



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 January

Sunday 5th	10:30am	what shape are we? <i>Colossians 3:1-17</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 12th	10:30am	<i>a Jesus shaped people</i> <i>Mark 9:2-8 & Acts 9:1-6</i> Service led by Andy Mills Including communion
Sunday 19th	10:30am	<i>a Jesus shaped people</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20 & 1 Corinthians 11:1</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 26th	10:30am	<i>a Jesus shaped people</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12 & Romans 12:1-21</i> Service led by Andy Mills

musings from the manse

‘Blue Monday’ apart from being the title of a cracking tune by New Order, is the name given to what some have classified as the most depressing day of the year. With dark nights, generally dismal weather, the joy of Christmas and the New Year in the rearview mirror, and the prospect of the bills for the seasonal celebrations arriving; the darkness can feel like it is deepening in our lives as well. ‘Blue Monday’ this year is due to be the 20th January.

I don’t know what frame of mind you will be in come that day. I don’t know the pressures you will be facing. The dark clouds that may seem to be looming over your life. In many ways none of us can know the burdens we each bear, but I do know we don’t need to bear them alone.

We can walk through life together as God’s. So, find someone to share your ‘Blue Monday’ with if you are feeling burdened and down. Talk, do something you enjoy, eat well, enjoy nature.

But most of all we can find some respite from the ‘blues’ this January, and that is Jesus, the one who said this:

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

So come the 20th January this year and if the feeling of ‘Blue Monday’ creeps up on you, draw close to the one whose promise has endured two-thousand years, and in which we can find reassurance and hope to comfort to sustain us each and every day.

Andy Mills

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
Saturday 4 th Jan	8:30am	Men's breakfast Woodstock BC
Thursday 9 th Jan		Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.
Wednesday 15 th Jan	7:30pm	Church members meeting Woodstock BC



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.

	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
Jan 5th	Joanne	Pauline	Joanne
12th	Annabelle & Bruce	Julie	
19th	TBD	Joanne	
26th	TBD	Jenny	

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church



A lovely opportunity to knit, crochet or draw.

All are welcome

Thursday 9th January

10.30am to 12.00pm in the Church Hall

Suggested donation of £2 per person

For further information see the Methodist Church website

Woodstock 50+ Cinema Club

run by AgeUK

Friday 24th January, 10am to 12pm in the Church Hall

£3.50 per person inc tea/coffee and biscuits



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Amahl & The Night Visitors. Menotti's most delightful and enchanting opera sung in English. Suitable for all the family and those who don't normally go to opera. Opera Anywhere are coming back for the 6th time, here at St Mary Magdalene on Friday 3 January 2025 at 6pm. Tickets £22, Under 18 & students £12, under 12 £7 available from MA, Woodstock Bookshop or online from www.operaanywhere.com

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.

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 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.

Luke 2 v 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was upon Him. MEV

Please send items for the newsletter to:

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