to-one time with a spiritual guide. Details are available from the Reflect Methodist spirituality group at <http://www.reflectretreats.co.uk/>

Ministerial support Please contact Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings if you need to be in touch with a minister (martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk), or contact the Circuit Office on 01865 243216.

We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.

Please make yourself known to one of the stewards and do stay for tea or coffee after the service!

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday	9.45am	Church	Tuesday Tots
Thursday	10.30am	Hall	Thursday coffee
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers
Saturday 27 January	10.00am – 1.00pm	Kidlington Methodist Church	Antique and Collectors Market. Admission free.

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday 30 January	2.30pm	Church	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: 'Songs & Stories' – Margaret Hill & Lin Treharne and Bring & Buy
Sunday 25 February	10.30am	Church	Café Church with Revd. Judy Turner-Smith

Our **new minister, Rev. Paul Carter**, came from York to visit the circuit on 12 January and met here with church stewards. He came with his wife Carol and 13-year-old son Thomas.

Paul is a probationer minister, training at the Queen's Foundation Theological College in Birmingham. The family will move in to the manse in Kidlington in the summer and he will take up his appointment at the beginning of September.

In addition to our church, Paul will have responsibility for the churches in Kidlington, Bladon and Tackley. We look forward to welcoming him. In the meantime, Martin Wellings will continue to support us.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in whose name I was baptized,
may Jesus, the living water, spring up in me
as the daily source of thoughts, words, and actions.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in whose name I live and move and have my being,
may Jesus, bread of life, nourish and sustain me
in the face of trials and tests, opportunities and
challenges.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose name I will be
commended to your eternal care,
may Jesus, the grain which falls into the earth
to die and bear much fruit,
gather together at the last all I have been,
separating weeds from wheat,
that I might know his resurrection life. Amen.

Andrew Lunn, Manchester and Stockport District Chair

Shine upon us, O Lord, with the light that surpasses all other light. Cleanse us with the fire that consumes all other fires and fill us with the love that transforms all other loves; for your own name's sake. Amen.

Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

