



Woodstock Methodist Church



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Notices for the week beginning 16 May 2021

Sunday 16 May (Christian Aid) 10.30am Paul Rosentall

Sunday 23 May (Pentecost) 10.30am David Harper

Worship at church takes place as shown above. Adaptations and procedures to meet guidelines on reducing risk from COVID-19 continue to apply, including wearing masks, sitting socially distanced, not singing and leaving the building immediately after the service finishes.

Sign in at church on the paper list or using the [NHS COVID-19 App](#). A Quick Recognition (QR) code to be scanned by smartphones is taped to the top of the cabinet where people sign in and clean their hands.

Bible readings Lectionary readings for Sunday in Ascensientiede, are:

❖ Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

❖ 1 John 5:9-13

❖ Psalm 1

❖ John 7:6-19

Online Circuit service is still available each week via the link at the bottom of these notices. This week's service is led by Revd Peter Powers. The sermon text is available to download for these services.

Food bank donations The Food bank donation box is still available at the back of church for any donations you can give to our local food banks whose work is needed more than ever at this time.

Change of Church Stewards After 17 years of service as a church steward, Sue Beuzeval has stepped down from this role as announced at the General Church meeting last week. We wish to express our thanks to Sue for her tireless work over this time. Sarah Folley was elected onto the stewarding team so our stewards are now: John Verity (senior steward), Beth Wordsworth, the Leach family, Fleur Yerbury-Hodgson and Sarah Folley.

A series of Green Zoom talks for Pentecost The circuit are hosting a series of talks in the run up to Pentecost focussing on environmental issues as we journey towards becoming an eco-circuit. Each session will be an hour long: 30 mins from the speaker, 20 mins discussion/questions, 10 mins prayer.

Wednesday 19 May 7.30pm Penny Powell (Church Warden) and Emily Neil (ecologist) from St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Littlemore – The Littlemore Church Nature Reserve. We are keen to explore using green spaces within the Circuit and this project may help us with some ideas for how to get started.

Tuesday 25th May 7.30 Dr Anna Clements – Sustainable International Development: electric cooking and smart villages in East Africa.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84378904124?pwd=dmJpV1JORTZrMERKWHhZMG0zZVZkZz09>

Ordination update Paul's re-arranged ordination service is now going to be held at 3pm on Saturday 19 June at Wesley Methodist Church in Reading. Tickets have all now been allocated to guests of the ordinands. There will however be a live stream available and details will be published nearer the time to enable people to watch from home or there might also be the opportunity to watch the service in church.

The Annual John Wesley Lecture The 2021 Lecture will be delivered online on Thursday, 27 May at 17.00. The paper is by Dr. Nigel Aston, and is titled: 'Hanoverian Oxford and the fashioning of John Wesley' To register your place please email: admin.ocmch@brookes.ac.uk



Christian Aid Week Quiz If you were not involved in the annual quiz for Christian Aid this past week you can still show your support by donating via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/woodstockchurchquiz2021>



Links There are many ways of staying in touch and participating in church activities without being physically present in our church building. See below for details. These are all clickable links in the electronic version of this sheet, which is also published on the [church website](#).

Circuit service An act of worship led each week by a preacher from the Oxford Methodist Circuit can be found along with links to other online worship resources

here: <https://oxfordmethodistsworship.wordpress.com/>

Paul has discontinued his *Thursday Thoughts* but all previous videos are still available online at <http://bit.ly/Carter-ThTh>

Thursday prayers (10.00–10.30am) can be participated in via Zoom at: <https://tinyurl.com/y334ps36>

Or use these details if you're already in Zoom, or using the telephone (see numbers below) Meeting ID: 874 7305 8428, Password: 373280

Thursday prayers offer a time of introductory thoughts and then opportunity to share prayer: personal, community, from a written source or silence.

Website The Weekly Circuit Service and Paul's *Thursday Thoughts* are both accessible through the Church's website:

<http://woodstockmethodists.org.uk/index.php/sermons/recent-sermons-reflections>

Zoom by phone For all Zoom meetings we hold, you can easily dial in (with calls charged at your normal rate). Ring any of the numbers here and be the Meeting ID and Passcode for the

ready to put in meeting in question: 0131 460 1196, 020 3051 2874, 020 3481 5237, 020 3481 5240, 020 3901 7895



Carpets of bluebells in Shotover Park, East Oxford



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