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An Easter message from District Chair, Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks.

Dear Beloved in Christ,

I love this time of year as we shake off the remnants of Winter and Spring beckons. It is wonderful to see the golden daffodils and the blossoms on the trees. Spring heralds warmer days, brighter mornings. There is so much that looks promising in the garden – new life is palpable.

And yet, the media is full of death, hatred, old ways of settling differences in the human family. Once again, dialogue takes second place to cluster bombs and missiles. Once again, the toxic rhetoric grows hour by hour and the voice of peace seems a mere whisper. The promise we see in nature is not echoed in our human discourses.

How bleak things must have seemed to the women hurrying to the tomb on that first Easter day! The person whom they loved and had followed faithfully had been cruelly executed. All their hopes, all their dreams had disappeared in an instant. They must have thought "Ah well, nothing will change. God has forgotten us – God has abandoned us." It is easy for us to think that too as communities are reduced to rubble and lives are torn apart in the Middle East, in Africa, and in every other conflict that rages unabated. But God had neither forgotten nor abandoned the forlorn group of women mourning the crucified Jesus. Death did not have the last word and neither does war.

Easter is a constant light as we long for a world where discourses do not always end in conflict. Where women and girls can know freedom from sexual exploitation. Where the Good News isn't an aspiration but a reality which Christians seek to nurture in their lives and in their communities. What does the Good News look like in our churches and Circuits? What does Good News mean in our workplaces and neighbourhoods? It is possible to glimpse that reality people gather to seek common ground. We can see that reality when a community lunch becomes the place of reconciliation.

I wonder if going to the tomb, on that first Easter day, was in itself more real, more in keeping with God's ways than those women could ever have imagined. A prayerful act of defiance in the face of all the cruelty of the Roman Empire and the powers that be. What does prayerful defiance look like for us?

The hope for a better world is part of the Easter message. God has not forgotten us – God, in Jesus, has not abandoned us.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,

Then your touch can call us back to life gain,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

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May God's peace be a reality for you this Easter.

Sonia

Works in the Methodist Modern Art Collection: 7

Maggi Hambling, *Good Friday: Walking on Water*

Much of the Methodist Church Collection of Modern Art was put together in the 1960s and consequently contains works by some of the finest artists of that period: Graham Sutherland, Elisabeth Frink, Edward Burra, Ceri Richards, and so on. Since interest and recognition of its importance as a national collection was rekindled in the 1990s a number of works have been added to it. There has been a concerted effort to broaden the heritage of the artists and to 'fill in the gaps' i.e. to cover aspects of the 'Jesus-story' that had been found wanting in the collection. The initial collection had a strong emphasis on the passion of Jesus; in more recent years other areas of the ministry have been added in order to 'complete the picture' so to speak. Should the exhibition at Wallingford go ahead in May 2027 some of those works will be included in the exhibition as we seek to provide an interpretation of the whole of the ministry of Jesus and we will be featuring some of those in articles over the coming months.

One of the most recent additions, however, also has an element of the Passion of Jesus. It is a work by one of Britain's finest living artists, Maggi Hambling. Hambling is known for her heavy use of oils, layering layer after layer on the canvas to create an expressively physical work which appear to be influenced by the late Frank Auerbach. Amongst those who influenced her style was Francis Bacon. In recent years, working from her home and studio close to the Suffolk coast Hambling has produced many seascapes that capture the unyielding power, and overwhelming strength of the North Sea as waves crash towards their destination. Hambling was commissioned by the Trustees to produce a work that would enhance the collection. She came up with *Good Friday: Walking on Water*, 2006. It was produced in her clearly identifiable style, unmistakably Hambling.



Although *Good Friday* is part of the title, one cannot overlook resonance with other instances from the life of Jesus. The rest of the title, *Walking on Water*, conjures up thoughts of the post resurrection appearance of Jesus as the disciples struggled to come to terms with what they had witnessed. Having been told to return to Galilee where they would see him again, the disciples were out fishing when Jesus appears to them walking on water. In one such account, Peter steps out of the boat

to walk to Jesus who appears on the shore. As he began to sink threatening to drown, Jesus walks to him, holds him, and the two make dry land. I can't help but feel that this instance reminds us in a very powerful way that without Jesus we would sink, but if we do begin to sink then Jesus steps out and assists us toward not only dry land but the destination God intends for us.

Hambling's depiction of Jesus is on a stormy sea, so characteristic of her style. He is at quite a distance; the sun appears to be rising; or is it setting? I personally like to think of it as rising, that though this be said to be Good Friday, there is light on the horizon through this extraordinary act of sacrifice and obedience.

Jesus is light and the reflection of that light on the water is that of a cross, which in Christian thought should be dark yet it isn't.

It is a small work, just 53 x 67 cm but packs a significant punch for the viewer.

Revd Bruce

SUSTAINABLE WANTAGE - Library of Things -

A Library of Things is like a book library but for useful items. Instead of buying a pasta machine for the occasional Italian night, or upgrading your old sewing machine that you rarely use, why not just borrow from us?

Borrowing helps our community:-

- Reduce consumption and waste
- Save money and make projects more affordable
- Help to build a mind-set in our community that sharing things is an excellent option

Cost & duration of hire

- Most hires typically cost between **£1 – £9** (depending on the item)
- Most items are typically hired for **2 days**, but you can also hire for **a day**, or extend to a **week+** if available

The Library of Things is based at the Mix in Mill Street so obviously only available on the days that that is open. You need to register before you start borrowing - just as in a book library. There is a fascinating selection of things to be borrowed. Well worth a visit before you go ahead and buy something that you are only going to use maybe once a year, or want to try something to see if you would use it before buying that same item.

More details can be found at <https://sustainablewantage.lend-engine.com/>

THE MAKERY - have you heard of this? Anyone who chooses to go to "Down to Earth" for coffee, or lunch, or cakes even will know of "The Makery" as the room is off the "Down to Earth" space. If you are into any sort of craft it is well worth checking it out. They say of themselves

"The Makery is a community craft workshop in Wantage, Oxfordshire, UK with a sustainable stash, craft clubs, workshops, makers' markets and woollen repairs and visible mending."

They have material and wool and other bits and pieces that you can collect from there for a donation. The opening times don't seem to be advertised, but we will try to find out and put into weekly notices for you. To find out more you could email them on info@themakerwantage.co.uk.

They have a Facebook page but not a website. It really is an excellent place to look into!

GROVE

Church Anniversary Weekend

We are celebrating our Church Anniversary on **Sunday 3rd May**. Morning worship at 10.30 am will include the celebration of Holy Communion, and will be led by Rev Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair of the Northampton District and past President of the Methodist Conference. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. We hope you will join us for lunch. The stewards are asking for names in advance so we have some idea of numbers.

There is **no Coffee Morning** in May – however, as Christian Aid week falls during May, we will put out a basket for **donations for Christian Aid** during the Anniversary lunch for you to make a donation if you would like to.

Ecumenical Prayer for Revival will be on Anniversary **Sunday 3rd May**, at 6.30 to 8.00 pm. You are invited to come and pray with us. All welcome.

Film Club is on Friday 8th May at 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Please note change of date.

We will be showing “**The Good Lie**”.

A group of Sudanese refugees, given the chance to settle in the U.S., arrive in Kansas City, Missouri, where their encounter with an employment agency counsellor forever changes all of their lives.

Film stars Reese Witherspoon in the lead role.

All are welcome. Admission is free. A small donation helps to cover costs.

Tuesday Fellowship in May will be on **Tuesday 26th May** at 2.15 pm.

Our speaker will be Stephen Atkinson. The venue will be given in the notices nearer the time. We will be pleased to see you.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th April. Donations for Emmaus amounted to £164 to which has been added £47.61 from past Gift Aid. The total being sent to Emmaus is £211.61. Thank you.

The opportunity to host a Coffee morning on **4th July** is still available. If anyone would like to arrange one on that day and chose the charity to support, please get in touch with Jenny Marriott, 01235 767624.

Craft Group meets at the Cornerstone Coffee Shop on Monday afternoons from 2 pm 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.

Thank you to all those who generously continue to support the **Foodbank** by putting contributions in the box in the entrance hall week by week. Thank you.

All donations are very much appreciated. The need is still great.

There is a list above the box of the things that are most useful to them at the moment.

We continue to hold in our prayers all those who are in poor health or have other difficulties and problems. Thank you to everyone who helps in whatever way they are able to. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated.

Safeguarding

The Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry.

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture.

This means we will:

- promote the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to prevent abuse from occurring
- seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused

If you have, or become aware of any concern, you must contact your Church's Safeguarding Officer :-

Grove :

Lynda Culley 07759 085336 or Revd Georgina on 01235 219070

Wantage :

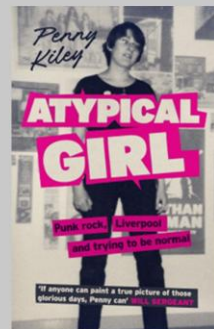
Ken Smith 01235 767545 or Revd Bruce on 01235 813242

You must not speak to others about your concerns or investigate them yourself.

In Conversation with Music Journalist Penny Kiley

Author of *ATYPICAL GIRL*

Punk Rock, Liverpool and trying to be normal



Wallingford Methodist Church

Tuesday 19 May 12 noon—1.00 pm

Admission free

In partnership with Wallingford Bookshop

Grove and Wantage Schools Prayer meetings

Helen Carter

This prayer time is open to all.

A couple of us from Wantage attend these meetings when we can whilst others receive the information and pray in their own time. Meeting with others to pray for the schools is always a good experience - even if we are praying all about the problems there are in the schools! We do give thanks too, but it does feel as if it is the concerns expressed by those who have contact with the various schools that are prayed about.

There are schools for which there is not information and so, if you have any personal contact with a particular school that is not mentioned on the list, then the organisers - John Wilson and Helen Harwood - would love to hear from you.

The meetings happen once a term at the Grove Parish church. Lifts can be made available if needed. Please do contact Helen Carter, Eileen Rennie or Jane Robinson if you would like to know more. Thank you.

King Alfred's Academy in Wantage

Please Pray:

- For any students not currently engaging with the school, or finding it hard
- For all students taking exams, or preparing for mock exams
- For all students preparing to go to University or figuring out what their next step will be
- For all teachers, TAs, governors and other staff
- For the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection, for rest for the staff, and for a good result.

Grove C of E

Please Pray:

- For the Head, Donna, that she might have the physical and mental strength to cope with the ever increasing demands
- For the new year 5 teacher (a Christian man) that he will be given wisdom and patience in dealing with a challenging class
- For the many children with complex needs (academic, mental and physical) and the ability of all staff to deal with them with love, consistency and patience
- For the special-needs coordinator
- For the year 6 pupils who will be taking their SATs tests in May.

Millbrook Primary School in Grove

Please Pray:

- That the school will open up more to Miriam Jones (Associate Vicar, Grove) going in, that gospel is heard as one of the few schools that is not C of E; especially for the year 5 lesson in RE that Miriam will be leading in the week of 27th April
- End of the year celebrations and sports day
- Does seem to be anything music / production wise that we know of. It would be great to have that change.

St John's CE Academy

- Please keep praying for the completion of the secondary school building, which is currently delayed until September
- Pray for the senior leadership (the two school heads and the overall head)
- Pray about the possibility of an Open the Book team for the Primary School: the school is open to the idea, but the Grove team do not have enough members at present to be able to take this on.

St James, Hanney

- Please for the new head teacher as Lucy is leaving at the end of the school year.
- Pray for the staff who are sorry to see Lucy go, and for the transition to new leadership.

Additional prayer

- All of those children whose Easter holiday was not fun and exciting and who are glad to be back at school, if a little cross with us still for shutting the school for two weeks.
- Also, all of those who are refusing to go to school.

Next meeting

Wed 23 September 2026, from 4pm–5pm, in the St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church.

- Feel free to share this summary of prayer points with your churches and fellowships. We welcome anyone who feels moved to pray for our schools.
- We would love to build up more links with people who are involved in the local schools as parents, staff, or governors, so that we can pray in an informed way. If you could be involved in this way, or know someone who could, please do let us know.

For more information, please contact one of us using the email addresses below.

John Wilson johnmwilson2012@gmail.com

Helen Harwood andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk

FOOD BANK. Many thanks to those who generously donate both money and items for the Food Bank. That is much appreciated. Currently the store is pretty full, but it is surprising how quickly things go down! However, there isn't any room for cereal or pasta at the moment, so please could you avoid gifting those just not. Thank you. Surprisingly, there doesn't appear to be too many tins of baked beans! Also needed are tins of meat and fish, together with vegetables and pulses. Thank you very much. Please watch the weekly notices for updates on this information as it does change from week to week.

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From the Church Leadership Team

Helen Carter

At the WMCLT meeting there was a discussion about not knowing necessarily who to contact if someone falls ill within a church activity

Just a thought..... Imagine someone at a church event falls ill and needs an ambulance. We would call for an ambulance, but who would we call to let someone know who needs to know what has happened? (e.g. next of kin, or neighbour, or a friend).

At a recent church leadership team meeting this issue was raised and the app for a mobile called ICE - In Case of Emergency was mentioned.

Do you have a mobile phone? Do you have this particular app?

I have it on my phone and I know some others within the church family who have it. It gives me some confidence that, if something happens to me and if others know of this app, the appropriate person will be called.

If you don't have a mobile phone that can have apps on it, or don't have a mobile phone at all, have you thought of having a card in your pocket or handbag with details on it of who to call in case of something happening to you?

Just a few thoughts which are worth noting and acting upon

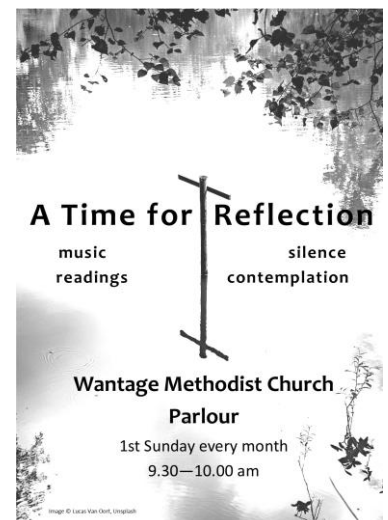
A Time for Reflection

Jane Kent and Helen Carter

On **May 3rd**, the first Sunday of the month, we have a 'Time for Reflection' in the Godfrey Room from 9:30 - 10 am.

There will be some music, a reading from the lectionary for that day, some questions to ponder individually and the opportunity to share any thoughts briefly if you wish before finishing with some music.

Everyone welcome!



Wantage & Abingdon Circuit – GOING FOR GROWTH

A day to explore how our churches may grow spiritually, numerically,
in confidence and in faith

Saturday 9th May 10 am until 3 pm

At Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall

Attendance is free. Lunch is provided.

Kids@church

Jane, Dave, Cath

It was a joy to meet in April and share some of the resurrection appearance stories with the children! We thought and talked about the mix of emotions that the disciples must have felt in those early days. The children enjoyed making fish to remind them of the miraculous catch followed by breakfast on the beach with Jesus! We enjoyed eating fish for our breakfast together!

We will next meet on **Sunday 17th May** - new people are always welcome!

Kids@Church is an informal, monthly get-together for children and their families, where we explore a Bible story, engage in an activity and finish with a shared breakfast. New friends always welcome!

(For more information please feel free to give Jane a call /text on 07443 420205)

Tuesday Afternoon Prayer and Study Group

Carolyn Roche

This open and friendly group continue to meet for Bible Study and prayer each Tuesday at 2 pm in the Parlour. Please feel free to join us.

During May we will be beginning the Life Builder Study on the Sermon on the Mount by John Stott.

Dates for May:

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| 5 th | Week 1 – Unexpected Blessings | Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 |
| 11 th | Week 2 – God’s Way to Make a Difference | Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 |
| 18 th | Week 3 – The Importance of Obeying God’s Law | Reading: Matthew: 5:17-20 |
| 25 th | Week 4 – What’s wrong with Private Sins? | Reading: Matthew 5:21-30 |

Quiet Day – studying Part I from the Bible Month Philippians Study

This year we will be holding our Quiet Day at the Convent on **Tuesday 9th June**. We gather between 9.30 and 9.45 so that those who wish can join the Sisters for Holy Communion. The study sessions are led by Libby Bolton and are interspersed with coffee, lunch, finishing with tea and cake at 3 pm. The cost for this will be £40. If you wish to take part please can you let me know by **Sunday 14th May**.

If you have any queries or someone or a situation you would like us to pray for, you can contact me (Carolyn Roche) by telephone on 07906 518323 or e-mail: ciroche48@hotmail.com

Please pray for:

Adrian, Alison C & family, Alyson, Caroline, Carol Mackinder, Doug & Anne Hatto, Edwina, Eileen, Emma Wright & family, Findley, Mark, Angela & family, Geoff, Gloria Smith, Hannah Morton. Hunter, Jade, Jane Robinson, John & Jo, June G, John Broadbent, Jane & Emma Soffe & family, June Hartle, Ken & Grace Wright, Lucas & family, Mary Spalding, Meriel, Norma, Peter, Rachel & her family, Richard, Richard in York, Sharon, Tony G, Trudy, William Chadwick, Vicky, Robin & Becky Legge & all the Legge family. All at Bullingdon Prison, staff, prisoners and visitors. Our Ministers, Local Preachers & Worship Leaders, kids@church, Street Pastors, Cornerstone and those members of our church family who, through frailty or ill health, can no longer worship with us.

If you have any queries or prayer requests you can contact me (Carolyn Roche) by telephone on 01235 764310 or email: ciroche48@hotmail.com

WMC Prayer WhatsApp group

We have set up a prayer WhatsApp group so that we can share requests for prayers that can't wait until they appear in the weekly notices or the monthly newsletter. Please let Helen Carter know if you would like to be involved in responding to urgent prayer requests. Thank you.

Prayer tree

Anyone can leave a prayer request on the tree. It is appreciated if a date is written on the tag somewhere. Please take time to check the tree and choose someone or a situation to pray for or about. Also, if any of the prayer cards on the table feel relevant to you please do take one.

Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home

June Grunwald

On Palm Sunday I took some palm crosses and bible verses into the care home. In our Bible Study for April we looked at the passage in John, where Jesus appears to his disciples. We enjoyed some Easter treats with our refreshments in the Bistro after the session.

Our next session will be held on **Monday 11th May** when we will be studying John 14:15-21 (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit). Elmbrook Bible Study is held at the care home on Grove Road, on the second Monday of the month at 2.30 pm, lasting between 30 and 45 minutes.

I am thankful for the folk at church who regularly come to the bible study and for Helen and Cath who offer lifts. It makes a great deal of difference to have a few people from church to join in the discussion.

One of the truths, that has become the cornerstone of all we do to put our faith into action, is the certainty of God's promise that his love for us will never end or be taken away. It is precisely that promise on which our system of pastoral care depends. It underpins our efforts to fulfil the service to which we committed ourselves in accepting the role and responsibilities of Pastoral Links. We rely on that reassurance of God's love for everyone being at the heart of every pastoral task we undertake. There is no truer or safer promise to which we can cling, or which will strengthen and sustain us completely.

From time to time Pastoral training courses and events have been arranged. For many of us, this practice goes back several decades when everything took place in person. We met together for the training led by the minister at the time. Now, it is more usual for it to be online training that we access via our computers, iPads or mobile phones. The first of a series of sessions via Zoom, and open to the whole District, was entirely focussed on Safeguarding. During the same week, some specialised training was offered circuit wide to address what we refer to as GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations. The training had a strong focus on aspects of our church life that belong under the heading of pastoral care. Therefore, coincidentally, these two aspects of our work as Pastoral Links were highlighted simultaneously. This has, consequently, generated a need to assess our current procedures to ensure that our practices comply with all of the regulations.

This is an advance warning that, before long, new consent forms will need to be completed by everyone in the Church family, and these will be more detailed than those which currently consent to inclusion in the Church Directory.

Our privileges as pastoral links include opportunities for supporting those we care for during difficult times, as well as celebrating with them on special occasions. Some practices that seemed natural and uncomplicated in the past, have been put under the spotlight for very upsetting reasons. Safeguarding is a term that is a relatively recent addition to our pastoral care vocabulary. Sadly, we have all learned, via the media, of church organisations where hurtful and abusive practices have occurred deceitfully under the guise of Christian care. Consequently, much stricter regulations must now be in place and enforced for the protection of all for whom we care, and for ourselves as carers. Dishonest use of personal information has led to the introduction of tighter rules aimed at the prevention of financial harm. Similarly rigorous training has been established to guard against physical, mental or emotional harm within the context of pastoral care.

The tone of this month's Pastoral Report is rather mundane – more about procedures than people – but if viewed as our conscientious effort to look after our church family in all respects, and to similarly protect our church from litigation, hopefully the focus becomes acceptable.

On a lighter and more personal note, we offer our warmest good wishes to Tish Dawson who has decided to return to live permanently in Spain, particularly to enjoy the warmer climate. She plans to visit Wantage at Christmas time, where a welcome will be waiting if she is able to join us during that holiday. We give thanks for Jennie

Sapsford's safe return after her extended stay with her sons and daughter in Australia and New Zealand. We look forward to seeing her back amongst our congregation and hope to learn more about some of the picturesque landscapes, exotic plant life and bird scenes that she has enjoyed there.

We are delighted that Libby Fairweather's hip replacement operation went well and she is able to join us for Sunday worship in church again. We are all hoping that it will be Kelvin's turn for the same operation soon, and are pleased that he is recovering well from his fall at home. Our thoughts remain with other Richmond Village friends, Val Broadbent and John Checketts, both of whom at present feel too unwell to join us in Church. We pray for them both and their families in the assurance that God's sustaining love will surround and strengthen them all. Our same prayers are offered for all those within our church family who are experiencing health problems, and we assure them of our love and concern.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche

Our second meeting in April was very well attended, with 15 people coming together to knit, crochet and chat. We will meet on the first and third Mondays of May as usual even though the first Monday is a Bank Holiday. The dates are **Monday 4th May** and **Monday 18th May** at 2 pm in the Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you and your current project at our next meeting. If you need wool, have any other queries or just fancy a chat do please call me.

Community Café

Carolyn Roche

It was lovely to be able to welcome visitors to Community Café throughout April, including Easter Monday. We will be open from 9 am to 12 noon on every Monday in May and this includes the two Bank Holidays at the beginning and the end of the month. Bank Holidays are often quite busy mornings at the café. Thank you to all who volunteer at the café and to all the cake makers. There is no charge for refreshments, but people are welcome to make a donation which goes to a different charity each quarter. This month will be the final month when we collect for the Treloars charity although on **11th May** we will send the donations to **Christian Aid** as 10th – 16th May is Christian Aid Week. We are now looking for ideas for the charities that the café will support from September 2026 – August 2027.

Do come and join us for coffee, cake, cheese scones and conversation.

SERVICES during MAY

Sunday 3rd May

Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15,16; 1Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

10:30 am Wantage

Rev Katherine Pickering

10:30 am Grove

Chapel Anniversary

Rev Dr Sonia Hicks

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove

Sunday 10th May

Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

10:30 am Wantage

Peter Hemmings

10:30 am Grove

Elizabeth Hawkness-Smith

Sunday 17th May

Christian Aid

Sunday after Ascension Day

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,32-35; 1Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11; John 17:1-11

9:30 am Wantage

Kids@Church

10:30 am Wantage

Annual Church Meeting

Rev Bruce Thompson

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

10:30 am Grove

Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Sunday 24th May

Aldersgate Sunday

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; 1Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

10:30 am Wantage

Graham Luscombe

10:30 am Grove

Carolyn Luscombe

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2,4a; Psalm 8; 2Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

10:30 am Wantage

Elizabeth Wood

10:30 am Grove

Peter Hemmings

DIARY FOR MAY

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What is happening on the Wantage premises at present? Other Bookings

May

Tuesday 5 th	Wantage Orchestra (wind section)	Chapel	Evening
Saturday 9 th	WCC Craft Matters	Hall	Morning
	Sustainable Wantage	Hall	Afternoon
Thursday 14 th	SUDEP	Hall	Day
	Music Makers	Hall / Chapel	Evening
Thursday 21 st	Sustainable Wantage	Hall	Evening
Sunday 24 th	Wantage Sings – Band	Hall	Afternoon
Sunday 31 st	Wantage Sings – Band	Hall	Afternoon

June

Sunday 7 th	Wantage Sings – Band	Hall	Afternoon
Sunday 14 th	Wantage Sings	Hall	Afternoon