



Woodstock Baptist Church
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March 2026



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 March

Sunday 1 st March	10:30am	Revenge is a dish best served with ... <i>Matthew 5:38-48</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 8 th March	10:30am	Gathered Worship Service led by Bruce Cummings including communion
Sunday 15 th March	10:30am	Give, pray, fast <i>Matthew 6:1-18</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 22 nd March	10:30am	Put your heart where your money is <i>Matthew 6:19-24</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 29 th March	10:30am	Jesus arrives <i>Matthew 21:1-22</i> Service led by Andy Mills

World Day of Prayer – 6th March 7pm at St
Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock
(On Nigeria)

Musings from the Manse

There is what can seem a strange heart to the Christian faith. A symbol that we may see day by day in the world around us. Two lines crossing each other. On roads. On signs. On buildings. On jewelry. On skin. Yet it is a strange symbol. A first century means of execution that we remember and even glorify today. A sign of brutality and suffering whose meaning has been transformed by the events that are remembered and celebrated in Holy Week.

A cross stands as the symbol at the heart of what it means to be a Christian today.

Brian Zhand writes of the cross as being ‘the wood between the worlds’; a symbol of this world that connects us to the heart of God.

Through the pain and suffering of a man dying upon a cross one ordinary Friday in Jerusalem, somewhere around 30AD, the memory and reality of that event endures. And the memory and reality of that event has been rendered ‘Good’ by the effects of that death on the lives and faith of those who have followed in the crucified one’s name.

The strange symbol of the cross points us to the enduring message of Jesus, his gospel of good news which offers forgiveness, grace and mercy because of the wood that stands between us and God, and which call us to in love to respond in faith.

And as we lean in towards Easter through the season of Lent may the shadow of the cross not be a mere symbol of decoration but a sign of welcome that draws us Jesus.

Your minister

Andy



Holy Week & Easter services

Maundy Thursday Communion – 2nd April – 7.30pm

Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness – 3rd April
– 10.45am – beginning at St. Mary Magdalene

Good Friday Reflections – 3rd April – 5pm

Churches Together Easter Sunrise Communion – 5th April –
6.30am – by the Queen Pool

Easter All-Age Service – 5th April – 10.30am

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.
Sunday 1 st March	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 7 th March	8:30am	Men's prayer breakfast Woodstock Baptist Church
Wednesday 18 th March	7:30pm	Church AGM and Meeting
Saturday 21 st March	10:00-11:30am	Hot Cross Buns and more Woodstock Baptist Church

Craft Café Sunday 1st March

Woodstock Baptist Church

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

Hot Cross Buns and more



come and join us
for free hot cross buns and drinks

on Saturday 21st March 2026

10 to 11.30am

Woodstock Baptist Church

gathered in the name of ? images of the church of Christ



Churches Together in Woodstock & Bladon **Lent Studies 2026**

for five weeks beginning 24 February 2026

Tuesdays - 2 to 3pm

St. Mary Magdalene

OR

Wednesdays - 7.30 to 8.30pm

usually Woodstock Baptist Church

email: andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com for further details

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.

March	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
1st	June	Julie	June
8th	Bruce & Annabelle	Joanne	
15th	Joanne	Jenny	
22nd	Pat & Alan	Pat	
29th	TBD	June	

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



Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church

Knit for Peace – Monday 2nd March, 2pm to 4pm in the church



March

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| 3rd | 'Desert Island Discs' – Rev. Paul Carter |
| 17th | 'St Patrick' – Sue Beuzeval + Bring & Buy |
| 31st | 'A life in Woodstock' – John Banbury |

2.30PM TO 4PM

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

Created by the women of Nigeria

A Churches Together Service

St Mary Magdalene Church,
Woodstock

Friday 6th March 2026

7pm

All Welcome



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

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.

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

We pray for the students & staff who visit the church this term. We pray that they will listen for your voice in their lives Lord.

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

Loving and compassionate God, teach us to show love and mercy to each other. Inspire us to be generous and kind. Through our joy, patience and kindness, may we help to build a better world. Amen.

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness*

Lamentations 3:22–23

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