



Woodstock Baptist Church

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Welcome to our services!

**During the Coronavirus Pandemic the church
will be closed.**

We are currently meeting through the technology of Zoom every Sunday and have a number of prayer meetings and fellowship groups in the same way. You may still contact the church through the email above.

Services in June

Sunday 7th	10:30am	Communion service Preacher Stephen Wallace
Sunday 14th	10:30am	Preacher Matthew Bodinham
Sunday 21st	10:30am	Preacher Nick Archer
Sunday 28 th	10:30am	Preacher June Trumper

Please feel free to contact Nick Archer about any matters including further information or relevant contact details for any meeting listed in this newsletter.

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Every Tuesday	10:30am	The Men's ARC (Active-Retirees Coffee Club) gather at a computer for a Zoom session for coffee and conversation.
Every Wednesday	7:30pm	An informal meeting for sharing, discussion and prayer. A valuable 30 or so minutes to chat and pray.
Every Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn Allen for further details
Every Friday	3:30pm	Woodstock Housegroup We continue to have zoom meetings on a weekly basis. At the moment we are alternating between fellowship and prayer on one week followed by a bible study on God's Covenants the next week. Details from Hannah, Sarah-Jane, June, Mike & Jenny, Bruce & Annabelle.
Thursday 4 th June	7:45 for 8pm start	Ladies Prayer Meeting Contact Ruth Archer for Zoom joining details

Tuesday 9 th June	2pm	Deacon's Meeting
Wednesday 17 th	7:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Church meeting</u></p> <p>This will be using the same Zoom link as Wednesday evening fellowship, it will be circulated again nearer the time. Join to share ideas/ask questions/pray. Like chatting on Zoom after 1030 service on a Sunday - enjoyable and encouraging and a source of good ideas.</p>

Older Sunday school is currently taking place by Zoom straight after the Sunday service, the younger group meet on a Tuesday afternoon – contact Ruth Archer for details. As we are now more proficient at using Zoom, this group now meets as a ‘breakout’ meeting at the end of the 10:30am service. This allows others to stay chatting – you have to provide your own coffee etc! This has been a good development, we can now say ‘stay behind and chat after the service’



Sunday Craft Café

The Craft Café continues to meet via Zoom at 3pm on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please join us for a relaxed and informal time together to share in craft activities whilst also enjoying a catch up. If you have your own craft project, please feel free to bring it along - we are also able to provide activities and resources for anyone needing them (contact us).

Recent projects have included:

notebook making, peg dolls & decorating tote bags. Future activities include a crochet tutorial and decorating tea-light jars. Everyone is welcome even if you would prefer to just come along for a chat!

Dates for this month are: **7th & 21st June**

The Sunday Craft Café Team

Foodbank: if you wish to give whilst the church building is closed, you can donate money on line: <http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/#/donations/4542603964> .You may also leave donations of food or other items in the porch of 20 Flemings Road, ideally in a bag and they will be dropped over to the Foodbank. Alternatively Woodstock Co-Operative shop has a drop off point too.

Advance Notices

Keep an eye open for information on joint plans by the Woodstock Christians as we consider the approach to a big influx of people to the town as the new houses get built.

Pray and be ready to help if you can.

We are planning Joe's baptism, currently looking at July 19th. This is exciting and if it goes ahead on that date we will make sure that people can join in by Zoom if meetings are not allowed or not wise. The date may need to be changed. Anyone wanting to explore/find out more about baptism can join the preparatory sessions that Matt Bodinham and Sarah - Jane Ward are running, without obligation. Please contact them or any deacon for more information.

⁴ And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

2 Samuel 23 v 4 (KJV)



Nicola Onions

Are you like a swan, serene on top or paddling furiously underneath?
Some of us are coping better than others in the lockdown and as it is eased it brings anxieties to the front. We feel relatively safe in our own home venturing out just for the basic shopping or helping a relative or neighbour. Starting back to work with so many unknowns will be difficult, you will not be the only person to be feeling like this. Pray, share your anxieties with loved ones and work colleagues. There are some great organisations to help you on the other end of a phone. Please do not suffer in silence, reach out, and get the help you need.

Prayers

For all the scale of this pandemic, let us not forget that every life lost is an individual who is loved by God and loved by those who shared their life.

Let us pray for the work of the Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) and its continued success under the leadership of Matt. We pray that the funding application will be successful. The trust, is still looking for a new Chair of Trustees. Please pray that God is calling the right person, and that they are a good fit.

Please continue to pray for our regional minister and for Woodstock deacons as they consider nominations for possible ministers here - for wisdom and readiness to be open to the unexpected. And that these qualities will be within the fellowship when members need to discuss possible candidates. Pray for us to find the right person at the right time and for God to be preparing our future minister and ourselves to work together in spreading His kingdom

Please pray for Joe as he prepares for baptism & for anyone who wishes to consider this option for themselves.

Please pray for everyone returning to work at this difficult time.

Although Spencer Court services are suspended for the time being, please still pray for God's presence and blessing on residents and staff there and in all care homes.

*Please send items for the newsletter to:
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