



# Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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## Notices for the week beginning 1 April 2018

<b>Sunday 1 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Sawyer</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 8 April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Jennifer Thompson</b>		
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Friday Prayers</b>		

**Congratulations** to Daisy Leach, celebrating her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday today, Easter Sunday. Love from us all.

**Thank you** to Gill and her helpers for today's flowers and mini-bouquets.

**Spencer Court** It being our (Methodist) turn, Revd. Canon Dr Martin Wellings will lead worship today (Easter Sunday) at 5.30pm. Please join us if you can to swell the singing and chat to the residents.

**Congratulations** to Sheila and Derek Pratley who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Thursday, having been married in this church in 1958. Love from us all.

**Godspell** Musical Youth Company of Oxford (MYCO) present *Godspell* at the Oxford Playhouse this Wednesday - Saturday. Tickets from [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com) or 01865 305 305, which can be called for a special rate for Church groups of 10 or more for Wednesday/Thursday evening or the Saturday matinee.

**Spirituality on Screen** is showing *The Shack* [2017] next Sunday, 8 April, at 5.30pm followed by bring-and-share food and discussion. The film tackles issues of loss, hatred and forgiveness, and raises a lot of common questions about whose side God is on.

**Springtime Walk** Our walk on Saturday 14 April will be of about 4½ miles in the Leach valley, starting from the Victoria Inn in Eastleach Turville at 10.30am. We plan to be back at the Victoria at about 1.00pm, when 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 the form on the table by the organ, if possible by next Sunday, 8 April.

**Anne Vissers** is marrying her fiancé Graham in South Africa in May. Anne has been bringing her practice wedding cakes to church over the last few weeks. To wish them well we will share tea, coffee and cake with them after morning worship on 15 April in the Church Hall. All very welcome to join this celebration!

**Earth Meets Heaven: Biblical Theologies of Tabernacle and Temple** is a ten-week course at Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education, starting on Thursday 19 April. Details at <https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/earth-meets-heaven-biblical-theologies-of-tabernacle-and-temple?code=O17P637THW>

**Partnerships of Hope** is a day conference for people already working with refugees or who would like to find out more. 10am – 4pm on Saturday 21 April at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford. Suggested donation of £5 per head. Registration required at [www.ccow.org.uk/event/partnerships-of-hope/](http://www.ccow.org.uk/event/partnerships-of-hope/)

**Annual General Meeting** Our Church AGM will be on Sunday 22 April after the morning service.

**Big walk** Declan Doran will walk 106km in the Isle of Wight Challenge 2018 with three of his sisters over two days starting on 5 May to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, in memory of their father, Kevin Doran. <http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/iowdeclan> is the site for online donations and there will be a sponsor form at the back of church.

**Save the Quiz Date** Our Christian Aid Quiz Night 2018 will be on Friday 18 May at 7pm. As in previous years, there will be fish & chips (alternatives are available) from Smart's half-way through. There is no entry fee, but an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid (including Gift Aid envelopes).

**Ministerial support** Please contact Revd. Canon Dr Martin Wellings if you need to be in touch with a minister ([martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk](mailto:martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk)), or contact the Circuit Office on 01865 243 216.

*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
Sunday 1 April	5.30pm	Spencer Court	Worship and conversation with residents
Tuesday	9.45am	Church	Tuesday Tots
Thursday	10.30am - 12.00	Hall	Thursday Coffee Club
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday 10 April	2.30pm	Church	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship: <i>Heritage at Wesley Memorial</i> – Alison Butler
Sunday 22 April	11.45am	Church	Church Annual General Meeting



When everything was dark  
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,  
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,  
too wide,  
too deep  
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love  
dance and spread  
and burst forth  
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.

Amen.

Revd. Michaela Youngson



Junior Church exploring Holy Week last Sunday