



Woodstock Baptist Church
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Welcome to our services!

Why not come in and join us,
or if you would like to find out
some more about the church
visit the website or get in touch
with our minister, Andy



Services in April

Thursday 2 nd April	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion <i>Matthew 26:17-56</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Friday 3 rd April	5pm	Good Friday Reflections <i>Matthew 27:11-61</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 5 th April	10:30am	He isn't here! <i>Matthew 28:1-15</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 12 th April	10:30am	Worry, worry, worry ... worry not <i>Matthew 6:25-34</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 19 th April	10:30am	To judge or not to judge <i>Matthew 7:1-6</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 26 th April	10:30am	Ask, Seek, Knock <i>Matthew 7:7-11</i> Service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

Our next Desert Island Book is Pete Grieg's 'God on Mute' which tackles the problem of unanswered prayer head on. Pete Grieg wrestles with the dark side of prayer using the images and stories of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to illustrate God's apparent silence in the face of our prayers, and also lets the traumatic story of his wife, Sammy's, struggle with a debilitating health condition give substance to his words as they are based upon their lived experience of God not always providing the answers to our prayers in the way we would like.

This is one of the best books written on prayer because it addresses the aspect of prayer that we usually most struggle with. Why God, at times, seems to fail to respond to our prayers. And Pete Grieg's words are rooted in the story of Jesus and his own hard won story of hope. He offers no easy answers but gives us glimpses of insight for all of us who at times suffer in silence.

This book is not always an easy read, but it is an important one if you want to discover something of the shadow side of prayer.

Your minister

Andy

Holy Week & Easter

at Woodstock Baptist Church

Maunder Thursday - 2nd April - 7.30pm

'The Table, The Garden, The Courtyard'

a service of communion

Good Friday - 3rd April - 5pm

'At the Cross'

a reflective service for Good Friday

Easter Sunday - 5th April - 10.30am

'He isn't Here!'

an all-age Easter celebration



Woodstock Baptist Church, High Street Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1TE

Good Friday & Easter Sunday

with Churches Together in Woodstock & Bladon

Good Friday, 3rd April – 10.45am

'Walk of Witness' beginning at St. Mary Magdalene's

Easter Sunday, 5th April – 6.30am

'Easter Sunday Sunrise Communion' – by the Queen Pool, Blenheim Park



cakes and more ...



plus 'Ask Andy'

**our minister Andy Mills will be available for you
to chat about anything related to life & faith**

**so come and join us
for free cakes and drinks, and a chat**

on Saturday 18th April – 10 to 11.30am

Woodstock Baptist Church

Mondays	9:30-11am	Foodbank
Mondays	7:30pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 882 9977 6237 Passcode: 147582)
Every Tuesday	10:30am	The Men's ARC (Actively Retired's Coffee Club) gather at the church before descending on a coffee house for conversation.
Every Tuesday	9-9:30am	Morning prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 892 8863 1407 - Passcode: 642818)
Every Wednesday	12noon-1pm	Daytime Housegroup at the church. Bible study, fellowship & prayer. Talk to Alan B if you would like more details.
Saturday 4 th April	8:30am	Charlbury Baptist Church
Saturday 18 th April	10-11:30am	Cakes and more Woodstock Baptist Church

Noah's Ark, the Wednesday morning toddler group



9:45-11:15 am.

Every Wednesday in term time. Please contact Andy if you are able to help in running this valuable and much appreciated ministry/community service.

North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank:

You can donate to the foodbank in two ways.

Donations of food can be placed in the box in the church foyer, put in the collection bin in Woodstock Co-Op, or you can contact Andy.

If you wish to give financially, please go to the following link:

www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/#/donations/4542603964

Your support for the foodbank is much appreciated.

April	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
5th	Joanne	Annabelle	Sarah-Jane
12th	Bruce & Annabelle	Pauline	
19th	TBD	Julie	
26th	Pat & Alan	Joanne	

Please have a word with Pat if you can help with refreshments. Serving refreshments after church is a valuable practice for building community, fostering relationships, and extending hospitality to newcomers. It creates a welcoming atmosphere where people can connect, support one another, and experience church as a caring family



Coming soon....

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 9th May 2026

in aid of North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank



6.30pm for a 7pm start

Maximum team size: 8 people

St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock OX20 1JL

food provided please bring your own drinks

to book your place email: wbcenquiry@woodstockbaptistchurch.org.uk

FREE ENTRY
donations welcome for



Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church

Knit for Peace – Monday 13th April, 2pm to 4pm in the church



14 April 'Musical Memories' – Marcia Yerbury-Hodgson

28 April 'Al-Anon' – Nicky Tomlin +Bring & Buy

Prayers

Father God, we pray for our world, our church, our community, our families and friends.

We continue to pray for Pat & Alan, Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Chris, Pauline, Julie & June

Prayers also for our families attending Noah's Ark. We pray they will enjoy friendship and fun in a relaxed setting.

We continue to pray in unity for peace on earth and in particular upon the Ukraine-Russia borderlands.

God of justice, move the hearts of world leaders. Turn them away from hatred and pride toward dialogue, diplomacy, and a lasting peace.

Philippians 4:6-7: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus

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