



Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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Notices for the week beginning 17 February 2019

- Sunday 17 February** **10.30am** **Rev. Philip Beuzeval**
- Sunday 24 February** **10.30am** **Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings**
- Thursdays** **10.00am** **Thursday Prayers**

Time and Again Songs and scenes from Wesley Memorial shows will be performed at Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 February at 7.30pm. Retiring collection for the church's Open Doors project. Further information from churchoffice@wesleymem.org.uk Clare Matthews, the author, says: "Why *Time and Again*? Not just because we've performed all these shows before! - but because the musical extracts are woven together with a narrative thread that links many centuries of human experience. Time and again, down the ages, the cry has gone up from the earth: 'Where are you, God?' And time and again – in a whole variety of surprising ways, through a whole variety of surprising people - the reply has come back: 'I am here! Where are you?'"

Antique & Collectors Market Graham Kirby's event is at Kidlington Methodist Church on Saturday 23 February from 9.00am - 1.00pm with refreshments and free admission.

World Day of Prayer this year will be on **Friday 1 March**. This is an international, inter-church organisation, preparing the service in a different part of the world each year. It is estimated that 3 million people in more than 170 countries will gather to observe the Day of Prayer, which comes this year from Slovenia. In the British Isles over 5,000 services will be held. In Woodstock, at the Baptist Church, 5a High Street, OX20 1TA there will be two services:

- 11.00am for children from Year 5, Woodstock Primary School and from Year 7, the Marlborough School
- 7.00pm ecumenical service with the theme 'Come – Everything is Ready!'

Everyone is warmly invited to either or both services; parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend at 11.00am; adults, especially those at work during the day, are welcome to attend at 7.00pm.

Messiah West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts are singing Handel's magnificent choral work at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 7 December. Why this much notice? Applications must be in by Friday 1 March. Details at <https://www.woapa.co.uk/sing--messiah--at-rah> or call 01993 358161 or 07943 353032.

United Service Our morning worship on Sunday 3 March will be a united service at St. Mary Magdalene parish church, starting at 11.00am. Paul, our minister, will be the preacher. Following the service, we are invited to join in a 'bring and share' lunch. Please could you let Sue know if you plan to attend – especially if staying on for the lunch – as it would be helpful for our hosts to know numbers for seating arrangements, etc. They have also asked for some idea about food contributions, suggestions being:

Quiche	Salads	Sausage rolls	Cold meats	Cheese etc.	Other savoury	Fruit pie	'Cream' cake	Fruit salad	Soufflé	Trifle	Other sweet
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North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank continues to seek dried or tinned food for local people in need of food supplies. Please add to the box at the back of church. If you haven't brought something suitable, you can buy a product from the Fair Trade stall and effectively give twice.

Easter Sunday Lunch If anyone finds that they will be on their own and would like to share in a celebration lunch on 21 April, please let Sarah know by email at sarahfolley@hotmail.com or phoning 01993 898016.

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 19 February	2.30pm	Church	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: 'By popular request' - Rev. Jean King
Thursdays	10.00am	Church	Thursday prayers
	10.30am - 12.00	Hall	Thursday Coffee Club

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Friday 1 March	11.00am	Baptist Church, 5a High Street	World Day of Prayer service for Year 5 and Year 7 children
	7.00pm		World Day of Prayer ecumenical service

Lord, forgive us when we listen, but do not hear; when we look, but do not see; and when we feel, but do not act; and by your mercy and grace draw us into the righteous deeds of your kingdom of justice and peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Maria Hare (1798-1870)



Student Strike for Climate, Bonn Square, Oxford, 15 February



Loving Lord, by the power of your transforming Spirit help us to see the communities we serve and those with whom we serve through your eyes.

With praise in our hearts for all that is past, help us to place our trust in you for all that is still to come.

On this day, help us to walk the streets and fields of our island with our hearts open to those we meet, recognising your image in each one and opening ourselves to the opportunities you place before us.

Richard Hall, Isle of Man District Chair