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September	Sunday 23 rd August
October	Sunday 20 th September
November	Sunday 18 th October
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Clive Hicks-Jenkins, *Christ Writes in the Dust – The Woman Taken in Adultery*, 2011

There are both theatrical and dance-like aspects to this composition, which is not surprising when we consider Hicks-Jenkins' CV. A former dancer who went on to become a choreographer, director and stage designer.

Every inch of the canvas on this work in the collection is filled with detail. The figures are carefully constructed and co-ordinated. The two accusers to the right in the foreground are posed in unison, their stones held in identically clenched fists, their shoulders leaning at the same angle, they appear to be looking at the woman's saviour. Breaking up the 'chorus' is the third accuser, his back bent theatrically away from both the accused and saviour, holding a rope over his shoulder that is attached to a noose around the neck of the accused. The rope is loose at this moment Hicks-Jenkins captures, but it would not take long for it to become tight. The three accusers are anonymised by identical clothing and headwear. They could be anyone, any one of us.



The movement of the two principal characters filling the centre of the canvas, larger than the accusers is almost mirrored in each, but not quite. Jesus is looking every inch a modern dancer in loosely fitted cut-off trousers. His arms are perfectly positioned, with the upper left arm in a perfectly straight line with his right arm – his pointed finger an extension of that line. It creates the impression that response is without fault. The weight of his body supported by the placement and bending of his left leg, with foot flat to the ground. His right leg is perfectly straight and his foot slightly lifted off the ground for complete balance.

The woman is portrayed in a vulnerable position, her high heels affecting her balance, her dress riding high revealing underwear, its straps falling off her shoulders, all of which is exposing her to a voyeuristic gaze. Her hands are tied behind her back, her hair falling loosely hiding her face. She is the victim of a hypocritical jury that have become her judge and would-be executioner.

This painting has clearly been created by someone who knows about human movement and drama. The story is also vividly portrayed in such a way that the viewer

is a member of an audience and are invited to become part of the crowd looking on. Are we accusing the woman too? Where do our eyes turn? Did we notice the village on the hill in the background? The darkness on the right behind the woman and the lighter scene behind Jesus? Did we spot the church on the hill? Interestingly it is located on the dark side of the village, as if to challenge the self-righteous. Did we see that there are two paths? One coming from the darkened village that the woman has clearly trodden? And another from that part of the same village where the light is shining from where Jesus has come? The same village has both darkness and light, people tread different paths from it, destruction or rescue, damnation or salvation. We choose which to focus on once we have lifted our eyes from the immediate scene of accusation and reprieve. The decision, the judgement our own. Which side do we stand on?

NB It is hoped that this work will form part of the proposed exhibition at Wallingford Methodist Church in May 2027

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Public Issues Calendar

July

Plastic Free July

24 **24/7 Samaritans Awareness Day**

30 **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**

August

9 **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**

12 **International Youth Day**

22 **International Day commemorating the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief**

23 **International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

Election and Induction of the President and Vice-President of the Conference 27 June 2026

The Methodist Conference elected and inducted the Revd Mark Slaney to serve as President and Caroline Stead to serve as Vice-President on Saturday 27 June at the Methodist Conference in Telford. The induction marks the start of their year of office. The Revd Mark Slaney currently serves as Chair of the Scotland District and the Shetland District. His work has included formative mission, study partnerships and placements with the Church of South India and the Methodist Church and Sierra Leone and Interfaith Forum support.

He preached his first sermon at the age of 15 and prior to his ordination 24 years ago, Mark served ten years in youth work plus jobs as a builder's mate, cleaner and van driver.



The Revd Mark Slaney during his induction as President of the Conference. In his address to the Conference, Mark said: "I am endlessly grateful to God for our salvation and life in Christ Jesus, for that divine call on our lives that accepts us just as we are and offers us a vision of who we could become together, giving purpose and reason and making us better people and the world a better place, in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

"Thanks to my parents to whom I owe the beginnings of faith and a place in the Methodist Church. I reflect that I inherit both your Christian convictions and your experiential and discerning questions."

"There are many more folk to whom I owe a debt of gratitude and for whom I hold deep affection for the ways in which you have supported, accompanied, challenged and borne with me."

The Revd Mark Slaney said: "Throughout the designate year I have experienced a growing sense of the weight, honour and privilege that comes with the role of President. That the Church has discerned this call at this time is affirming and humbling. Be assured of my commitment in serving the Methodist people and our ecumenical, interfaith and mission partners throughout the year to come."

Caroline Stead is passionate about inclusivity and ensuring that people are welcomed and safe within the Methodist Church, and about supporting volunteers within the Church.

A local preacher in the Yorkshire West District, where she is also the Synod Secretary, Caroline is an accompanist to a minister in training and serves on the Discerning Ordained Vocation (DOV1) Committee and on Chairs' nomination panels.

A former maths teacher, Caroline was also a Lay Stationing Representative for 11 years. She has been a representative to the Conference since 2008, including six years on the Business Committee.

Caroline Stead during her induction as Vice-President of the Conference.

In her address to the Conference, Caroline said: “I suppose that I was literally a cradle Methodist and that upbringing continued after our move, at age 7, to Yorkshire.

“Thank you to those who have been key on my faith journey.

“Mark and I have chosen two words to work with next year: Joy and Sorrow. The Christian journey is a tapestry woven with threads of both joy and sorrow.”

Caroline Stead said: “I am

humbled that I have been called by God into the role of Vice-President. In the year ahead I am looking forward greatly to living out this calling in service to the Church that is growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking, a Church that has given me so much up to this point in my life.

“In particular, I am excited at the prospect of being able to visit many people and places, to share my lived experience of inclusivity and to support the many volunteers who give so much to the life and mission of the Church.”

The role of President of the Methodist Conference is reserved for presbyters and that of Vice-President for lay people or deacons. John Wesley chaired the Methodist Conference during his lifetime, but after his death, the Conference was determined to elect a President annually.



Cornerstone Christian Centre

Can you spare two hours on a Saturday once a month?

Cornerstone is looking for a few more volunteers to join our Saturday rota, particularly on the café counter - taking orders and making drinks. Volunteering is a great way to meet people; many of our volunteers have made lifelong friends while working at Cornerstone. All training is provided and if you work 12-2 pm you will be treated to lunch at 2 pm. You must be 16 or over.

Christian Resources Together Bookshop of the Year 2023

10 Savile Way, Grove, OX12 0PT Tel: 01235 772280

Sign up to our "Friends" mailing list here:

<https://www.cornerstonegrove.org.uk/contact-us>

Wantage and Grove STREET PASTORS



Notice of the Annual General Meeting 2026
The AGM this year is on Tuesday 7th July, 7:45 pm
at Cornerstone, 10 Savile Way, Grove OX12 0PT

Help Barnsey Walk Again, Climb Ben Nevis & Support His Family

Scott Barnes – known as “Barnsey” to his mates – is a much-loved husband to Rachel and dad to two beautiful daughters Beth and Esme. He is a true friend to so many.

Barnsey is a skilled electrician by trade and has always been someone who works hard and looks out for others. Outside of work, he spent years playing football for Ardington, showing the same team spirit, determination, and loyalty that everyone who knows him recognises today.

Recently, Barnsey’s life changed forever. After developing severe sepsis, he tragically lost both of his legs below the knee and also lost his fingers. In a matter of days, everything changed for him and his family. Barnsey is also currently undergoing dialysis treatment, adding yet another huge challenge to the journey he and his family are facing with such strength and determination.

But if you know Barnsey, you’ll know one thing for certain...he’s not giving up.

Despite everything he’s been through, Barnsey has set himself an incredible ambition:

To climb Ben Nevis – the highest mountain in the UK.

This isn’t just about reaching the summit. It’s about rebuilding independence, strength, and showing his daughters what resilience truly looks like.

Why We’re Raising Money

We would like funds to support Barnsey’s journey to Ben Nevis, covering the costs of specialist support, travel, accommodation, and any equipment needed to help him safely take on this incredible challenge. We want to give Barnsey the very best chance to rebuild his life and achieve this goal. The funds raised will go towards:

Specialist Prosthetics

To help Barnsey walk again – and ultimately train for his climb – he may need advanced prosthetic legs, potentially including specialist adaptive equipment.

Home Adaptations

While some support may be available, there are often vital changes that aren’t fully funded. We want to make sure his home is safe, accessible, and works for him and his family.

A Family Holiday

After everything they’ve been through, we’d love to give Barnsey, Rachel, Beth and Esme something to look forward to – a chance to make happy memories together.

Let’s Get Barnsey to the Summit

This journey won’t be easy. But with the support of friends, family, and the wider community, we believe Barnsey can do something truly incredible.

Let’s help him take those steps again...

...and one day stand at the top of Ben Nevis.

How You Can Help

Any donation, big or small, will make a real difference.

If you're not able to donate, simply sharing this page would mean the world to us.

Big fundraising extravaganza on the 8th August at Old Mill Hall in Grove Midday until 10 pm.

Thank you for your support



Prayer for the people of Venezuela

We come boldly before your throne of grace to ask for your mercy and love, oh Lord, thank you for your mercy upon the beautiful nation of Venezuela

We pray for all of those who have fallen victim to this terrible earthquake. We pray that you comfort them, that you provide for them, that they would know that you are with them, that you never leave them or forsake them.

We pray, Lord, that you would be their strength, that despite the situation they find themselves in, they would draw hope and courage, strength and encouragement from the support they receive from neighbouring countries, from churches, and from their own government within Venezuela.

We pray, Lord, that those who have survived the earthquake would be sustained by your grace, that they would receive provision, comfort, and peace, and that they would continue to hold on to hope in the midst of such difficulty and loss.

We pray that any people who are waiting to be rescued would be sustained and that your Holy Spirit would guide the rescue workers to their location.

We pray for the Methodist Christian Community in Venezuela. We pray that you would give them wisdom to respond in the most effective way possible to this tragedy, sharing the love and hope of Christ Jesus with affected communities.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

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You are invited to a **Coffee morning on Saturday, 4th July** from 10:00 am till 12noon in the church. The charity benefitting in July will be Helen & Douglas House in Oxford. Noreen and Jenny are hosting the morning and we would appreciate offers of help with cakes and on the day. We hope you are able to join us for a chat and tea/coffee and cake. We look forward to seeing you.

In August, Margaret and Roger will be hosting the **Coffee morning on Saturday, 1st August**, from 10.00am till 12noon. Their chosen charity is "Methodist Homes for the Aged", MHA, which do good work in the communities where they are based as well as caring for their residents. Again, we hope you will be able to join us.

It is really good to see you all and have a chat with everyone on these occasions. Thank you to all who support us so well and to those of you who help by providing cakes and/or help on the day. It is all much appreciated.

Ecumenical Prayer for Revival will be on **Sundays, 5th July and 2nd August**, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. You are invited to come and pray with us. All are welcome.

Film Club is on Friday, 17th July at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room. We will be showing "One Life". *This is a 2023 biographical drama film directed by James Hawes. It is based on the true story of British humanitarian Nicholas Winton.*

The film alternates between following Anthony Hopkins as a 79-year old Winton reminiscing on his past, and Johnny Flynn as a 29-year old Winton who successfully helps 669 predominantly Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938-39, just before the beginning of World War II. Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin, Romola Garai, Alex Sharp and Jonathan Pryce co-star in supporting roles. All are welcome. Admission is free. A small donation helps to cover expenses.

The July film completes the current programme. **There is no meeting in August.** Our thanks to Peter and Noreen for organising the programme and running the Film Club each month. Peter is asking for suggestions for the next programme which will begin in September. Please get in touch with him with the name of any film you feel the Film Club members might enjoy.

Tuesday Fellowship in June is on **Tuesday, 30th June** at 2:15 pm at 4, Mayfield Avenue, Grove, home of Kath Gourlay. It is a time when we can talk again about "Suggestions of Priorities – for Church Growth Action Plan" which were discussed at the Church Council on 18th June and other ideas you might like to talk about. All are welcome to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and discussion together.

Tuesday Fellowship in July will be on **Tuesday, 28th July**, from 2:15 pm. We have been invited to visit Mark and Linda Jones at their home, 50A Charlton Village Road, Wantage. Hopefully the sun will be shining and we will be able to enjoy time in their garden. All are welcome.

Tuesday Fellowship in August is on **Tuesday, 25th August**, from 2:15 pm. We are visiting John and Sue Stead at home, 17 Woodgate Close, Grove. We look forward to seeing their garden and hope you will be able to join us there. All welcome.

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 everyone who supported the Coffee Morning for the work of "Tools With A Mission" (TWAM) on Saturday, 6th June. Donations amounted to £234.49 and to that was added £39.31 Gift Aid money in hand from last year, making the total of £273.80 for TWAM. This money will be put towards their participation in providing the Dodoma Artisan Support Training Centre in Tanzania. Thank you.

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.

WANTAGE

A Time for Reflection

Jane Kent and Helen Carter

On 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!



Kids@church

Jane, Dave, Cath

In June we met and had fun exploring the story of Jesus calling Peter to walk on the water. We acted out the story (with our own boat and Sea of Galilee) and then coloured pictures which told the story!

In July we will meet on Sunday 19th July at Manor Park for 'summer fun in the park' 9:30-10:15 am.

We will not meet in August but start again from Sunday 20th September, meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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)

Community Café

Carolyn Roche

It has been great to meet and chat at the café throughout June. Many thanks to all the volunteers and cake makers who make this possible. It was lovely to have a visit from workers for Age UK, Vale Community Impact, Keystone, Grove Day Centre and Move More on 15th June. They were able to chat with people about what they can provide, give out leaflets and answer questions. Sam Allen, our link from Age UK, hopes to visit again in about 4 months. We will be open from 9:00 am to 12 noon on each Monday throughout July and August and look forward to welcoming old and new friends. There is no charge for refreshments, but people are welcome to make a donation which goes to a different charity each quarter. Currently we are collecting for Wantage Methodist Church. We are very thankful for the hospitality and fellowship that the church offers throughout the year.

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

Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home

June Grunwald

In June we looked at Psalm 33, which includes phrases about praising the Lord with instruments and voice. We were able to put this into action as we had 5 residents and 6 visitors at the session. We usually sing a couple of well known hymns as part of the bible study, which residents can sing along to even if they are unable to read. With a few more people than usual it was good to praise the Lord even if we didn't have a lyre or a harp with ten strings.

The studies for the next couple of months are: July - Matthew 13:1-9; August - Matthew 14:22-33. 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 30-45 mins. After the bible study we usually have a drink in the Bistro area in the care home which is appreciated by residents.

Tuesday Afternoon Prayer and Study Group

Carolyn Roche

This is an open and friendly group who meet for Prayer and Bible Study each Tuesday at 2 pm in the Parlour. Please feel free to join us. If you have someone or a situation you would like us to pray for please let me know.

In July and August we will be completing the Sermon on the Mount Study from the Life Builder Study Guides.

Dates for July and August are as follows:

- 7th July Bible Month - Philippians - Week 4 – Grace be with you
(Philippians chap 4)
- 14th July Sermon on the Mount - Week 6 – How to really love your enemies
(Matthew 5:38-48)
- 21st July Sermon on the Mount - Week 7 – How not to be religious
(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)
- 28th July Sermon on the Mount - Week 8 – A Pattern for Dynamic Prayer
(Matthew 6:7-15)
- 4th Aug Sermon on the Mount - Week 9 – What God thinks of my ambitions
(Matthew 6:19-34)
- 11th Aug Sermon on the Mount - Week 10 – Relationships that encourage
(Matthew 7:1-12)
- 19th Aug Sermon on the Mount - Week 11 – Detecting the Lies in Our World
(Matthew 7:13-20)
- 25th Aug Sermon on the Mount - Week 12 – Making the Choice of a Lifetime
(Matthew 7:21-29)

If you have any queries or prayer requests 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, Gill & Gordon S,
Hannah Morton. Hunter, Jade, Jane Robinson, Jo,
June G, John Broadbent, Jane & Emma Soffe & family,
Jo Aldworth, June Hartle, Kelvin, Ken & Grace Wright, Lucas & family,
Mary Spalding, Meriel, Norma, Peter, Rachel & her family, Richard,
Richard in York, Sharon, Tony G, Trudy, William Chadwick,
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.

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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.

Knit & Chat

Carolyn Roche

Our meetings will continue throughout the summer and as usual we will gather on the first and third Mondays of the month. In July these will be on Monday 6th July and Monday 20th July at 2 pm in the Hall. The dates in August are Monday 3rd August and Monday 17th August.

As usual we will have a break for tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!). 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.

We are entering the final two months of the Methodist year, and completion of the Circuit's first year with a team of just two Presbyters. It also marks the completion of Bruce's first year as our Minister. We are relieved and thankful to God for the successful surgery he underwent recently, and very grateful to him for everything he has done to ensure we feel well looked after spiritually and pastorally. We have appreciated the inspiring Services that Bruce has led, conveying in equal measure the reassurance and the challenges implicit in our Christian calling. We are also extremely grateful for the pastoral care and support he generously provides whenever there is a need for this important aspect of his ministry.

We have been saddened by the death of John Checketts on 3rd June. We were pleased to welcome him and Jo to our Church family when they moved into Richmond Village a few years ago. Until he became too unwell to drive any longer, John generously provided lifts to church for fellow Richmond residents and was part of the Prayer Group which met there under Helen Carter's leadership. As his own health deteriorated, and he was no longer able to care for Jo himself, it was a relief to John that Jo had settled into Maple Unit where she will continue to be cared for. Visiting them on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last year was a privileged occasion, when their devotion to each other in sickness and in health, and their dependence on God's promise of eternal love and strength were perfectly illustrated.

We learned also with sadness of the death of Cathy White, who worshipped with us on Sundays, and eagerly attended Community Café on Mondays, until the deterioration of her health necessitated her move into a Care Home in Oxford. Strong connections with our Church existed through Cathy's family, namely her grandfather, who for many years was the church cleaner, and her sister Bernice who served abroad as a missionary.

We pray for the families of John and Cathy in the sure knowledge that God will sustain and comfort them all.

Our prayers are offered to Cath, Dave, Chris and Charlotte Worth following the death of Cath's mother. Since her father died, Cath has divided her time between Wantage and Liverpool in order to look after her Mum – a task she shared with her brother. It highlighted their dedication to ensuring that the final years of their mother's life were comfortable, safe and full of love.

We gained two more nonagenarians during the past month. June Hartle's 90th birthday occurred on 19th June, followed by Edwina Collett's four days later on the 23rd. Neither is able to worship with us in person any longer, but they are thought of and prayed for and continue to be held as valued members of our church family. During July, Mick Glover, who now regularly attends our Sunday Morning Service and Monday's Community Café, will also celebrate his 90th birthday. We offer congratulations to all three of them.

Whilst 90th birthdays become more frequent events to be celebrated, the same cannot be said of a forthcoming Wedding Anniversary. On 14th July, Joan and Ed Clipsham, two of our oldest church members, will have been married for 70 years. We offer them our warmest congratulation on reaching their milestone Platinum Anniversary, as well as our continuing love and support. Being able to spend Sunday mornings

worshipping with all of us in Church means more to Joan than she can describe, and which she regards as a blessing beyond measure.

We are mindful of the never-ending gifts and blessings that God gives to each of us throughout our lives. We are thankful for them all, and pray that we too may be a blessing to others. We will go on trying to fulfil our Christian promises through the power of the Holy Spirit and the encouragement we give to and receive from each other.

Caritas Farewell Concert

Gill Skidmore

The **Caritas Farewell Concert** will take place in our Chapel on **Saturday 4th July** at 4 pm. This time it will be in aid of Christian Aid. If you enjoyed our last concert, do come and join us again. We are looking forward to being joined by some of our former members to celebrate 10 years of wonderful music-making.

Tickets will be available on the door.

SUSTAINABLE WANTAGE

Helen Carter

Sustainable Wantage has so many different projects within it. There is something for everyone. You can find out more using this link <https://sustainablewantage.org.uk/> will take you to the website where you can check just what Sustainable Wantage is offering to the community. Do check it out. And check out the events too.

FOOD BANK

Helen Carter

As ever, this is a very big thank you to those who donate goods or money via either the church, shops or directly. The need isn't going away in this economic era so your support is much needed. What is needed most just now is **coffee and jam!** Also **meat and vegetables** could do with being topped up, but **please no more cereal or pasta** - the storage area for these items is overflowing at the moment. I am sure they will be needed again before long, but just for now... Thank you.

What is happening on the Wantage premises at present?

Please note that the Hall will be unavailable from 2pm on Tuesday 4th August until the end of Friday 7th August as the floor is being cleaned and sealed.

One off Bookings

July

Wednesday July 1	eve	Jim Mitchell Concert
Thursday July 2	morn	Baptist Toddlers
Saturday July 4	aft	Caritas Farewell Concert
Saturday July 11	aft	Wedding (prep from Friday afternoon)
Saturday July 18	morn	WCC Craft Matters
Saturday July 18	aft	Private Party
Thursday July 23	eve	Music Makers

August

Tuesday Aug 4 to Friday Aug 7 Hall out of use

Thursday Aug 13	eve	Music Makers
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SERVICES during JULY

Sunday 5th July

Sea Sunday

Ordinary 14

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a: Matthew 11:18-19,25-30

10:30 am Wantage

Rev John Anderson

10:30 am Grove

Belinda Kaur

6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove

Sunday 12th July

Action for Children

Ordinary 15

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

10:30 am Wantage

Rev Nigel Ogley

10:30 am Grove

Peter Hemmings

Sunday 19th July

Rural Mission

Ordinary 16

Song of Solomon 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25:

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

9:30 am Wantage

Kids@Church

10:30 am Wantage

Rev Bruce Thompson

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

10:30 am Grove

Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July

Ordinary 17

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:126-136; Romans 8:26-39: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

10:30 am Wantage

Daphne Savage

10:30 am Grove

Ian Sturt

SERVICES during AUGUST

Sunday 2nd August

Ordinary 18

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8,9,14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

10:30 am Wantage

Belinda Kaur

10:30 am Grove

Elizabeth Wood

6:30 pm Prayer for Revival at Grove

Sunday 9th August

Ordinary 19

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

10:30 am Wantage

Ian Sturt

10:30 am Grove

Rev Carol Hamilton-Foyne

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August

Ordinary 20

Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

10:30 am Wantage

Rev Bruce Thompson

This service will include the sacrament of Holy Communion

10:30 am Grove

Local Arrangements

Sunday 23rd August

Ordinary 21

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

10:30 am Wantage

Graham Luscombe

10:30 am Grove

Daphne Savage

Sunday 30th August

Ordinary 22

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

10:30 am Wantage

Local Arrangements

10:30 am Grove

Andrew Dixon

DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST

July

Saturday 4 th	10:00 am	Coffee Morning at Grove	p10
	4:00 pm	Caritas Farewell Concert at Wantage	p16
Sunday, 5 th	6:30 pm	Prayer for Revival at Grove	p10
Monday 13 th	2:30 pm	Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home	p13
Friday 17 th	7:30 pm	Grove Film Club	p10
Sunday 19 th	9:30 am	Kids@Church in the Park at Wantage	p12
Tuesday 28 th	2:15 pm	Grove Tuesday Fellowship	p10

August

Saturday 1 st	10:00 am	Coffee Morning at Grove	p10
Sunday, 2 nd	6:30 pm	Prayer for Revival at Grove	p10
Monday 10 th	2:30 pm	Bible Study at Elmbrook Care Home	p13
Sunday 23rd		Deadline for September Newsletter	
Tuesday 25 th	2:15 pm	Grove Tuesday Fellowship	p11