



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 August

Sunday 4th	10:30am	Samuel leads Israel <i>1 Samuel 7:2b-17</i> Service led by Andy Mills Including communion
Sunday 11th	10:30am	Samuel the mediator <i>1 Samuel 8:1-22</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 18th	10:30am	Samuel versus Saul <i>1 Samuel 13:1-15</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 25th	10:30am	Samuel and David <i>1 Samuel 16:1-15</i> Service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

I was chatting with someone this morning about the quieter summer period being a time when I could possibly catch up on some of those things that I had not quite had time for previously. Bits that had been shunted in to my “to do” tray, weeks, months, or even years ago!

The myth of a quieter summer is one I am yet to truly experience, possibly because there is always something to do, probably because someone else likes to always fill my time, be it God or another person. However, as with most people’s lives there are times of life when things are busier and when things are quieter. Times when I can spend more moments thinking ahead and choosing to act more reflectively, rather than rushing into decisions and acting reactively.

We like the fields of farmers need fallow periods to recuperate and find restoration in our lives. The lie that says we always have to look busy as followers of Jesus is not easily dispelled. Dallas Willard, however, writes of the need to “*ruthlessly eliminate hurry in our lives*”, learning from the example of Jesus who in the midst of his action packed three years of ministry regularly retreated to a place of silence and solitude, a time to stop busying himself.

When the opportunities come in life to slow down and reflect, take them. Don’t go looking for the next job to fill up your time, because that job will soon turn up whether you look for it or not. Take that moment as being something that is there for the good of your life; your life with God and your life with others. Find a new rhythm when you can.

Your minister

Andy

Mondays	9:30-11am	Foodbank Woodstock Baptist Church
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	10:00am	Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn for further details

Thursday 1st August	3-4:30pm	Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.
Saturday 3rd August	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Wednesday 4th September	10:30am	Noah's Ark planning meeting at Woodstock Baptist Church

Coming up.....

September – Ride and Stride.

Tearfund Quiz –Date TBD

Gareth Davies Jones – Christmas concert on Sunday 8th December

Autumn – Saturday event with possibility to talk about faith/life issues as a bridging step towards Alpha

August	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
4th	Annabelle & Bruce	Julie	Joanne
11th	Joanne	Annabelle	
18th	TBD	Pauline	
25th	TBD	Joanne	

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.

Woodstock 50+ Cinema Club

**Come and spend a relaxing morning to get together,
watch a film and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, and biscuits.**



When: Fourth Friday of the month, 10am-12pm

Where: Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street,
Woodstock, OX20 1TT

Cost: £3.50 per person

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Prayers

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

We hold in our prayers Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, June & Mike, Phil & Sarah, friends & family.

We pray for our students and their families waiting for exam results.

We pray for people away on holiday. We pray for their safety travelling and hope they come back to us refreshed in body & mind, having enjoyed a time of relaxation.

Lord, we ask that you use our world leaders to bring about positive change in the world and that they would be a source of hope and encouragement to those around them.

We trust in your goodness and faithfulness, and we know that you are sovereign over all things. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

You have arranged the earth, set all its boundaries; You are the Architect of *the seasons*: summer and winter.

Psalm 74:17

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