



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 July

Sunday 6 th July	10:30am	a Spirit shaped life - <i>filled</i> <i>Acts 5:12-16 & 10:27-48</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 13 th July	10:30am	a Spirit shaped life - <i>sent</i> <i>Acts 8:26-40</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 20 th July	10:30am	a Spirit shaped life - <i>guided</i> <i>Acts 13:1-3, 16:6-10</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 27 th July	10:30am	We are family <i>Ephesians 4:2-4</i> All age service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

Some of you may wonder what I do when I am hanging around outside the front of the church each Sunday morning, apart from welcoming people, of course!

Well, it's a good spot to do a bit of bird watching. The pied wagtails bobbing up and down along the road, the jackdaws nesting in the chimney of the house opposite. But best of all is the three months of the year when the swifts are flying up and down the High Street.

They arrive at the beginning of May and are gone by early August, though.

These fleeting visitors spend most of their time swooping about, flying at high speeds with their shrill cry, hovering up insects, sleeping on the wing, and then almost as soon as they have arrived, they are gone, back to sub-Saharan Africa until next spring.

Swifts come and go. They are a joy when they are here, and missed when they are not.

The writer of Ecclesiastes says: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ...

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

We all want something's in life to last forever. A friendship. Good health. Our youth. A profound spiritual experience. But the reality of our lives is that things come and go.

Permanence is an illusion.

Nothing lasts except God. God lasts for ever. God alone and his faithful love endures unchanging in our lives. God never comes and goes with the seasons. God does not have an expiry date. God never migrates. God remains.

Your minister

Andy

Mondays	9:30-11am	Foodbank
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.
Every Wednesday	7:30-8pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 833 1374 4413 - Passcode: 733689)
Saturday 5 th July	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Sunday 6 th July	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Wednesday 16 th July	7:30pm	Church meeting Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 21 st July	10-11:30am	Cakes & More Woodstock Baptist Church
Sunday 27 th July	After the morning service.	Sunday school anniversary picnic. Begbroke Village Hall

Craft Café Sunday 6th July

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SUNDAY CRAFT CAFÉ

Take part in free art & craft activities, enjoy a cup of tea & slice of cake, and have a chat in a relaxed & friendly atmosphere

Come along for fun and friendship-all ages & abilities welcome!

First Sunday of the month
February – July, September
–December 3-4:30pm



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 21st July 2025 – 10 – 11.30am
Woodstock Baptist Church**

The Sunday school anniversary picnic will take place on Sunday 27th July at Begbroke Village Hall after the service.



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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.

July	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
6th	Joanne	Joanne	Jenny & Gregor
13th	Bruce & Annabelle	Jenny	
20th	TBD	Pat	
27th	TBD	June	

Events in other Woodstock churches

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April

29th Hospital friends' - Steve Lucas

May

13th 'Spinning and weaving' - Sarah Williams

27th 'When we were very young' - Pat Crutch
+ **Bring & Buy**

June

10th 'Parables' - Rev. Frances Blood

24th 'Sing-along' - Margaret Hill

July

8th 'My life in words' - Christine Zwart
+ **Bring & Buy**

22nd Cream Tea - Annie's Tea Room

Woodstock Methodist Church



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Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, Gill & Tim, June & Mike, friends & family.

We pray for Tabitha as she embarks on travels abroad, before she starts her apprenticeship. May she feel God's presence forever by her side.

We pray for Matthew and all that he does as School Chaplain. Please pray for continued guidance, wisdom, and vision for Matt as he leads WYWT, and engages with young people in and around Woodstock. We thank God for prayers answered as Libby has been appointed to work alongside Matthew and extend possibilities in our local primary schools.

We give thanks for all who attend Noah's Ark.

We pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations. We pray for wars to end. Amen

Proverbs 3:23 NIV

²³ Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.

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