



Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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Notices for the week beginning 25 February 2018

Sunday 25 February	10.30am	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith	Café Church
Sunday 4 March	10.30am	Rev. Adam Stevenson	
Fridays	10.00am	Friday Prayers	

Spencer Court It is our church's turn to take the service today, Sunday 25 February from 5.30 - 6.00 pm. Martin Wellings would appreciate support with singing the hymns and chatting to the residents, who are always pleased to see us, after the service.

World Day of Prayer is this coming Friday, 2 March. The service is prepared in a different part of the world each year. It is estimated that 3 million people in more than 170 countries will gather to observe the day of prayer, which comes this year from Suriname. In the British Isles over 5,000 services will be held.

In Woodstock, at St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, 27 Hensington Road, there will be two services:

- 11.00am for children from Year 5, Woodstock Primary School and from Year 7, the Marlborough School
- 7.00pm ecumenical service with the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'

Everyone is warmly invited to either or both services. Parents, grandparents and friends are especially welcome to attend at 11am; adults, especially those at work during the day, at 7pm.

Fair Trade Fortnight is from 26 February - 11 March. Why not buy something from the stall and put it in the Food Bank Box? That way you will be helping twice over.

Lent services During the 2nd - 5th weeks of Lent, Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon have arranged services each Wednesday at 8pm in St Mary Mag's, which it is hoped that people from all four churches will support. The services will be led by the ministers of the four churches in turn.

Coffee morning and Easter crafts sale Wednesday, 7 March between 10am and 1.30pm at the home of Mike and Christine Trinder, 25 Hardwick Avenue, Kidlington OX5 1BH to raise funds for Howard House Drug and Alcohol Detoxification Centre and Sandford Ward, Fulbrook Centre. Everyone welcome.

Be Still Christians from the churches of Woodstock and Bladon meet at St Mary Magdalene's Church on Wednesday evenings at 8pm throughout February and March for a time of prayer and reflection for Lent.

Chocolat (2000, starring Juliette Binoche) will be shown at Spirituality on Screen on Sunday 4 March at 5.30pm. When Vianne and her six-year-old daughter move to rural France and open a chocolate shop, tempting the villagers with unusual and delicious chocolate creations, the villagers are suspicious. Will they succumb to temptation during Lent? Is this the worst of their problems? The local mayor hopes to drive Vianne out of town. Who will win, and who will lose? Watch, share food and then discuss the film, with discussion led by Beth Wordsworth.

Save the Quiz Date Our Christian Aid Quiz Night 2018 will be on Friday 18 May at 7pm. Details to follow...

Godspell The award-winning Musical Youth Company of Oxford (MYCO) presents an exciting new production of the groundbreaking rock opera *Godspell* at the Oxford Playhouse 4-7 April 2018. Tickets from www.oxfordplayhouse.com or 01865 305 305, which can be called for a special rate for Church groups of 10 or more for Wed, Thu evenings and the Saturday matinee.

Sensing God is the title of a silent retreat at Douai Abbey (near Reading), being held on Friday 6 – Sunday 8 April. There will be several led sessions, time of silence and one-to-one time with a spiritual guide. Details are available from the Reflect Methodist spirituality group at <http://www.reflectretreats.co.uk/>

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!

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

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday	9.45am	Church	Tuesday Tots
Tuesday 27 February	8.00pm	Charlbury Parish Church	<i>Visions For a Better Tomorrow</i> : Revd. David Haslam on Pauline Webb, campaigner for racial and social justice
Wednesday 28 February	8.00pm	St Mary Magdalene's	Lent service
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Sunday 4 March	5.30pm	Hall	Spirituality on Screen: <i>Chocolat</i> , followed by shared food and discussion
Tuesday 6 March	8.00pm	Charlbury Parish Church	<i>Visions For a Better Tomorrow</i> on Jean Vanier, founder of the L'Arche communities. Film: <i>Summer in the forest</i> .

O Love most powerful, strengthen and protect us. O Love most faithful, comfort and support us. O Love most victorious, save and redeem us; for your own name's sake. Amen.

Gertrude of Helfta (1256-1302)



Creator and sustainer of all that is, we worship you.
 Saviour and friend of all humanity, we worship you.
 Enabler and comforter of each disciple, we worship you.
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we worship you.
 New every morning is your love, eternal is your presence.
 From start to finish, we worship you, the first and the last. Amen.

Graham Thompson, Plymouth and Exeter District Chair