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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 5 th July	10:30am	Elijah steps back, Elisha steps forward. <i>1 Kings 19:19-21</i> <i>2 Kings 2:1-18</i> <i>Service led by Andy Mills</i>
Sunday 12 th July	10:30am	Elisha's first steps <i>2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-37</i> Service led by Andy Mills Including communion
Sunday 19 th July	10:30am	Elisha and Namaan <i>2 Kings 5:1-27</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 26 th	10:30am	Baptist Cluster Pulpit swap <i>Matthew 13:31-33</i> Service led by Bruce Cummings with Jackie Bone preaching

Musings from the manse

This year on holiday I came across lots of boggy conditions when I was out walking, unfortunately none quite as tricky as encountered by the person in the photo below. (taken in Forsinard Flow Country, June 2024).

Our lives of faith can sometimes feel like we are walking through boggy ground. Our feet feel like they are being sucked under and we are making very little progress considering the extreme amounts of effort and energy we seem to be expending.



During my expeditions through the bogs of the Isle of Mull and Ardnachmurchan I discovered that the secret is to keep moving. Stopping is fatal. When you stop, you sink. The wisdom of Dory to 'keep on swimming' applies. When walking through boggy ground. Keep on moving forward.

When we hit that inevitable boggy patch in our life of faith. When everything seems like it is hard going. When our prayers feel like they are stopping short of the ceiling. The singing of our songs have as much gusto as an asthmatic ant. Don't stop, don't give up. Keep trying. Keep moving. Persevere. Even the smallest amount of forward momentum will sustain you.

As the Psalmist writes: I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:1-3a, NLT)

Your minister

Andy

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 July	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Sunday 5 th July	3-4:30pm	Craft café Woodstock Baptist Church
Wednesday 15 th July	7:45 for 8pm start	Church members meeting Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 18 th July	10:30- 12noon	Cakes and More Woodstock Baptist Church
Sunday 19 th July	Following the morning service	Sunday School Anniversary and Bring your own picnic for fun and games at Begbroke Village Hall

Craft Café Sunday 5th 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



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
5th	Mary & Andy	June	Jenny & Gregor
12th	Bruce & Annabelle	Annabelle	
19th	Alan & Pat	Pauline	
26th	Joanne	Julie	

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....

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 July – 10.30am to 12 noon
Woodstock Baptist Church**

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church



July

- 7th 'Favourite Bible Stories' – Members Afternoon
21st 'Tea Party' at 40 Merton Way, Yarnton

2.30pm to 4pm

Woodstock Methodist Church

Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon
Songs of Praise – Sunday 11th October – 3pm
– St. Mary Magdalene

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, Julie, June & Brad.

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

Creator God, We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. Amen (Tearfund.org)

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.

'Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.' Psalm 96:11

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