

Sunday 6th March

Lent 1

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The wafers are gluten free and the wine is non alcoholic.

Please contact Gordon for joining details if you wish to join the Zoom broadcast.

Welcome to Wantage Methodist Church

We are worshipping in the Chapel and sharing the service on Zoom.

We continue to try to ensure a Covid safe environment.

- 1 Please use the sanitizing fluid provided when entering or leaving the building.
- 2 Please respect others by wearing a face mask on the premises.

We are singing with masks on. 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.

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.

The reflective orders of service for use at home continue to be distributed.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Wantage

Give Thanks for all that we will learn and be thankful for as we work through this period of Lent studying God's word.

Please pray for Bethan Grant, Jane, Alan Bunn and family, Anne, Carol Mackinder, Betty, Emma Wright and family, Caroline, Adrian, Alastair Wright and family, John Morton, Anne Hatto, Gordon & Marina, Peter Preston, Jane & Brian Soffe, Ruth Dams, Rodney Deval, All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors, Our Ministers, Deacon, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, YMOSES, kids@church and Street Pastors.

Those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

THIS WEEK

Verse for the week: Matthew 3:3

This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:
“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him’”.

Monday 7th March

9:00 am to 12:00 noon **Community Drop-in Café** in the Hall

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

Tuesday 8th March

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

Cover to Cover Lent Study, The Prayers of Jesus Week 2
The Raising of Lazarus. Reading John 11:1-7,17-21,32-35,38-44.

Wednesday 9th March

7:30 pm **Church Council** in the Chapel

Thursday 10th March

10:00 am **Lent Study Group** in the Hall

BRF “Journeying through Lent with New Daylight”
Feasting and Fasting - week 2 1Cor 6:12-14,19-20

Friday 11th March 2022

3:30 pm to 4:15pm **Prayers for Ukraine** in the Chapel

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

Sunday 13th March

Lent 2

Lectionary: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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

This service will include the baptisms of Eugenie and Reuben Taylor. It is a special day for them, and we hold their parents, Kirsty and Jack, as well as their families in our prayers at this time. Eugenie’s baptism was originally planned for March 2020 but was postponed due to Covid.

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL REPORT

Statement on Ukraine from the Methodist Presidency

We are horrified and heartbroken as we witness the violent assault on Ukraine by the Russian military. This devastating action and ensuing loss of life have rightly been condemned across the world. It is a very clear violation of the UN Charter and as such imperils the foundation upon which international security is built and on which we all depend. We regret the failure to build an understanding with Russia and we pray for the Ukrainian and Russian peoples, including the Methodist church leaders in the region and the Methodist communities across Ukraine. Christians are called to 'pursue peace with everyone' (Hebrews 12:14); this mandate is clear and requires courage, perseverance and understanding. We ask you to pray for all politicians, that there may be an end to aggression and that dialogue, justice and peace may be established.

Prayer for peace in Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen

Opportunity for response

DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee

People in Ukraine are fleeing their homes to escape conflict. They need food, water, shelter and healthcare.

DEC have a web-site page for donations for Ukraine.

The UK Govt will match first 20 million pounds, pound for pound.

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

There will be a box for cash donations in Chapel on 13th and 20th March.

Please note that if people can claim Gift Aid and make their donations on-line using a debit or credit card, or at a bank, DEC can claim Gift Aid which increases their donation by 25%. Gift Aid cannot be claimed by DEC for money that is accumulated and sent via the church.

Little People

Tessa Heron, who heads up Little People, the group which offers support to needy families, has a request to all of our member churches. A mother who is working hard to care for her family of four children, and whose husband cannot work through illness, needs a microwave oven.

If anyone is able to respond to this request, please let Tessa know on 01236 762912. Tessa lives at 1 Weaver Close, on the corner with Garston Lane. If necessary she would be willing to collect the microwave

We have water supply restored so we have toilet or kitchen facilities again.
Our thanks to all involved in the necessary repairs.

On the Premises w/c 6th March

Sunday	morn	Worship - Chapel
Monday	aft	Knit & Chat - Chapel
Monday	eve	Slimming World - Hall
Tuesday	morn	MIND - Hall
Tuesday	aft	Tuesday Study Group - Chapel
Wednesday	tea	YoCO - Hall
Wednesday	eve	Church Council - Chapel
Wednesday	eve	Wantage Stage Musical - Hall
Thursday	morn	Study Group - Hall
Friday	morn	Mothers & Toddlers - Hall
Friday	aft	Prayers - Chapel
Friday	aft	Caritas Children's Choir - Hall
Sunday	morn	Worship - Chapel

We are starting to prepare the **Church Annual Report** for publication with the April edition of CGW News. Please send articles to :- wmcannualreport@gmail.com by Sunday 13 March.

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