



Wantage
Methodist Church <https://wantagemethodist.org.uk>

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Sunday 27th October Bible Sunday **Ordinary 30**

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Clocks changed to GMT overnight

10:30 am **Morning Worship in Chapel**
led by **Rev Keith Underhill**

This service includes the Baptism of Martha Beatrice Heaver.

3.00pm **Annual Service of Remembrance**

Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church
We are sharing all services on Zoom.

Please contact Gordon for joining details if you wish to join the Zoom broadcast. As we wait for people present in church to settle before the welcome and notices, so we do not start until all Zoom attendees are properly connected.

The Church Stewards introduce worship, then there is a period of quiet in which we prepare for worship and pray for those leading worship. There are times in the service when most people will stand, such as for singing. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

There is a crèche room for small children.

The Chapel is fitted with an induction loop; Hearing aid users are advised to sit away from the edges of the room and please switch hearing aids to the "T" setting.

Glasses of water are available.

Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Peachcroft

Give thanks for the words of Scripture and the message they give to support us.

Please pray for Bethan Grant, Anne, Carol Mackinder, Emma Wright & family, Caroline, Doug & Anne Hatto, Richard in York, Edwina, Adrian, Geoff, Diane, Meriel, Diane's daughters Claire & Julie, June Hartle, Jane Robinson, Louise, Richard & Anne, Peter, John & Jo, Mary Spalding, Trudy, Jade, Sue, Findley, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, Eileen, Norma, Alison C & family, Helen C, June G, Hunter, Angela, Vic Press, Terry & Sue

All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors,

Our Ministers, Deacon, Community Chaplains, Local Preachers & Worship Leaders, kids@church and Street Pastors, Cornerstone and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

Focus for Reflection : John 5:39-40

You diligently study the Scriptures
because you think that by them you possess eternal life.
These are the Scriptures that testify about me,
yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Monday 28th October

9:00 am Community Drop-in Café in the Hall

Tuesday 29th October

2:00 pm Tuesday Prayer & Study Group in the Parlour

Holy Habits, Breaking Bread: Life-giving bread

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-2

Sunday 3rd November

Ordinary 31

Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

10:30 am

Morning Worship in Chapel

led by **Libby Hawkness-Smith**

Holy Habits - Breaking Bread

'For a Time' exhibition and film

'For a time between the late winter of 2022 and early summer 2023 the Grand Hotel, on Ilfracombe's seafront was used by the Home Office as part of the Asylum Dispersal initiative. The Local Authority engaged the 'Pickwell Foundation', to coordinate a response to support the guests placed into the hotel. Along the way many local organisations, community groups and individuals responded by offering time and space and resources to make that support possible.'

Wantage Methodist Church is delighted to be hosting an inspirational exhibition that tells this story of what happened along with an accompanying short film (on the hour and half hour) on Saturday 23 November between 10 and 12 o'clock.

Refreshments will be available. Please feel free to drop in anytime!



On Sunday 24 November the morning service (10:30am) and afternoon Circuit Service at Wantage (4:00pm) will also include the film and the opportunity to look at the photos and explore the themes of the exhibition.

This exhibition and film firstly, celebrate and remember a moment in the community's history that exemplified compassion, welcome and kindness and secondly, demonstrate that this sort of response is possible in other communities.

Everyone welcome!

Advent Study

Alison Phillips is offering a group for seasonal thought, prayer and discussion using material from the series 'Cover to Cover', which looks at some biblical encounters with Jesus, and how different individuals responded to His unexpected presence and love. Each day there is a Bible reading, daily focus, a question and closing prayer which hopefully you will have time to read, so we can think about some of them together each week.

The group is invited to meet at, 1, Mill Paddock, Letcombe Regis, most likely on Thursday evenings beginning Thursday November 28th, but this is to be confirmed.

It is helpful but not essential to have a copy of the book 'Unexpected Jesus' by Anna Robbins, cost £6.99 and Alison can order a copy for you from Cornerstone if you would let her know as soon as possible..

If transport is a problem, please let her know and she can try and organise lifts or car shares.

Whether you join our group or are part of the group who will be studying different material on Tuesday afternoons, or just want to have some quiet time for reflection on your own this Advent, it is a blessing to put some time aside in this busy season to feel the presence of God and be ready to meet Him in unexpected ways.

In the entrance foyer of the chapel there is a **prayer tree** with associated labels for anyone to attach any sort of prayer

There is an increasing number of Local Arrangements on Sunday mornings because fewer Local Preachers and Ministers are available for all the acts of worship across the Wantage & Abingdon Circuit. Therefore, we are inviting members to consider if they might feel able to help out. The requirement would be to engage in a workshop or two in the new year to help explore the possibility of joining others in leading an occasional Sunday morning service. However, it would be really helpful to know something of what is required. With this in mind Bruce Thompson is holding an hour-long **Zoom on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm**. Anyone who feels they might want to hear more of what this might entail is invited to join in. There is no commitment to this, other than interest at this stage.

For the Zoom passcode please email Bruce on revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk

There will be a meeting of the Church Council

on Thursday 21st November at 7:30 pm

In Conversation

with

Professor Beverley Clack

Wallingford Methodist Church
St Leonard's Square, OX10 0AS

12 noon—1.00 pm, 19 November 2024

Bev Clack is Professor Emerita in Philosophy of Religion at Oxford Brookes University and senior Research Fellow at the Farmington Institute, Harris Manchester College, Oxford.



In consumer economies, success has increasingly been defined in terms of material attainment and the achievement of status. This model of 'the good life' and its formulas for success ignore the haunting possibility that one may not succeed and as a result be deemed 'a failure'. *How to be a Failure and Still Live Well* explores that often neglected theme of failure, not just as the opposite of achievement, but also, and more importantly, how it has been conflated with loss: that which haunts all transient, mortal human experience.

Further details from revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk or 01235 813242

Copies of Bev's books will be on sale in partnership with Wallingford Bookshop

Other Users on Wantage premises in the week

Monday	eve	Slimming World - Hall
	eve	CA - Parlour
Tuesday	morn	MIND - Hall
	eve	Camera Club - Hall
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Sings - Hall

Notices for next week should reach **Gordon Skidmore**
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