



Wallingford Methodist Church

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Your steward today is Graham Ifill

Today's services are led by:

10.30am Barbara Sexton

6.30pm Ian Sturt

A Warm Welcome to Wallingford Methodist Church

You can find more details about our church life in *The Messenger*, a copy of which you can obtain from the door stewards.

The church is fitted with an induction loop; please switch hearing aids to the T setting.

The children normally join us for the first part of the morning service and then leave for Junior Church. When there is a communion service the children go straight to Junior Church and join us later for communion.

For your prayers

- Wantage Methodist Church
- those who work with people troubled by alcohol or drug misuse
- please pray for all people affected by the coronavirus – those who have tested positive, those in quarantine and the families of those people, including those who have lost loved ones.

Regretfully, I have to announce that the **Friendship Guild** will no longer be meeting. Over the last months, for several reasons, and despite the amalgamation of the former Friendship Group and Guild meetings, numbers have dwindled to a point where we who remained had to accept that it is no longer possible to continue. I remember with thanks Ann Williams (Watts), who prior to her marriage organised the Friendship Group so successfully for many years, Alec Goldsmith who was such a strength in the Guild, Brenda Calcutt for her inspiring opening and closing, and of course the many members of both groups over the years who are no longer with us. *Gill Hall*

You will be aware that the Methodist Church is in the process of discussing and debating **God in Love Unites us**, the report of the Marriage and Relationships task group that went to Conference last summer.

The Methodist Conference spent a great deal of time discussing the report and did so with a sense of openness, respect, graciousness, dignity and understanding, aware that within our Methodist family there are differing views.

The Methodist Conference showed that it is possible to engage with one another even where contradictory views are held and to do so in a way which models good practice to the world.

To continue the discussions within our own Circuit, we will be holding a meeting looking at the report and study guide on Sunday 29 March at 12.30pm at Wallingford Church. Please bring a packed lunch.

This will be open to anyone who wishes to come along and join in the conversation. The documents are available electronically on the Methodist Church website or you can pick up a hard copy in the atrium.

I look forward to us sharing together over the coming months. *Keith Underhill*

A World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 6 March at the Ridgeway Church at 7pm. The service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and all are invited. *Wend*

A Worship Consultation report with dates for the next 3 months is in the notice sheet holder in the atrium for folks to look at. *Wendy*

The **Unison Bible Group** will be meeting on Wednesday 4 March at 10.30am.

The **Shillingford and Crowmarsh House Group** will also be meeting on Wednesday March 4, however later in the day at 7.30pm.

Next Week's Activities

Mon 2	2.15pm	Art Group
Tues 3	12.30pm	Lunches
Wed 4	10.30am	Unison Bible Group
	6.00pm	BB&GA Anchors
	6.45pm	BB&GA Juniors & Company
	7.30pm	BB&GA Seniors
	7.30pm	Shillingford and Crowmarsh House Group
Thu 5	10.30am	Coffee morning and chat
Fri 6	7.30pm	Prayer Gathering
Sun 8	10.30am	Marlene Chalkley
	6.30pm	Stephen Atkinson

Notices for next week to Debbie Adams

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please email Ian Scrivener at
webmaster@wallingfordmethodistchurch.org.uk

If you would like a particular subject to be included in our
prayers, please place your request with the steward, (if
you want prayers for an individual please make sure you
have their permission first).