

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit

CHILDREY, GROVE & WANTAGE SECTOR



# CGW NEWS



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## **Sunday Services and Church Activities**

**Wantage Morning Worship is shared each week on Zoom at 10:30**  
(for access to this 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](http://www.wantab.org.uk)

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## **CGW News Publication deadline dates – 2023**

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December/January	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November

## From the Manse.....

Summer is here and for many, it is a time for holidays and relaxation – time off and an opportunity to recharge the batteries.

I have found inspiration once more in the words of Malcolm Guite and so offer them to you in the hope that they will find a resonance in your hearts and souls. It also feeds into the idea of gladness and generosity that is the basis for Holy Habits (lite) 2.

He reminds us that at the heart of the creation story, we find rest and the Sabbath.

The Sabbath, is the blessed rest in which God contemplates his own creation with delight and love and pronounces it good, and which he graciously invites us to share with him. Sabbath is always a sheer gift whenever and wherever we keep it, a gift more and more need in our pressurised 24/7 world. So here is my roundel celebrating that blessing and rest.

*Blessing and rest, delight in everything  
Sustained by your strong love and richly blest,  
This is the gift you give, the day you bring  
Blessing and rest.*

*This is indeed the 'gladness of the best',  
From first lines in the east where linnets sing,  
To where the last light lingers in the west.*

*You lift the cares to which I used to cling,  
As you yourself descend to be my guest  
And show me how to find in everything  
Blessing and rest.*

Whatever you find yourselves doing over these summer months, I hope and pray that you will be able to find some time to rest and experience the blessings of the Sabbath.

With love and God Bless

*Keith*

**Pimm's and Cake** - a sectional fundraiser for **Cornerstone** at the Manse on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**, 3 – 5 pm.

In order to help us with catering and numbers, anyone who wishes to come along will need to have purchased a ticket in advance. These will be available in June via the church stewards or from Keith and Liz direct.

Tickets are £10 and will include a large glass of Pimm's or for those who'd prefer, a non-alcoholic Orange and Lemonade plus a piece of cake.

All monies raised will go to help support the work of Cornerstone.

## **Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home**

*June Grunwald*

This Bible Study is held at the new care home on Grove Road. It is being held on the second Monday of the month at 2.30 pm, lasting between 30-45 mins. In June we studied the story of the Ten Lepers.

Our next meetings are: **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**: Jesus calms the storm and **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**: The Good Samaritan. Anyone is welcome to attend and those at Elmbrook enjoy having a chat after the bible study.

## **Pray for Revival**

*Ian and Carol Sturt*

Jesus loves the Church - He will not allow His Church to die. And yet there are so many problems in this world ... 360 million Christians worldwide are persecuted or discriminated against (statistics from Open Doors) ... our churches are struggling to survive, with dwindling congregations ... millions have little or no faith ... what is to be done?

Well, we have started a new prayer group, Pray for Revival, and we meet at Grove Methodist Church on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm. As we enjoy a time of fellowship, we worship, pray, share and reflect, with the focus on asking God to revive His Church and move it forward.

Please feel free to come along and join us - everyone is welcome. And if you are unable to join us in person, please do add your prayers to ours, wherever you are.

Hoping to see you soon. God bless.

## **Stepping out with Noah**

We will be taking a break over July and August and will return in September, so keep your eyes open for further information nearer the time.

# Shakespeare in Jazz

Choral and  
jazz settings of  
Shakespeare

An evening of music from the  
Crown Singers and Adam's Apple  
including music from George  
Shearing and Bob Chilcott

**Friday 30th June**

**7:30PM**

**Wantage Methodist  
Church, OX12 8DA**

**Tickets available on the door**

**Refreshments included**

**Adults £10**

**Concessions £8**

**Children £1**



## Wantage In Harmony

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, Wantage in Harmony will be joining with two other Gospel Choirs, Didcot Community Gospel Choir and Blewsing, to give two concerts at The Beacon. The title of the concert is, "One Love," and together we form a joint choir of over 100 voices.

The first concert is at 3 pm and the second at 7 pm. Tickets are £10 each (£8 for concessions) and they are available from [wantageinharmony@gmail.com](mailto:wantageinharmony@gmail.com), or on the door.

Do come along, and enjoy something a little bit different!!



PRESENTS

# A night at the Opera

Come and hear arias and choruses from some of the world's greatest operas.

Dido & Aeneas, The Marriage of Figaro, The Magic Flute, Nabucco, Carmen, Madam Butterfly .... And some of the less well known. You'll be moved and enthralled. **Not to be missed!**

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Saturday 15 July 2023      7:30 pm  
Letcombe Regis Village Hall OX2 9LJ

Conductor  
Paul Burke

Accompanist  
Sebastian Thomson

Soloists  
Soprano - Bethany Woolgrave  
Tenor - Martin Quinn

Tickets £15 - which includes a glass of wine and some nibbles  
Available for Eventbrite  
or via [wantagechoralsociety.co.uk](http://wantagechoralsociety.co.uk)  
or members of WCS or at the door.

**Under 16s - free**

## Cornerstone news – July 2023

Thank you to all who came to our recent AGM where we were able to share some of our future plans – it was good to see so many people there.



### Take Note

In our current Take Note promotion Sue Parnell found a book she really enjoyed – here is her review:

#### **'Come with me to Kathmandu' by Anne Townsend**

*Having been to Nepal a couple of times to visit family working there, I have a very small idea of life there- the dust, dirt and poverty, but this book gives a real insight into the unimaginable life of many women and girls. What they have to endure, and their way of life, is not 100 years ago but happening now. They tell of abuse, deprivation, human trafficking and backbreaking work. Anne Townsend interviews 12 women who overcome all these difficulties through God working in them, changing their lives. A truly inspirational book – highly recommended.*

*Sue Parnell*

#### **An Evening with Environmentalists Martin & Margot Hodson**

Some of you may already know the accomplished authors, Dr Martin Hodson and Rev Margot Hodson who have recently returned to live in Grove. They have written "A Christian Guide to Environment Issues" which has recently been updated and reprinted. They are also regular contributors to BRF bible reading notes. We are thrilled that they have agreed to speak at the Cornerstone on **13<sup>th</sup> July** at 7 pm. The evening will include refreshments and an opportunity to ask questions. Tickets will be available from Cornerstone in July.



Our **Make & Bake** for the under 5s every Tuesday continues to be popular – our last one of this term will be on **11<sup>th</sup> July**. Sarah Goodall has done a brilliant job of running this outreach for a number of years and has now decided the time has come to step back. We are now looking for an enthusiastic person who would take the lead in this from September. Many activities and themes have been prepared over the years, so it isn't a huge amount of work – there is some craft preparation each week, a story to read and songs to sing. If this sounds like something you would be interested in running from September, do come and speak to us for more information.

### Volunteers

We are looking to cover the till on a Wednesday afternoon 2 – 4 pm. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know more, do get in touch.

We are also keen to assemble a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday team 12 – 2 pm and 2 - 3.30 pm. It's a great way to serve in the community and get to know Christians in other churches as you work together – life long friendships have been forged in our utility area over washing up, believe it or not! Do get in touch if you are interested – there will be a few shifts between now and December and the team will start once every 5 weeks properly from next January.



We also have a vacancy opened up for some young people to volunteer on Saturday mornings. This is a brilliant opportunity to gain some work experience and some confidence before starting a paid job and it's great to fulfill the hours you need for your Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are looking for one or two teams to work every week or alternate weeks 10 am – 12 noon. To help in our utility area you need to be over 14 and to serve on our counter you need to be over 16. If you are interested, or know a young person who might be – do get in touch and we can let you know what is involved.

### **Cleaning**

We also have a paid opportunity for a cleaner on Saturdays 3 – 4 pm and weekdays 4 – 5 pm.

### **Teacher's Gifts**

We have a selection of cards and gifts suitable to give teachers as a thank you at the end of term now on display.

### **Community Fridge**

The Community Fridge runs here every Thursday from 4 – 5 pm – come and take some surplus food to help stop food wastage.

### **Monthly hot meal special**

The hot meal this month will be served on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July** - please do book this in advance so we know how many to cater for.

### **Prayer breakfasts**

Don't forget our monthly prayer breakfast where we can meet together to pray for Cornerstone. The next one will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at 8.30m and I look forward to you joining us for croissants, tea, coffee, prayer and fellowship.

### **Wantage & Grove Street Pastors**

*Michael Elliott, Trustee and SP*

Our **2023 AGM** will be held on: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, 7.30 pm at Lower St John's Room, St John's Parish Church, Grove. Please put the date in your diary and note that this is a **change from previously advertised date** of 3<sup>th</sup> July. With 138 members, we need a quorum of 14 people. More information coming soon!



## **CHILDREY**

Childrey is open for Worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month.

In July and August:

### **July**

**Sunday 9th**      11:00 am      Rev Keith Underhill  
This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

**Sunday 23rd**      11:00 am      Rev John Anderson

### **August**

**Sunday 13th**      11:00 am      Helen Carter

**Sunday 27th**      11:00 am      Rev Keith Underhill

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

### **Prayers**

We remember in our prayers:  
Vicky, Robin and Becky Legge  
and the Legge family  
grandchildren.

John Cliffe and Frederick Gee.  
Keith, and all members and  
supporters of Childrey  
Methodist Chapel.

The congregation at St Mary's,  
Childrey and the people of the  
village.

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

## **Clothes Swap**

**Why shop when you can swap?**



## **Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**at Wantage Baptist Church**

6 Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9AQ

**Drop off your items 9-10am**

**Select new items 10.30-11.30am**

**Refreshments available**

Bring clothes, shoes and accessories you no longer wear and swap them for something you'll love! (No underwear, swimwear, nightwear or earrings please.) To take part bring at least 1 clean and presentable item to swap. You can take away as many items as you bring in, extras can be bought for £1 an item. Items left over will be donated or recycled.

Any questions? Contact **Jane: 01235 765421** or **Daniela: 01235-767396**

  
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## **GROVE**

**Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July** from 10 am till noon in the church. We will be raising funds to help Cynthia Bulpitt and her team who work tirelessly to support newly housed homeless people, who usually start with nothing. The money helps fund essentials such as crockery, bedding, cleaning materials, toiletries and kitchen equipment and food. Our host for the morning is Lynda Culley. We hope you can join us in the church for tea/coffee, cake and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

**Coffee Morning on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August** from 10 am till noon in the church. It will be raising funds for M.H.A. (Methodist Homes for the Aged) and our hosts for the morning will be Margaret and Roger Bett. We do hope you can join us for tea/coffee, cake and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

**Tuesday Fellowship. Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** – Linda Jones has kindly invited us for afternoon tea in her garden. Linda's address is 50A Charlton Village Road, Wantage. We will start at the usual time of 2.15 pm. Lifts available if required. Hope to see you there.

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.** This month we will meet at the home of Sue and John Stead for tea and cake starting at 2.15 pm. Their address is 17 Woodgate Close, Grove. All welcome. Thank you Sue and John.

**"Prayer for Revival"** – An ecumenical prayer meeting led by Ian and Carol on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm till 8 pm in our church. All are invited to come and pray with us. The next two meetings are on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July** and **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August** at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

**Summer "Spring Clean"** - a message from Peter Preston to us all.

Dear Friends, We are holding our Annual "Spring Clean" of our lovely chapel on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** starting at 9.30 am. I have divided our chapel into 5 parts and each section will be looked after by a leader, but help is needed from as many people as possible if we are to complete our clean.

These are the five sections and names of the leaders taking charge:

Entrance Hall and Meeting Room Margaret and Roger Bett

Kitchen: Kirsty Bailey

Church Hall and Sanctuary: Nicky Frost and Kit Rabson

Vestry and Storeroom: Carol and Ian Sturt

Outside Areas: Peter Preston

If you are able to help on 15<sup>th</sup> July please speak to the leader where you wish to clean. Thank you for helping.

**\*\*Please put the date in your diary and help if you are able to.\*\***

**Craft Group** meets at the **Cornerstone Coffee Shop** on **Monday afternoons** from 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome. Bring your own craft to do and enjoy a chat and exchange of ideas with other crafters while you work. We each give a donation of £1 to Cornerstone and buy a drink of our choice.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who are in poor health or have other difficulties and problems. We trust that, with care, life has opened up again for you.

Thank you for your support for the Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimers Research U.K. held in church on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Donations raised £174. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for your continued and generous support for the Wantage & Grove Food Bank. Your donations of food do help make a difference to local families in need. Food Bank is also always in need of carrier bags if you have any spare ones. Thank you.

Donations for the homeless being rehoused (household cleaning materials, kitchen items, toiletries and new & nearly new bedding) are always welcome. Any donations put in the Ukraine box are passed to Cynthia and Martin Bulpitt who make up parcels for people being rehoused. They also continue to send limited items to the Ukraine and are grateful for medical supplies (paracetamol especially), toiletries and candles. Thank you for any help you can give.

### **GROVE METHODIST CHURCH FILM CLUB**

Programme – July and August 2023

Meetings start at 7.30 pm

**21<sup>st</sup> July                      The World's Fastest Indian    (2hr 7mins   PG   2005)**

A wonderfully uplifting and charming biopic that's sure to win over all but the most mean-spirited. And the motorbike races really rocket, too.

*Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Daniel Mays, James Purefoy*

**18<sup>th</sup> August                  Fisherman's Friends 2: One and All**  
(1hr 51mins   12A   2022)

The sequel to the 2019 hit comedy charts the next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends. We rejoin the world's oldest 'buoy band' a year later struggling to navigate the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their new found fame.

*Cast: James Purefoy, David Hayman, Dave Johns, Sam Swainsbury, Maggie Steed, Jade Anouka & Ramon Tikaram, with Irish singer-songwriter Imelda May making her acting debut.*

## **WANTAGE**

**Wantage Methodist Church - Looking to the future,**  
its challenges and all its opportunities.

Following on from the conversation that Keith began at the General Church Meeting, we will be holding an open meeting at Church on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July** from 9.30 – 12 noon to help us think about the future, its challenges, our priorities and our responses.

It would be really good to hear and share the hopes and dreams as well as the concerns of as many people as possible.

This meeting will be interactive and have plenty of time and space for discussion and feedback.

### **Holy Communion at Wantage**

Since returning to worship in church after lockdown, we have followed the practice of bringing the wafers and wine to everyone in their seats and us all eating and drinking together as we celebrate Holy Communion.

There has been some discussion about the possibility of returning to the practice of going forward to receive the elements at the front (with those who are unable to do so still having communion brought round to them in their seats). It was suggested that perhaps we could use this method one Sunday in every quarter and our current practice of all receiving together in our seats for the other two.

We will be trying this out this during the communion service on 2<sup>nd</sup> July that Keith will be leading and those who wish to will be invited to come forward to receive.

Your thoughts and comments on this will be helpful.

### **Holy Habits (lite) 2**

June to August sees us exploring our second Holy habit, “**Gladness and Generosity**”. We will be following the same pattern as we did with our first Holy habit, which was prayer. Each month there will be one Holy Habit service as well as a novel to read and a film to watch for those who’d like to.

The **Holy Habit services** will be

**9<sup>th</sup> July**

Helen Carter

**13<sup>th</sup> August**

Local Arrangement led by June Grunwald.

The **novel** for this Holy Habit is **Humboldt’s Gift - by Saul Bellow**.

This is published by Penguin in their modern classics series. ISBN [0-670-38655-3](https://www.penguin.co.uk/9780670386553)

“For many years, the great poet Von Humboldt Fleisher and Charlie Citrine, a young man inflamed with a love for literature, were the best of friends. At the time of his death, however, Humboldt is a failure, and Charlie's life has reached a low point: his career is at a standstill, and he's enmeshed in an acrimonious divorce, infatuated with a highly unsuitable young woman and involved with a neurotic mafioso. And then Humboldt acts from beyond the grave, bestowing upon Charlie an unexpected legacy that may just help him turn his life around.”

It was great to gather in 'Down to Earth' cafe on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May to have a coffee and cake while discussing the book 'Chasing Francis' and issues arising from the book.

We will be meeting once again in the 'Down to Earth' cafe from 10 am on **Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is extremely welcome (even if you haven't completed the book by then)! If you would like a lift to the cafe I would be more than happy to pick you up - just give me a call or catch me at church.  
*Jane Kent, 07443 420205*

The **film** this time is "**Elf**" - which is, as those who know it will recognise, a Christmas film. Watching a film out of season, as it were, is often a good way to see things which we may otherwise miss. It is planned that this will be shown in Church on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at 7:30 pm.

### **Holy Habit of Prayer**

*Helen Carter*

One definition of "habit" is "a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up". The three month focus on the Holy Habit of Prayer is now at an end, but continuing to form that habit is really important, I believe.

**Prayer Tree** - in the entrance foyer of the chapel there is now a prayer tree with associated labels for anyone to attach any sort of prayer - be that of thanksgiving, petition, or anything else. Hopefully these will be used in acts of worship and any prayer meetings. The table will be developed during the coming weeks and months. If you want to share anything prayer related to go on the table, please talk to Helen Carter.

Please do contact me ([helen45carter@gmail.com](mailto:helen45carter@gmail.com), 01235 764810 or 07881 504623) if you would like to think about how we continue to develop the prayer life of the church and also within our own lives. Thank you.

### **Pastoral**

*Ann Barber*

Since last month's Newsletter the pastoral activity has been relatively quiet. However, we are aware that a number of members of our Church family are still not well or strong enough to worship with us on Sundays. We reassure them that they are not forgotten, but all of them are remembered in our prayers and their presence is missed. At the Local Arrangement Service on 16<sup>th</sup> June, much mention was made of the warm welcome that new worshippers tell us they have received, and it has been an important factor in their decisions to return for more services. This is the feedback which is so good to receive, and we value it as one of the hallmarks by which our church is recognised.

As we continue to enjoy the long hours of daylight, together with the warm sunshine, we give thanks for these wonderful features of our summertime and God's beautiful creation. For everyone who will be taking holidays, returning to favourite places or exploring new ones, we wish you safe travel, refreshing rest from work and the excitement of exploring and enjoying new experiences.



**Church flowers:** As mentioned in June's newsletter, the rota for church flowers for the second half of the year is now in the link corridor – currently bearing only a few names and many blank spaces. If you are able to join this rota and provide the flowers for a Sunday morning service, please choose your week and sign up. Your offer to be part of the flower team would be greatly appreciated.

**Praying for each other:** In July the people listed below will be included in the prayer time at the Tuesday Bible Study: On **Alison Phillips's** list: Jill Bunney, Jan Abrahall, Rob Charles, Janet Charles, Anne & Doug Hatto, Brian & Jane Soffe and Evelyn Osei-Akowuah.

In August the prayer time will include those of our church family who, for many different reasons, we no longer see regularly at Sunday services, but whose involvement with our church is remembered with thankfulness, and who are held in God's love: Stella Belcher, Edwina Collett, Richard George, Graham Godfrey, June Hartle, Julie Horton, Sheila and Trevor Johnson, Jean Manners, Margaret McAlpin, Hilary Rewcastle, Meriel Robson, Gordon Scott, Dilys Seymour, Mary Trotter and Jenny Whymark,

## Prayer list

*Eileen Rennie*

Loving God, In this beautiful summer season we bring you our thanks and praise for the wonder of all creation. As we glory and enjoy all of nature that surrounds us we pray that you will keep us mindful of our responsibility of ensuring that we care for the environment to enable future generations to enjoy all and more of what we have been so fortunate to enjoy. For those fortunate to enjoy time out this summer on holiday we pray that you will keep them safe and bring them back refreshed and full of vigour to start again in the work of building your Church within our community to make it a place of welcome for all to hear your message of love, grace and forgiveness. Equip us to fulfil this task in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please pray for:

Bethan Grant, Anne, Carol Mackinder, Emma Wright and family, Caroline, John Morton, Anne and Doug Hatto, Jane and Brian Soffe, Richard in York, Adrian, Diane, Geoff, Ken and Grace Wright, Diane's daughters Julie and Claire, John & Jo, Ken Harmer, Meriel, Heather, Jane Robinson, Emily, Trudy, Maggie. All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors, our Ministers, Deacon, Local Preachers and Worship Leaders, Community Chaplains, [kids@church](mailto:kids@church), Street Pastors and Cornerstone. Those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

If you or the person/people you have put on the prayer list would still like to be in the September Newsletter, please let me know by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August** in order for me to meet the Newsletter deadline.

*Eileen Rennie: Telephone 01235 224284, or email [eileenrennie@icloud.com](mailto:eileenrennie@icloud.com)*

## **Tuesday Afternoon Prayer and Study Group**

*Eileen Rennie*

In June we studied Revelation which was this year's chosen book for Bible Month. We thank God for all the lovely discussions we have had, for new things revealed to us through our reading, reflections of those who have led our discussions and our own preparation times.

We meet in the Parlour each Tuesday at 2 pm. This is an open friendly group who meet to study and pray each week so please feel free to come along and join us any week. You can be assured of a warm welcome. Please be assured if you cannot meet with us that you are remembered in prayer.

Prayer is an important part of our meeting and we spend time each week praying for people and situations near and far. If you have someone or a situation you would like us to pray for please let me know.

In July we begin with our Annual Day for Quiet Reflection at St. Mary's Convent. This is a day special to many in the group and always looked forward to eagerly when we can spend time in the peace and tranquillity of this wonderful prayerful space. You are warmly invited to join us anytime we visit in the future. For the rest of July we will be studying Holy Habits, Gladness and Generosity.

We will take a break in August and will start back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Dates for July are as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> July We meet at St. Mary's Convent for a day for Quiet Reflection from 9.30 am to 4 pm. The day will be led for us by Libby Bolton and will focus on further thoughts on Revelation. This meeting will also include our monthly prayer list.
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Holy Habits, Gladness and Generosity, Week 1: Freely you have received, freely give. Reading: Deuteronomy 15: 7-10
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Holy Habits, Gladness and Generosity, Week 2: The Good Shepherd. Reading: Psalm 23. Keith will lead this session for us.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July Holy Habits, Gladness and Generosity, Week 3: Reclothed. Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3

If you have any queries you can contact me (Eileen Rennie) by telephone on 01235 224284 or email: [eileenrennie@icloud.com](mailto:eileenrennie@icloud.com)

## **Kids@Church**

*Jane, Cath and Dave*

In June we enjoyed thinking about the theme of generosity using the story of Zacchaeus. After a treasure hunt, story and prayer in church the children had fun making biscuits for the 10.30 congregation. We then enjoyed a simple breakfast together.

On **July 16<sup>th</sup>** we will be meeting in the **Memorial Park** up Manor Road at 9.30 am for our annual 'summer fun in the park'. We really look forward to seeing you there!

Kids@Church is an informal, monthly gathering aimed at children in primary school and their families. New families always welcome!



## Community Café

*June Grunwald*

The Community Café continues to prove popular and we had 33 visitors on the late May Bank Holiday, when Morgan arranged another quiz. We will also be open on the August Bank Holiday Monday. Sid's elderly spaniel has also visited and got a lot of petting from our regulars. Numbers continue to vary but we are still pleased to welcome some new people from time to time.

The café does not charge for coffee or home-made cakes, but each week we have "piggy banks" for donations to a charity. Our charity for March to May was "Wheels for the World". This is a Christian charity which restores and distributes refurbished wheelchairs to disabled people in developing countries who can't afford them. The café raised an amazing £462. We had a lovely email of thanks from Opora, a charity supporting Ukrainians in the UK, who received the donations from the café from December to February. From June to August, proceeds will go to Wantage Methodist Church, who have provided a free home for the café since 2019.

The cafe is open every Monday from 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Our thanks to all the volunteers on the rota who make the café such a welcoming place to come to and who provide such delicious cakes. Our thanks to Sid who has been providing our cake-makers with eggs from his rescue chickens. We were very pleased to welcome Sue back as a regular helper.

If you would like to learn more about the cafe please see June Grunwald or Eileen Rennie.

## Knit & Chat

*Carolyn Roche, 01235 764310*

Knit & Chat will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Please come and join us if you are not away on holiday. We are now half way through the year and hopefully the knitted angels are progressing well. I know it is more difficult to knit in hot weather so the production rate may slow down. We are using red, green and white for the angels to go on the tree but all other angels can be whatever colours you choose.

We look forward to seeing you over the summer and sharing a chat, a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit/grape and a little knitting.

Summer Knit & Chat: **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**RECYCLING at the MIX** - the latest box of blister packs was recently delivered to, and gratefully received at, the Mix. Within the donations were a quantity of eye drop sachets and their packaging. Sadly those cannot be accepted, so please could whoever is putting those in just dispose of them. Sadly not everything that one would think would be OK is not. Whilst delivering that last boxful of the blister packs, toothpaste tubes and writing implements I was given a card about a County Council initiative that informs us of what can be recycled where. The website to use is [oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard). It gives information of how to both recycle and dispose of items. It seems to be pretty comprehensive and well worth checking before disposing of any household items. Thank you for reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill through the use of our grey bins.

*Helen Carter*

**FOOD BANK** - at the time of writing there have been just under 500 requests for food parcels this year. That is by far the greatest number at this time of year since the food bank was set up. So huge thanks for all the donations of food and money that this church family has been giving. That is appreciated hugely. Everything is welcomed, but please could you refrain from adding to the pasta and baked bean mountain?

If you want more information, please speak to Helen Carter. Thank you.

### **What is happening on the Wantage premises at present?**

Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Kids@Church Morning Worship	In person and on Zoom	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Weekly
Monday	Morning Afternoon	Drop-in Café Knit & Chat	in the Hall in the Hall	Weekly 1 <sup>st</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Week each month
Tuesday	Afternoon	Prayer & Study Group	in the Hall	Weekly (not August)
Friday	Afternoon	Caritas Choirs		Weekly in term ( 7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July only)

### **Users** All in the Hall

Monday	Evening	Slimming World	
Tuesday	Morning Evening Evening	MIND My Life, My Choice (Parlour) Wantage Camera Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (not August)
Wednesday	Evening	Wantage Stage Musical	
Thursday	Midday	KAWI	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday (not August)
Friday	Morning	Mothers & Toddlers	In term (7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July only)
Saturday	Morning	Dads Out	5 <sup>th</sup> July only

### **In July/August**

June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Evening	Crown Singers Concert
June 30 <sup>th</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Evening Evening	Wantage & Grove Street Pastors Base Wantage & Grove Street Pastors Base
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon	Kennet Opera Concert
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	SUDEP Coffee Morning
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Morning	WMC "Futures"

## DIARY for JULY / AUGUST

### JUNE

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 pm	<b>Prayer for Revival at Grove</b>	pp4,10
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 pm	<b>Grove Tuesday Fellowship</b>	p10
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	<b>Stepping out with Noah</b>	p5

### JULY

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 -10:30 am	<b>Clothes Swap</b> at Wantage Baptist Church	p9
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at Grove	p10
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00 pm	<b>Knit &amp; Chat</b> at Wantage	p16
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	<b>Wantage &amp; Grove Street Pastors AGM</b>	p8
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	<b>Holy Habits</b> at Wantage	p12
	3:00 pm	<b>Pimm's and Cake</b> at the Manse	p3
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	<b>Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home</b>	p4
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	<b>Grove "Spring Clean"</b>	p10
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 am	<b>Kids@Church</b> at Wantage	p15
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	<b>Knit &amp; Chat</b> at Wantage	p16
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm	<b>Film Club</b> at Grove "The World's Fastest Indian"	p11
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 pm	<b>Grove Tuesday Fellowship</b>	p10
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	<b>Holy Habits Film - "Elf"</b> at Wantage	p13
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	<b>Wantage Methodists - Looking to the future</b>	p12
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 pm	<b>Prayer for Revival at Grove</b>	pp4,10

### AUGUST

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at Grove	p10
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	<b>Knit &amp; Chat</b> at Wantage	p16
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30 am	<b>Local Arrangements - Holy Habits</b> at Wantage	p12
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	<b>Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home</b>	p4
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	<b>Film Club</b> at Grove	
		"Fishermen's Friends 2 – One and All "	p11
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>DEADLINE for September CGW NEWS</b>	
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### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 pm	<b>Welcome Service</b> for Rev Bruce Thompson at Didcot	
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## SERVICES during JULY

All Services from Wantage are shared on Zoom

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary 13

10:30 am	Wantage	Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion	
10:30 am	Grove	Ian Sturt

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 14 Action for Children

10:30 am	Wantage	Holy Habits	Helen Carter
10:30 am	Grove		Rev John Anderson
11:00 am	Childrey		Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion		

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 15

9:30 am	Wantage	Kids@Church	
10:30 am	Wantage		Peter Hemmings
10:30 am	Grove		Tabitha Griffiths

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary 16

10:30 am	Wantage	Rev Keith Underhill
10:30 am	Grove	Libby Hawkness-Smith
11:00 am	Childrey	Rev John Anderson

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 17 Conference Refugee Week

10:30 am	Wantage	Ian Sturt
10:30 am	Grove	Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion	

6:30 pm	Grove	Prayer for Revival
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## SERVICES during AUGUST

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 18

10:30 am	Wantage	Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion	
10:30 am	Grove	Local Arrangements

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 19

10:30 am	Wantage	Holy Habits	Local Arrangements
10:30 am	Grove		Ian Sturt
11:00 am	Childrey		Helen Carter

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 20

10:30 am	Wantage	Stephen Atkinson
10:30 am	Grove	Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion	

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary 16

10:30 am	Wantage	Deacon Selina Nisbett
10:30 am	Grove	Local Arrangements
11:00 am	Childrey	Rev Keith Underhill
	This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion	

6:30 pm	Grove	Prayer for Revival
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