



Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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Notices for the week beginning 11 November 2018

Sunday 11 November 9.45am Revd. Philip Beuzeval Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 18 November 10.30am Revd. Paul Carter

Thursdays 10.00am Thursday Prayers

Spencer Court Paul will be leading our church's turn to take the service today at 5.30pm. You are invited to come along to support him, boost the singing and chat to the residents. All welcome.

John King (husband of Jean, formerly our minister) died peacefully on Sunday 28 October in Sobell House after a long illness. We remember John and Jean in our prayers. John's funeral will be on Monday 19 November at 12.00 at Lime Walk Methodist Church, Headington.

All We Can Extraordinary Christmas Gift Catalogues are available at the back of church. For those who have everything or those you know who don't want any more 'things' around the house that need dusting – these are virtual gifts. e.g. £15 would provide 15 chickens to kick-start a business to help families in Zimbabwe, £28 could support two young vulnerable girls in India, £27 could provide vital support to a Syrian refugee child, aiding recovery from the trauma of fleeing war.

Worship: Leading and Preaching A series of W:L&P 'Explore' sessions will be run in the circuit from the autumn (times and locations to be confirmed) for anyone interested in exploring a call to be a local preacher or worship leader. If you would be interested in attending, please let Simon Blainey know (simon.blainey@oxfordmethodists.org.uk). If you attend there is no obligation to complete the training, so it is a good way to explore whether preaching or worship leading is the right thing for you.

New Room Bristol If you have not visited the world's oldest Methodist Church and explored its stunning new museum, Wesley Memorial Church are taking a minibus trip there on Monday 19 November, with priority to those who would struggle with the journey otherwise. Details from Alison Butler at alison.butler@wesleymem.org.uk or via the Church Office 01865 243216.

Beasts of Bethlehem is a musical based on the CS Lewis poem *The Nativity*. It is being performed at Watlington Methodist Church on Saturday 8 December at 4pm. Tickets: Adult £10, Child £5, Family £25.

Sister Act Fleur is taking part in Oxford Operatic Society's production at the Oxford Playhouse on Monday 21 – Saturday 26 January 2019. Tickets from 01865 305305 or www.oxfordplayhouse.com

This week			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Sunday 11 November	5.30pm	Spencer Court	Worship with residents
Tuesday 13 November	2.30pm	Church	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship 'Come again ...': Revd. Judy Turner-Smith
Thursday	10.00am	Church	Thursday prayers
	10.30am - 12.00	Hall	Thursday Coffee Club

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!

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Sunday 16 December	10.30am	Church	Junior Church Nativity Service with Revd. Paul Carter
	6.00pm	Church	Carol Service
Monday 24 December	11.15pm	Church	Christmas Eve Communion with Revd. Paul Carter
Tuesday 25 December	10.30am	Church	Chrismtas Day Worship with Revd. Paul Carter



Poppies in Flanders

O God eternal,
unchanging, yet in all ways
our transformation.
You call us to share with you
in working to change the world.

Your love invites us
to call to discipleship
sisters and brothers,
so that the world is transformed
by our sharing of your love.

Make us good neighbours,
to everyone whom we meet,
eager to serve you,
proclaiming your kingdom love
shown in life's transformation.

*A prayer in the style of a Tanka – a form
of Japanese poetry, similar to the
Haiku, that is over 1,200 years old*

Jonathan Pye, Bristol District Chair

Let us prefer your presence, O God, to all other
company. Let us exalt your name above all
other names and let us love your will beyond
all other desires; for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)



South Park, Oxford, 3 November