



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

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**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**

## **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** people who have moved away

**Give thanks** for the memories we have of those who have moved away and the work they did in your name while they were here.

**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 Softe & family, Eileen, Norma, Alison C & family, Helen C, June G, Hunter, Angela, Vic Press, Terry & Sue, Vicky, Robin and Becky Legge and the Legge family grandchildren.

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 : Jeremiah 9:23-24**

This is what the Lord says:

“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he knows and understands me, that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

### **Monday 4th November**

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

**2:00 pm Knit & Chat** in the Hall

### **Tuesday 5th November**

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

Holy Habits, Breaking Bread: Praying like Jesus

Reading: Luke 11:1-4 This meeting includes the Monthly Prayer List.

### **Thursday 7th November**

**7:30 pm Holy Habits Film - "Of Gods and Men"** (Cert 15, 2010)

in the Chapel

### **Friday 8th November**

**3:30 pm Caritas Children's Choir** in the Hall

### **Saturday 9th November**

**10:00 am Holy Habits Book Group** at the Cornerstone, Grove

### **Sunday 10th November**

**Ordinary 32**

**Remembrance Interfaith Week**

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**09:30 am Morning Worship in Chapel**

led by **Rev Keith Underhill**

**This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Church Council will meet on Thursday 21st November at 7:30 pm**

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](mailto:revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk)

## **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.

## **'For a Time' exhibition and film**

During the weekend of 23 / 24 November we are hosting an inspirational photographic exhibition and short film about the way in which a community in North Devon welcomed a group of asylum seekers as part of a government initiative. I saw this at Greenbelt arts festival and wanted to share what made such a big impression on me. We will be opening the church on the Saturday morning between 10 and 12 and showing the film on the hour and half hour and then incorporating the film and photographs into the morning and afternoon circuit service on the Sunday at 4pm.

We would like to offer refreshments on the Saturday morning and from 3pm on the Sunday and I would love to hear from you if you are willing to help serve these at one of these times! Please phone or text me on 07443420205 if you are able to help.

Please come along if you are free as I'd love as many people as possible to hear this story.



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

# 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](mailto: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

<b>Monday</b>	eve eve	Slimming World - Hall CA - Parlour
<b>Tuesday</b>	morn eve	MIND - Hall Camera Club - Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	eve	Wantage Sings - Hall
<b>Friday</b>	morn	Parents & Toddlers - Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	morn	Dads Out - Hall

**Notices for next week** should reach **Gordon Skidmore**  
by the end of **Thursday** please.  
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