



# Woodstock **Methodist** Church



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## Notices for the week beginning 10 December 2017

<b>Sunday 10 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Junior Church Nativity "In the Present"</b>	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight led by David Harper</b>	
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Friday Prayers</b>	

**Church Council** will meet briefly after today's service (and before choir practice) to formally conduct some financial business, chaired by Martin Wellings. Summary details overleaf.

**Presents please!** Junior Church would be grateful for donations of small gifts on Sunday 10 December or Saturday 16 December at the Junior Challenge Day. Gifts should be a token, no more than £1-£2 in value, (e.g. chocolate, small candle, decoration, stationery item, toiletries etc.), a homemade gift (e.g. jar of jam) or may even be a re-gifted unused present you received yourself last Christmas. Please put it in the relevant box at the back of church. You do not need to wrap or label it: that will all be done on the Junior Church Challenge Day. Please ask a member of the Junior Church if you have any questions.

**Christmas is coming** A list of Christmas services is overleaf. We know that Christmas is coming when we:

1. Stay after morning services for choir practice, ready for our candlelight carol service at 6pm on Sunday 17 December.
2. Help distribute cards with details of Christmas services in Woodstock's churches, by collecting one or two bundles available from 9 December at the back of church and delivering them to the houses concerned by 17 December.
3. Come, perhaps with some greenery, to help Gill decorate the church on Friday 15 December from 10.30am.
4. Greet all our church friends by pinning one 'communal' Christmas card to the board at the back of church and donating the money we would have spent on lots of cards to our current church charities ([Asylum Welcome](#) and [Dogs for Good](#)) in the small box by the organ. Gift Aid can be claimed if you put your donation in an envelope with your name on it.
5. Donate gifts for homeless people of hats, scarves, gloves, chocolates soap, toothpaste etc in the box at the back of church, which will be taken to [The Gatehouse](#) in Oxford in the week before Christmas.
6. Make a donation to 'Campsfield House Chaplaincy' for Pastor Adefala to provide such things as postage stamps or mobile phone top-ups for detainees to be in touch with their families.
7. Put something extra in the Food Bank box.

**Advent service** All from churches in Woodstock and Bladon are invited by the Parish of St Thomas More, Kidlington and St Hugh of Lincoln, Woodstock to a meditative, candlelit service of reflection and prayer at their Advent Taizé Service on 12 December at 7.30pm at St Thomas More Church, Kidlington.

**Now recruiting** Volunteers are sought for four rotas: to program the church laptop computer and project words and images during worship; to help with coffee; to set up and clear away after communion; and to count and bank the collection (as many people give by standing order, this doesn't have to be every week – and nor do the others). No experience or perceived skill is necessary: training will be given as required. If you are interested and can help, please let a steward know – Sue, Beth, Fleur, Ruth or Phil. Thank you.

**Notices** Next weekend's notices will be the last until the weekend of 7 January 2018.

*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. Dr Martin Wellings if you need to be in touch with a minister ([martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk](mailto: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 12 December	7.30pm	St Thomas More Church, Kidlington	Advent Taize service
Thursday	10.30am	Hall	Thursday coffee
Friday	10.00am	Church	Friday prayers
Saturday 16 December	10.30am - 4.00pm	Church	Junior Church Christmas Challenge Day

Forthcoming events			
Date	Time	Venue	Event
Sunday 24 December	10.30am	Church	Service led by Ian Leck
	2.30pm	Spencer Court	Carol Singing
Monday 25 December	10.30am	Church	Christmas Day worship led by Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings
Sunday 31 December	10.30am	Kidlington Methodist Church	United service led by Rev. Canon Dr Martin Wellings

O Christ of the dove, grant us the purity of the Spirit. O Christ of the sparrow, grant us the Father's protection. O Christ of the mother-hen, grant us shelter beneath your wing. Amen.

*Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (1217-1274)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
before the creation of the mountains,  
you were.  
When the last second of time passes,  
you will be.  
Help us see the context of our lives  
within your perspective,  
held forever in your everlasting love  
and enfolded in your never-ending care,  
our first and last, in whom past, present  
and future are one. Amen.

*Jennifer Hurd, Synod Cymru Chair*



**Church Council today** will be asked to:

- Approve and adopt financial statements for the year to 31 August 2017, as presented to Church Council on 16 October and since approved by the church's Independent Examiner.
- Adopt a Reserves Policy.
- Approve a revised Bank Account Mandate under which Michael Trinder replaces Alison Mares as an authorised signatory.