



Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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Notices for the week beginning 19 August 2018

Sunday 19 August	10.30am	Paul Spray
Sunday 26 August	10.30am	Revd. Canon Dr Martin Wellings Holy Communion
Fridays	10.00am	Friday Prayers (Thursdays from 6 September)

Tony Severn Many congratulations to Tony, who (unbelievably!) celebrated his 90th birthday this week.

Riders, striders and welcomers wanted This year's Ride and Stride is on Saturday 8 September, when people throughout the county cycle or walk from church to church to raise money for their own churches and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT). If you would be willing to do this, or to welcome visitors to our church on the 8th, please sign up on the sheet on the table by the organ, if possible by 2 September. Half of the money raised will go to our church and half to OHCT (which made a generous contribution to our "Creating our welcoming space" project and has also helped us before). If you are not free on 8 September but could walk or cycle on another day, please have a word with Ian Leck today or next Sunday. Ian is away on the 8th but intends to walk on a day before or after that, and would welcome companions then! A form for sponsoring him will be at the back of church and then in the hall today.

Welcomes On Saturday 1 September at 3pm there will be a service at Lime Walk Methodist Church, Headington to welcome new our new minister Revd. Paul Carter (Kidlington, Woodstock, Tackley and Bladon) and Stephen Maunder (Lime Walk, Rose Hill and Kennington).

Friday to Thursday prayers Starting on 6 September, Friday prayers become Thursday prayers! This is because Friday is the study day for our new minister, Revd. Paul Carter. Paul has indicated that he would like to be involved in this prayer time, particularly when we have communion (which happens in the third week of each month). Each prayer time begins at 10.00am and lasts about 30 mins. It is led by a variety of people in an informal manner. It is open to all denominations and none. There is usually a time of introduction, sometimes music to listen to, and within the prayers time for silence and shared prayer including prayers from our prayer board. Afterwards those who wish go to a Woodstock coffee shop. All are welcome; so come, taste and see! More information from Ian Leck.

Sunday 9 September sees the first service with our new minister. All welcome to stay for lunch after the service to meet Paul, his wife Carol and son Thomas. Please let Sue know if you plan to have lunch, and any dietary requirements.

Games and Cake afternoon on Sunday 2 September from 3.00 – 6.00pm at 40 Merton Way, Yarnton (the Beuzevals). Young families very welcome!

Mrs Doreen Lambert, formerly of 8 Briar Thicket, Woodstock. We are very sad to report that Doreen died in The Albany Nursing Home, Headington, on Friday 10 August. Doreen was our oldest member, but too frail to attend church or Tuesday Fellowship in the last few years. Her funeral is to be at Lime Walk Methodist Church at 12.00 on Wednesday 29 August, conducted by Revd. Jean King. Doreen will be buried with her husband in Headington Cemetery. Her three sons hope that some Woodstock friends will be able to attend the funeral.

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!

Spirituality on Screen is at Woodstock Methodist Church again on Sunday 2 September at 5.30pm. The film this time is *Shadowlands* (directed by Richard Attenborough, 1993). Set in 1952, the film stars Anthony Hopkins as CS Lewis and Debra Winger's American divorcee Joy Gresham. Lewis, academic, popular theologian (confident he knows the purpose of suffering and pain) and author of the Narnia Chronicles, finds his life turned upside down when, in middle age, he falls in love with Joy, who soon discovers that she has advanced bone cancer. Lewis faces the joy of love knowing that it entails vulnerability and the pain of loss. Discussion over a shared supper after the film.

Saturday 13 October Street collection 9.00am – 5.00pm in Woodstock for Action for Children. Please let Sue know if you are able to help.

Don't Forget the Food Bank Please bring in food e.g. tins/packets of soup, tins of meat or vegetables, baked beans, pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, etc. Or why not buy something from the Fair Trade stall after the service and put it in the food bank box? That way you'll be helping poor people twice over.

Wesley Memorial Church community flat Do you know people who are looking for a church to be involved in, and a place to live with other Christians in Oxford? Wesley Memorial Church has a residential Christian community for three people. Two are leaving in September, so the church is looking for two new Community members. Further details at www.wesleymem.org.uk/churchflatproject.htm

Ministerial support If you need to be in touch with a minister, please contact the Circuit Office on 01865 243 216.

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Tuesday	9.45am	Church	Tuesday Tots
Thursday	10.30am - 12.00	Hall	Thursday Coffee Club
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers

Forthcoming events			
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Saturday 1 September	3.00pm	Lime Walk Methodist Church	Service to welcome new ministers Revd. Paul Carter (Kidlington, Woodstock, Tackley and Bladon) and Stephen Maunder (Lime Walk, Rose Hill and Kennington)
Sunday 2 September	3.00 – 6.00pm	40 Merton Way, Yarnton	Games and Cake afternoon
	5.30pm	Hall	Spirituality on Screen: <i>Shadowlands</i> . Followed by bring-and-share supper and discussion.

Give us patience, O God, in the hour of trouble;
humility in the hour of success and constancy in the
hour of temptation. Grant us thankfulness for your
benefits, fear of your judgement and hope in your
enduring mercy; now and for ever. Amen.

John Cosin (1594-1672)

