



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 October

Sunday 2 nd November	10:30am	a church shaped people – <i>bride</i> <i>Revelation 21:1-7</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 9 th November	10:30am	a peace shaped people <i>Matthew 5:9 & 43-48</i> including communion & Remembrance Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 16 th November	10:30am	a future shaped people – <i>what & when?</i> <i>Matthew 24:36-51</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 23 rd November	10:30am	Service led by Bruce Cummings with Deborah Rooke preaching
Sunday 30 th November	10:30am	<i>a future shaped people – lamps & oil</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i> Service led by Andy Mills <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>

Musings from the manse

Book four in my desert island reading pile is one that has, for a long time, been a favourite of mine, Messy Spirituality by Mike Yaconelli.

Despite the title it has nothing to do with Messy Church (the book predates Messy Church by a decade or so). The subtitle of the book really says what it's all about 'Christianity for the rest of us.'

I first read the book just as I started in full-time ministry and it was just the reality check I needed after studying theology for three years (even though it was practical theology I was studying), because Messy Spirituality is all about how the reality of the Christian life is not about neatly defined doctrines and sainted lives but about the disordered and fragile lives of real people and their tender hold on faith.

I still love this book, and still need to reread it every so often, to reground me in reality of messy ministry in the name of Jesus.

It is not a well-known classic but it's a gem in my humble opinion!

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.
Saturday 1 st November	8:30am	Men's prayer breakfast Woodstock Baptist Church
Sunday 2 nd November	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 15 th November	6:30 for 7pm start.	Tearfund Quiz evening. See poster below

Craft Café Sunday 2nd November



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.

November	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd		Jenny	Sarah-Jane
9th	Bruce & Annabelle	Pat	
16th		June	
23rd	Joanne	Hannah	
30th	Pat & Alan	Annabelle	

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....



got questions about life and the Christian faith

If you're looking for answers then maybe it's time to make a Start.
Run in a small group, each session involves video clips, group discussion and
time for reflection. Each session lasts about an hour and is free to attend.

What's life all about and where are we going?

Does God exist and what is he like?

Why is the world in such a mess?

Who was Jesus, and is he relevant?

What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for me today?

How far can I go forward with God in my life?

Start will help you discover more about God, Jesus and the journey of life.

cost – absolutely nothing, the course is **free**

starting – Wednesday 14 January 2026

for more information contact – Andy Mills – andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com

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donations
welcome for

tearfund

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 15th November 2025

6.30pm for a 7pm start

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

food provided, please bring your own drinks

maximum team size 8 people

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

‘For to us a child is born ..’
a prayer space



an opportunity to simply spend some time with God
in the midst of the busyness of this season

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 - 7.30 to 9pm
Woodstock Baptist Church

Events in other Woodstock churches



Knit for Peace

A lovely opportunity to knit or
crochet blankets and hats for this
wonderful charity. Wool provided.

Bring your size 8 (4mm) needles
or crochet hooks (4mm)

Woodstock Methodist Church
8th September
6th October
3rd November

Between 2pm to 4pm

Everyone Welcome

£2 donation per session
would be welcome
**Tea, coffee and cake
available**



WOODSTOCK METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Tree Festival 2025

*Does your club or society want to exhibit a tree and
advertise what you do?*

*Club or society to provide the
tree (max 3ft)*



Free to exhibit



*Displayed between 13th Dec to
4th Jan*

Contact:

Stewards@woodstockmethodists.org.uk

or call 01993 812325

contact by 19th November 2025



Tuesday Fellowship (2.30pm to 4pm)

November

11th 'Surprises' – Members' Afternoon

25th 'Advent' – Rev. Miriam Moul + Bring & Buy

Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie.

We remember in our prayers Sarah-Jane, Baz, Tabitha & Jemima after the passing of their friend Emma.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Please send items for the newsletter to: Andy Mills

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Psalm 37:23-24 “*The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.*”