



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 Mills, by phone
or email.

All the details can be found above.

Services in December

Sunday 1st	10:30am	<i>holy suspense</i> <i>Mark 13:24-37, Romans 13:11-14</i> Service led by Andy Mills including communion
Sunday 8th	10:30am	<i>active patience</i> <i>Malachi 3:1-4, 1 Peter 3:8-15</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 15th	10:30am	<i>Christmas All-Age Nativity</i> service led by children and young people
Sunday 22nd	10:30am	<i>hope filled expectation</i> <i>Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11,</i> <i>James 5:7-10</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Wednesday 25th	10:00am	<i>Christmas Day Celebration</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 29th	10:30am	<i>Christmas All-Age Service</i> Service led by Andy Mills

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As the season of Advent draws us toward the celebration of Christmas, the words of Isaiah from half a millennia before the birth of Jesus resound across the centuries to our ears.

For a child is born to us,

a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 (NLT))

These words, so familiar, yet so revolutionary, speak of a coming Messiah who would shake up the very fabric of the human condition.

So, the question for you to perhaps ponder this Advent is this: *what does it mean for Jesus to be Wonderful*

Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of your life?

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	7:30pm	Revival prayer meeting on zoom. For more information contact, Carolyn
Every Wednesday	12noon-1pm	Daytime Housegroup at the church. Bible study, fellowship & prayer. Talk to Alan B if you would like more details.
Every Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn for further details
Sunday 1st Dec	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church

Thursday 5th Dec		Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.
Saturday 7th Dec	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury BC
11th Dec	7:30-9pm	Advent Prayer Space



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.

Dec	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
1st	Annabelle & Bruce	None during	Anna & Pete
8th	Joanne	December	
15th	Everyone Mince pies etc		
22nd	TBD		
29th	TBD		

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.

Craft Café 1st December



Woodstock Baptist Church

SUNDAY CRAFT CAFÉ

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



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

First Sunday of the Month
3.00-4.30pm



Notices

PRAYER SPACE

Stations of Advent



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

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - 7.30 to 9pm
Woodstock Baptist Church

"An engaging evening of carols, Christmas songs, singalongs and stories to celebrate the Christmas Season."

THE DARKEST MIDNIGHT IN DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS ACOUSTIC TOUR 2024
with
GARETH DAVIES-JONES

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 6.00PM
WOODSTOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
TICKETS: £15.00

Events in other churches



A lovely opportunity to knit, crochet or draw.

All are welcome

Monday 2nd December

2pm to 4pm Methodist Church Woodstock.

Christmas is coming! And to help you get into the Christmas Spirit, on Friday 6 December at 7.30pm **in St Mary Magdalene's Woodstock** there will be a dramatised reading of Charles Dickens' **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**' by actor and playwright Richard Everett (richardeverett.co.uk), using the abridged text that Dickens himself performed in 1867. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served as the doors open at 7pm. Carriages at 9.15pm. Tickets £10, (supervised under 16's free) are available from Woodstock Bookshop or on the door. This is a church family event for one and all, so please invite your neighbours and friends as well as your family!



The December Methodist Church Film club will not be on the last Friday of December but will be on the 13th December at 11am and will be seasonally themed! Please note the different date and time.



Woodstock Methodist Church

Oxford St, Woodstock, OX20 1TT

Afternoon Tea, Nativity Trail & Christmas Tree Festival

Everyone Welcome

2 - 4.30pm

14th December

Free all age Nativity trail
20 plus Mini Christmas Trees
Coffee, Tea and Cake
Raising money for church charities

Prayers

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

We pray for the Platt family after the sad loss of Martin. His funeral will take place on Tuesday December 3rd followed by a service of committal at North Oxfordshire Crematorium.

Please pray for Carolyn, Gary & family.

We give thanks for prayers answered but continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, June & Mike, Phil & Sarah, friends & family.

We pray for the students who visit our church from the Marlborough School. Lord our God, in your wisdom and love send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

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 give thanks for all who attend Noah's Ark, children, parents, grandparents & Nannies. It is a real blessing to see them having fun together in a safe place.

Please send items for the newsletter to: Andy Mills