

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit

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Early Summer
Supplement

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Sunday Services and Church Activities

Wantage Morning Worship will be shared each week on Zoom at 10:30
(for access to these please contact Gordon Skidmore)

Texts for Services at home for each Sunday are posted on the websites.

Grove web site is found from www.wantab.org.uk

Wantage web site www.wantagemethodist.org.uk

Circuit web site www.wantab.org.uk

Circuit YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpMj71hDzpMhVj6t_ZQt0w

Each week Wesley's Chapel in London will continue to live-stream worship, adapted for no physical congregation.

Service times: Wednesday 12:45, Thursday 12:45, Sunday 9:45 and 11:00.

All these services will be available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA>

More information about all of this can be found at

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

CGW News Publication deadline dates

July	Sunday 27 th June
August	Sunday 18 th July
Late Summer	Sunday 15 th August
Harvest	Sunday 12 th September
Autumn	Sunday 3 rd October
November	Sunday 31 st October
Dec/Jan	Sunday 28 th November

Cornerstone Coffee Shop

John Hogston

The shop is now open normal hours.

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

You can purchase cards, Fairtrade items and books. It is suggested that if you wish to have a meal you phone the shop to reserve a table. (01235 772280)

Cornerstone is seeking volunteers to help during the day. Please phone Cornerstone on 01235 772280 if you could possibly help. Saturday looks quite difficult to staff.

Thank you from Christian Aid

Alison Phillips

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid this year. The envelopes raised £380 which was a great result considering we were unable to meet during Christian Aid week. Thank you also to Keith for including the film in our Zoom service about the 75 years since Christian Aid began its work following the refugee crisis after the war, history that many of us remember!

Something to consider is that our contact with Christian Aid said that a monthly donation, however small, is a very helpful way for the organisation to budget for the many projects it has around the world. If you feel this might be something you would like to do, there is a Christian Aid web site or you could set up a standing order with your bank.

With love and prayers and a BIG thank you.

Childrey

The Chapel is going to be used on Monday mornings by a newly-formed Mother and Baby Support Group which is being co-ordinated by the Rev Andrea Colbrook from St. Mary's.

For the foreseeable future Childrey will be open for Worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month.

Sunday 13 June: 11:00 am led by Rev Keith Underhill

Sunday 27 June: 11:00 am led by Rev John Rowland

Prayers:

We remember in our prayers:

Pat Legge, Vicky, Robin and Becky and the Legge family grandchildren.

Keith, Leonora and. Andrea, David, Arnold, Joy Gee, Jean

and all those unknown to us who are in need of our help.

Christian Love to all.

Grove

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who are in poor health or have other difficulties and problems compounded by the very different time we are living through. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with Judy and her family. We think of all who have missed the close contact with their family and special friends during this past year and we are thankful that it is becoming possible to meet up again as restrictions are eased.

Wednesday Zoom Coffee mornings each week are open to all. They are a good opportunity to keep in touch, find out news, share your thoughts and listen to what other people have to say. If you would like to join us on Wednesday mornings (usually 10:30 am) please let Keith know. You will then receive a weekly invitation by email and can join in as and when you are able to. Our thanks go to Keith, Ian and Roger for hosting the coffee mornings. They are much appreciated.

Wantage

Morning Worship

Services on June 20th and 27th will be held in the Hall rather than the chapel.

To assist us to fulfil our responsibilities to Track & Trace, please would you let Ann Barber know in advance either via [email annbarber7@gmail.com](mailto:annbarber7@gmail.com) or by telephone 01235 767152 if you wish to attend the service in person.

Thank you for your patience with Zoom. There are proving to be some complexities in dealing with things from church particularly when trying to communicate after the service has finished.

Pastoral

Ann Barber

We're very thankful and pleased that services can take place in church once more, but we also acknowledge that not all of our church family feel comfortable about returning at present, and so our Newsletter is a good means by which to share news and updates.

Diane Barton is overjoyed at becoming a great grandmother, and rightly says that it is so good to be able to share happy news with all of her church friends. It is her daughter Julie's first grandchild, and the baby is named Freddie Christopher – his middle name in memory of Diane's grandson Chris who sadly died whilst working in China. To Diane and Julie we offer each of them our sincere congratulations on their new status, and pray for Freddie and his parents and all of the family.

In our last Newsletter we reported the sad news that Arnold Tucker's wife, Shirley had died. Arnold would like to say thank you for the overwhelmingly large number of cards and kind messages he has received from our church family. He said that they have offered greatly appreciated support to him and his children. He has further expressed some comforting thoughts which relate to a happier family event which occurred the day after losing Shirley:

"You lose one, you gain one! The Tucker family lost a dear old, beautiful lady on Tuesday 4th May. On the very next day, Belinda's son Matthew married his fiancée Kristen in Cornwall. Belinda's verdict on Kristen: "She's beautiful".

We lost one, we gained one! Keep smiling!"

One of the residents at Fleur de Lis, Joan Kidd, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on 6th June. Joan isn't able to participate in collective worship with us as she has no hearing, but she was transferred into membership of our church when she moved to Wantage two years ago. We send her warm congratulations on reaching this very special birthday, with our love and prayers for her continued wellbeing.

Richard George has now been discharged from the JR Hospital, and has become a resident at Freeland House Nursing Home, a few miles outside Witney. We hold

Richard in our thoughts, hoping that he will settle happily into his new surroundings, and we reassure him of our continuing prayers.

Praying for each other: In June the people listed below will be included in the prayer time when all of the members of Eileen Rennie's House-group, 'meet' to pray in their individual homes. **On June Grunwald's List:** Nicky Atkinson, Stella Belcher, Graham Godfrey, Agripinia Kilpatrick, Eileen Rennie, Roy Scholes, Jim Hughes, Sonia Wilkie and **on Rita Lawrence's List:** Kay Goodwin, Pam and John Leake, Carole and Keith Robbins, Helen and John Carter.

In addition to the names listed above, those in our church family, who through frailty or ill health can no longer worship with us on Sundays, will also be prayed for by name at Eileen's house-group.

YMOSES

YMOSES plan to meet on Sunday 20th June to go for a walk (weather permitting). For meeting details please contact Jane Kent (janevKent@icloud.com).

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche, 01235 764310



Knit & Chat will be in the Hall at Church at 2 pm on the first and third Mondays of the month (**7th** and **21st June**). There will be zoom access at 2:15 pm on each occasion so please contact Helen if you wish to join in at any time. Do let know June G if you wish to join our Facebook group and keep a lookout for photos and news on the church website.

Church Bank Account - Important

Clive Phillips

Wantage Methodist Church is currently in the process of changing its bank account. If you make payments by regular Bank Standing Order or intend to make occasional payments by Bank Transfer and have a note of the current (old) bank account details you should stop using those and should ask me for the details of the new bank account. Currently we are in a transition stage but I hope that all payments from July 1st will be made to the new account. You can contact me by e-mail, candaphillips@gmail.com or telephone on 07730 779960 or 01235 760335. I have written to all members and friends who have Standing Orders or use Bank Transfers to give them the new details but I may have missed some.

To explain the reasons for this change: About 40 years ago, when the Circuit contained many more small churches, the circuit and church treasurers set up a collective bank account (Giro) for the circuit churches. A circuit giro treasurer was appointed (Eric Thomas) and through his diligent, active management he was able to facilitate easy transfers of funds between the churches and circuit and increase the interest received by the churches. In recent years these advantages have diminished and the additional management has become a problem. Two years ago the circuit and church treasurers agreed in principle that each church should have

its own separate account and that eventually the giro account would be used only by the circuit. Regrettably this has now become urgent but fortunately the new account is available. The next few months will be a transition stage as Wantage Methodist Church gradually moves from using the giro account to the new account. The sooner we can disentangle the two, the better. If you have any questions about this, or need help, please do not hesitate to contact me. I apologise for the trouble that this will cause. Many thanks.

Users: Weekdays in the Hall

It is intended to bring things back into use in a controlled way. The programme for the next few weeks is as follows:

June 11th Mother & Toddler group on the hall in the morning – then July 2nd

Friday afternoons Community Fridge in the Hall in the afternoon – until the end of August.

June 21st 2 pm Knit & Chat in the hall

June 12th, 19th, 26th Wantage Music Festival – closed sessions.

June 21st 7:30 pm Wantage Council meeting in the hall (tbc)

July 7th Wantage Stage Musical resumes weekly on Wednesday evenings (tbc).

July 10th Caritas Workshop – day.

Diary for June

- Saturday 12th Grove Fund Raising Coffee Morning - Zoom
- Sunday 20th YMOSES walk – contact Jane Kent for meeting details.
- Monday 21st 2:00 pm Knit & Chat at church (also 2:15 pm on Zoom)
- Sunday 27th **DEADLINE for JULY EDITION of CGW NEWS**

Services during June

- Sunday 13th 10:30 am Wantage (shared on Zoom) Carol Sturt
10:45 am Grove Peter Hemmings (tbc)
11:00 am Childrey Rev Keith Underhill
- Sunday 20th 10:30 am Wantage (Hall) (shared on Zoom) Frederick Obeng
10:45 am Grove Rev Keith Underhill
- Sunday 27th 10:30 am Wantage (Hall) (shared on Zoom)
Rev Keith Underhill
This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion
10:45 am Grove Ian Sturt
11:00 am Childrey Rev John Rowland

Summer (Some - er) Smiles (with thanks to Aston Tirrold URC)

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."