



# Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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## Notices for the week beginning 15 October 2017

<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. John Rowland</b>
<b>Sunday 22 October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Adam Stevenson</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Friday Prayers</b>

**Appeal** The Disasters Emergency Committee ([DEC](#)) is appealing for help for the thousands of Rohingya refugees who have fled across the border from Myanmar (Burma) to Bangladesh and who are in desperate need of clean water, shelter, food and medical care. Christian Aid is one of 13 aid agencies who are members of the DEC and part of the appeal. Envelopes are available again today for anyone able to help. If you are a taxpayer and can gift-aid your donation it will add considerably to your gift e.g. £100 becomes £125. Please write your name and address on the envelope so that gift-aid can be claimed. The Government has said it will match all giving up to £3 million. Thank you.

**Afternoon Tea** Rev. Adam Stevenson is holding a Traditional Afternoon Tea (Sandwiches, Scones, Cakes) to raise money for the DEC's Yemen Crisis Appeal. This will be at the Manse in Watlington on 21 October, with seats available for a 2.45pm sitting at £10pp. RSVP to [adam.stevenson@oxfordmethodists.org.uk](mailto:adam.stevenson@oxfordmethodists.org.uk) or 01491 613223.

**Action for Children** Home collecting boxes have been emptied and the contents counted. £203.43 is being sent to Action for Children to support the wonderful work they do. Many thanks to the 13 people who have boxes. If anyone else would like somewhere to deposit small change, please ask Sue B for a box.

**Antiques and Collectors' Market** Graham Kirby's market takes place at Kidlington Methodist Church on Saturday 21 October from 10am – 1pm, with refreshments and free admission.

**Dogs for Good** News from Christine and Alan Parrett about Cassie, their latest puppy. "Cassie has now moved on and has gone to Support Dogs in Sheffield who specialise in training dogs to work with people who suffer from seizures. Cassie has gone on a month's trial initially to see if she is suitable for that job. We hope she is successful in this new venture for her. We will continue to support Dogs for Good so look out for new dogs learning how to settle quietly in church! Thank you to you all for your support."

**Food Bank** The Community Foodbank box at the back of church can still be filled with tins of many things: fruit, custard or pudding rice, soup, pasta sauce, meat (all types) and fish (i.e. tuna), vegetables, potatoes or instant mash, baked beans, tins or cartons of tomatoes, rice, breakfast cereals (not oats), coffee, tea, small packets of sugar, long life semi skimmed milk, long life fruit juice, biscuits, jams or pasta.

**Ministerial support** Please contact Rev. Dr Martin Wellings ([martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk](mailto:martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk)) if you need to be in touch with a minister, or contact the Circuit Office on 01865 243216.

**The Penultimate Curiosity** is the title of this year's Christians in Science conference at the King's Centre, Oxford on Saturday 21 October. Details at <http://www.cis.org.uk/conferences/southern-2017/>.

Registration via [Eventbrite](#)

**Matilda the Musical** is at Bladon Methodist Church from Monday 23 to Saturday 28 October at 7.30pm. Tickets £12/£8 from [www.juniorchurch.co.uk/matilda](http://www.juniorchurch.co.uk/matilda) or from 01869 337881.

**Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service** Rev. Rosemary Davies' service at Lime Walk will be on 22 October, not on the 29<sup>th</sup> as published in last week's notices. Full details overleaf.

**Remembrance Sunday** is on 12 November. Our service will be at 9.45am and finish at 10.30a.m. to allow time for those who wish to go across to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance.

*We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.*

*Please make yourself known to one of the stewards and do stay for tea or coffee after the service!*

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday	9.45am	Church	Tuesday Tots
Thursday	10.30am	Hall	Thursday coffee
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Sunday 5 November	10.30am	Church	Church Anniversary. Service led by Rev. Helen Cameron, then lunch in the Hall
	5.30pm	Hall	Spirituality on Screen

**Kennington Methodist Church** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month as a place of worship. There will be a concert in the Church on Saturday 28 October at 7pm and a service on Sunday 29 October at 10.30am followed by a buffet lunch served in adjoining rooms at 12 noon. The friends at Kennington extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join them for the celebrations. If you're intending to join them for the buffet lunch then please let Rosemary Davies know at [rev.rosemarydavies@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rosemarydavies@gmail.com)

**Lime Walk Methodist Church, Headington** is holding a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 22 October at 4.30pm when those who have been bereaved recently or a long time ago can give thanks for their loved ones. This service of about 40 minutes will include hymns, readings and an act of remembrance. Tea and cake will be served in the Hall afterwards. Please come along yourself and bring someone you think would appreciate being at this service.



Jesus, abject and despised, let us not be ashamed to follow you. Jesus, blasphemed and condemned, let us not afraid to be counted your friends. Jesus, crowned and derided, let us not be overwhelmed by our injuries and grief. Amen.

*John Wesley (1703-1791)*

Certainty dissolves, truth wavers, I am lost.  
 Snow freezes, sun bakes, earth cracks open.  
 Children cry, fathers mourn, mothers question.  
 God weeps, Christ keeps, first and last.  
 All are gathered. Amen.

*Ruth Gee, Darlington District Chair*