



The Methodist Church

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit

LENT PROGRAMME 2019



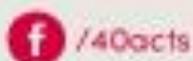
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Worship across the Circuit on Ash Wednesday ~ 6th March

- 7:30am Morning prayers with ashing
at Grove Methodist Church
- 11:00am Worship with ashing and Holy Communion
at Milton Methodist Church
- 7:30pm Worship with ashing and Holy Communion
at Didcot Methodist Church

Circuit Worship for the Evening of Palm Sunday

A reading of the passion narrative
in Luke's Gospel
in words, music and images



Wallingford Methodist Church - 6.30pm

Wantage , Grove & Childrey

Wednesday morning Lenten Study Group

at Grove Methodist Church.

On Wednesday mornings during Lent, Keith will be leading a study based on material from the Churches Together in Britain that delves into the mystery of God.

Each session will begin at 10:00 am and last an hour or so. The details can be found below:

Wednesday 13th March

(1) The Mystery of good and evil

Wednesday 20th March

(2) The Mystery of God's glory

Friday 29th March

(3) The Mystery of sin, suffering and hope

Wednesday 3rd April

(4) The Mystery of relationship and reconciliation

Wednesday 10th April

(5) The Mystery of parenthood and adoption

Wednesday 17th April

(6) The Mystery of love and sacrifice

Looking forward to seeing you there - everyone welcome.

Films to make us think during Lent

at Wantage Methodist Church.

During Lent we will be showing films that aim to make us think about faith and how we live our lives. Each film in its own way challenges our perceptions of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and the implications for living out that reality in the world. Some based on true events, others of a fictional nature, they explore the consequences of faith in the challenges of world events.

We will be showing the films in the church itself starting at 7:30 pm.

The details are as below:

Wednesday 13 th March	Chocolat	Cert 12. 117 min
Wednesday 20 th March	The Way	Cert 12. 123 min
Wednesday 27 th March	Of Gods and men	Cert 15. 122 min
Wednesday 3 rd April	Au Revoir Les Enfants	Cert 12. 100 min
Wednesday 10 th April	The Mission	Cert PG. 120 min
<i>Tuesday</i> 16 th April	The Passion (part 1)	Cert 12. 131 min
Wednesday 17 th April	The Passion (part 2)	Cert 12. 86 min

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lent House Groups

based on York Course Lent Study **“Daring to see God now”**

Two House Groups will be meeting to follow this year’s **York Course Lent Study - “Daring to see God now”**. The course booklet is written by Bishop Nick Baines and featuring on the accompanying CD are Prof Keith Ward, Rachel Lampard, Bishop David Wilbourne and Cathy Galvin.

The course is in 5 sessions as follows:

- Session 1) The Good News of God;
- Session 2) The time is now;
- Session 3) God is present;
- Session 4) Change your mind;
- Session 5) Live it!

On Tuesdays at 1:30 pm at Eileen Rennie’s, 50, Warmans Close,
Wantage

starting on 12th March

On Thursdays at 1:30 pm at Alison Phillip’s, 2 Mill Paddock,
Letcombe Regis

starting on 7th March

One-man passion play coming to Wantage

A play re-enacting the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus, performed by just one actor, is coming to Wantage.

Actor, Mark Topping is staging *Impossible God* at Wantage Methodist Church on 12th April at 7.30pm

In the drama numerous characters: servants, soldiers and disciples, relive their experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

“The drama is a powerful exploration of events at the heart of Christianity,” says Mark Topping. “You are taken on an imaginative journey and challenged to look again at Jesus of Nazareth and reflect on what it means.”

Tickets are £10 (waged) and £7.50 (unwaged) and can be obtained from: Helen Carter

All profits will be donated to Wantage & Grove Street Pastors

Mark Topping is a professional actor. He has toured England, Wales and Ireland for many years performing *Impossible God* and other one-man plays. He has appeared as John Wesley on BBC TV. Theatre work includes *Travesties*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Anne Boleyn*, *Yes Prime Minister*, *Four Minutes Twelve Seconds*, *A Chorus of Disapproval*, *Travesties*. He is the narrator of numerous audiobooks.

The devotional book ‘An Impossible God’ was written and adapted for the stage by author, actor, broadcaster and Methodist minister, Frank Topping.

Local contact details: Helen Carter mobile: 07881 504623

Impossible God The Passion Play

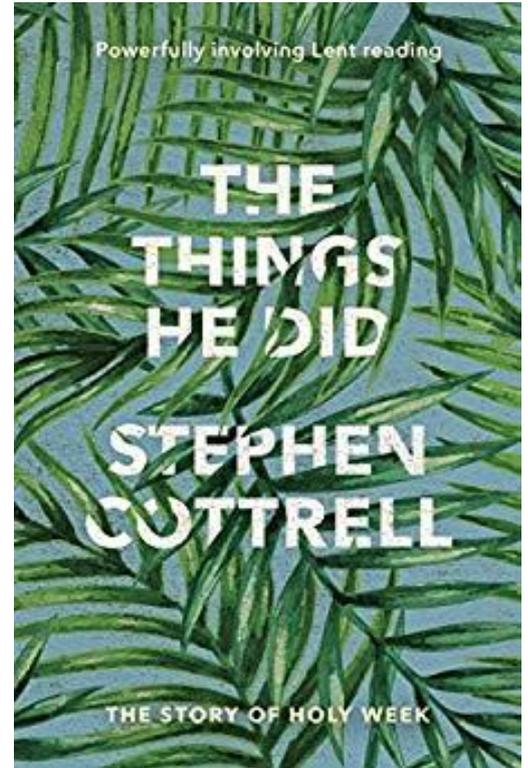
Performed by Mark Topping



Written by Frank Topping

Didcot

Michael Howlett and Jenny Loder are holding a Lent course which will use a book by Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, called 'The Things He Did'. This book is designed both for private study as well as for group work. They have a number of copies for distribution and would be grateful if you would let them know if you are planning to come.



Friday mornings, 10.30am – 12 noon
75 Loyd Rd, Didcot.

- Mar 8 He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey (Luke 19:28-44)
- Mar 15 He overturned the money changers' tables
(Matt 21:12-17)
- Mar 22 He ate with tax collectors and sinners (Matt 26:6-16)
- Mar 29 He washed his disciples feet (John 13:1-15)
- Apr 5 He broke bread and shared wine (Matt 26:17-30)
- Apr 12 He prayed that there might be another way
(Matt 26:36-56)

Journey into the Desert

A series of Lent Reflections
Didcot Methodist Church
Sunday Evenings, 6.30pm.

A time of reflection through music,
words and pictures to help
in our journey with God during Lent.

10 th March	Entering the desert
17 th March	Spending time in the mountains
24 th March	Negotiating the wadi
31 st March	Discovering the springs
7 th April	Returning to the city

Abingdon Churches Together

Will Donaldson will be leading a series of talks on the beatitudes and countercultural lifestyle over the five Mondays of Lent based on his new book 'Living differently to make a difference'. These will take the format of two short talks with group discussion and prayers.

Jesus calls us in the beatitudes to live an authentic, countercultural lifestyle. By being different, we can make a difference, becoming the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Through living the beatitudes, we could reflect the beauty of God's grace, grow in our likeness to Jesus and make the world a better place too.

Mon 25 Feb 2019: Genuine humility and heartfelt sadness

Mon 4 March 2019: Gentle strength and driving passion

Mon 11 March 2019: Healing grace and holy integrity

Mon 18 March 2019: Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage

Mon 25 March 2019: Salt of the earth and light of the world

Will has been in parish ministry for 25 years and is currently Chaplain and Senior Welfare Officer of St Edmund Hall, Oxford University; Area Dean of Oxford; and Director of Pastoral Care at St Aldates, Oxford.

Trinity

Trinity will be working with the resource from BRF called "Lent with New Daylight - Rediscovering who we are as God's people" This will be used by the home groups and will feed into the themed preaching series in the first half of Lent.

"Easter Table Talk"

Sunday afternoon in Trinity Church welcome area
from 3-4.30 pm.

led by Deacon Selina Nisbett
on the 10th, 17th, 24th March and 7th April
Designed to be very informal.



Milton

BIBLE STUDY ORGANISED BY MILTON METHODIST CHURCH

led by Rev Frances Blood,
York Course Lent Study “**Daring to see God now**”.

On alternate Thursday mornings 10.30- 12 noon,
Contact Beryl Fudge if you would like to join us
(berylfudge@gmail.com)

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION at 10:00 am from Milton Manor for a UNITED
FAMILY SERVICE with ST BLAISE at 10:30 am
in MILTON METHODIST CHURCH.



Our Palm Sunday procession starts in Milton Manor by kind invitation of Anthony Mockler, and has aspects of a carnival or high day- kids get to ride the Milton Manor ponies (helmets provided) and to look at the other livestock at the Manor, (last year they had newborn lambs) After a brief introduction by Rev Joss Bennett, we process singing and waving our palm branches, led by ponies and alpacas, from the Manor round to the Methodist Church for the morning service at 10.30a.m, preacher Rev Joss Bennett.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY

Palm Sunday

- 10:00 am **Wantage Open air United Palm Sunday service**
in Wantage Market Place (assemble at 9:45am)
- 10:00 am **Procession** from Milton Manor to –
- 10:30 am **Milton Methodist Church** for
United Service with St Blais at – Rev Joss Bennett
- 10:45 am **Wantage Methodist Church** - Local Arrangement
- 10:45 am **Grove Methodist Church** – Rev Keith Underhill
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- 6:30 pm **Circuit Service** at Wallingford Methodist Church
The Passion of Luke

Tuesday 16th April

Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Convent

If the visit to the Convent for Stations of the Cross in Holy Week is of interest to you, please let Eileen Rennie have your name by **Sunday 24th March**

- 7:30 pm **Films to make you think**
at Wantage Methodist Church
(6) - The Passion (part 1) Cert 12. 131 minutes

Wednesday 17th April

- 10:00 am **Lenten Study** at Grove Methodist Church
(6) The Mystery of love and sacrifice

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Thursday 18th April, Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm Services for Maundy Thursday

at All Saints, Trinity and Wallingford

8:00 pm United service of Holy Communion

at Grove

Friday 19th April, Good Friday

9:00 am Good Friday service at Childrey

10:00 am Trinity, Abingdon – United service

at Abingdon Baptist church

10:00 am Good Friday services

at All Saints, Didcot and Wallingford

11:00 am Open air united Good Friday Service at Grove

2:00 pm Good Friday service

at Wantage

Easter Day 21st April

6:00 am Open air Holy Communion

at the Millennium Stones, Ardington

Please note earlier starting time!

8:30 am Easter Morning Communion at Didcot

followed by breakfast

9:30 am Easter Morning breakfast at Wantage

10:30 am Easter Morning Services with Communion

at Wantage, Trinity, All Saints, Wallingford and Milton

10:30 am Easter All Age Worship at Didcot

10:45 am Easter Morning Service with Communion

at Grove

6:00 pm Road to Emmaus service at Childrey

with tea and Holy Communion



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Saturday 30 March at 10.15 and

Saturday 13 April at 10.15

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