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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 March

Sunday 2 nd March	10:30am	a grace shaped people: <i>the impossibility of forgiveness?</i> <i>Matthew 18:21-35 & Psalm 103:6-12</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Wednesday 5th March	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday communion
Sunday 9 th March	10:30am	Cluster pulpit exchange <i>Colossians 4:2-6</i> Service led by Bruce Cummings With Revd. Zoltan Biro preaching including communion
Sunday 16 th March	10:30am	a cross-shaped people: <i>reconciliation</i> <i>Romans 5:1-11</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 23 rd March	10:30am	<i>a cross-shaped people: sacrifice</i> <i>Hebrews 10:1-18</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 30 th March	10:30am	a cross-shaped people: <i>suffering</i> <i>Matthew 27:33-54</i> Service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (5th March) and leads us up to the events of Holy Week culminating in Good Friday. Yet the shadow of the cross falls backward through the season of Lent defining the disciplines of spirituality that are to shape us in this season of the church year.

The call of Lent is to deny the power of temptation over your life and to renew your commitment to following Jesus. This call of repentance was at the heart of Jesus kingdom message. *“The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”* (Mark 1:15)

To repent means to turn around from where you were going and choose to go in another direction, and in this case the direction you choose to go in is to follow Jesus.

Lent is a chance for reorientation in your life, with the shadow of the cross falling backward from Good Friday signposting to you to the forgiveness, new life and grace that God gifts you in Jesus Christ.

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
Saturday 1 st March	8:30am	Men's breakfast Woodstock Baptist Church
Sunday 2 nd March	3-4:30pm	Craft Cafe
Thursday 6 th March		Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.
Saturday 15 th March	10-11:30am	Hot cross buns & More
Wednesday 19 th March	7:30pm	Church meeting AGM

Please send items for the newsletter to:

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Craft Café Sunday 2nd March

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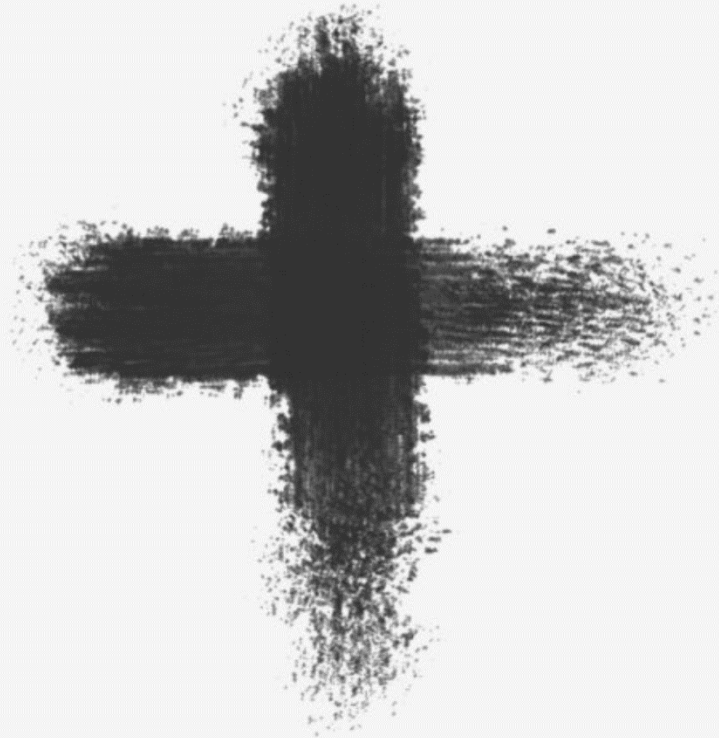
SUNDAY CRAFT CAFÉ

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

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

First Sunday of the month
February –July, September
–December 3-4:30pm

a service of communion for
Ash Wednesday



Wednesday 5th March 2025

7.30pm

all welcome

'I call you friends'

reflections on friendship



Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon Lent Course

'I call you friends' – reflections on
friendship

The Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon Lent Course is an opportunity for us to join with other Christians in our community and reflect together on the theme of friendship.

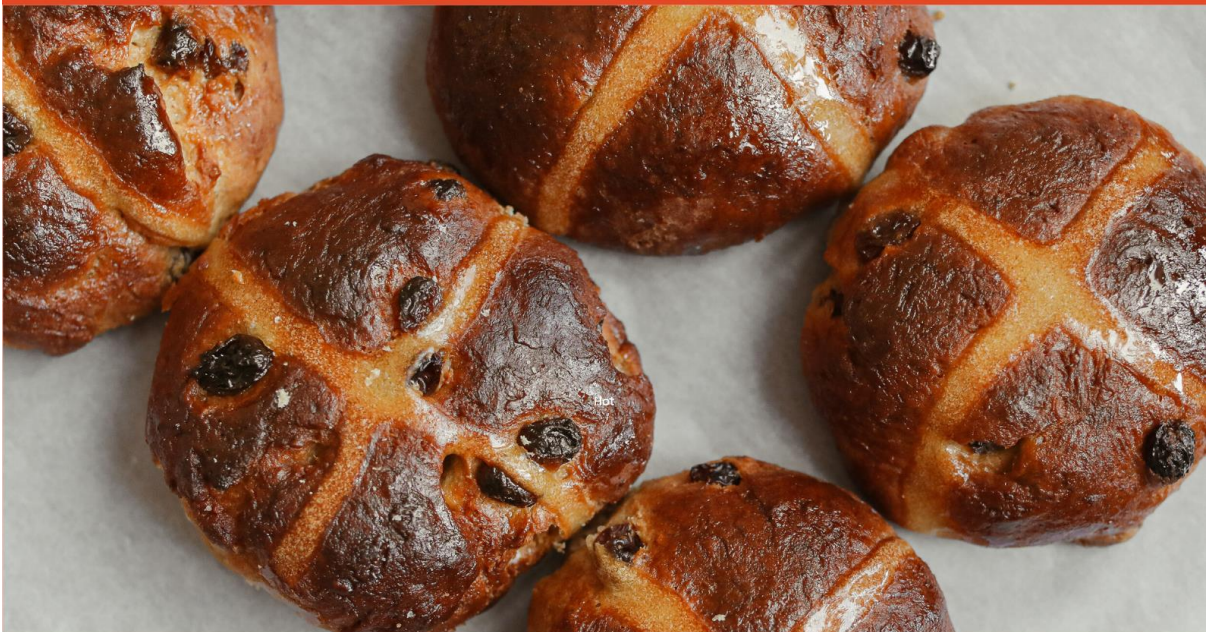
Each session will likely be about an hour in length, and the hope is that the groups will be comprised of a mix of people from across the churches in Woodstock and Bladon, though the leader of each group will be from the church where that the group is meeting. Groups will be meeting in Woodstock Baptist on Monday evenings (**beginning 10 Mar**) at 7.30pm, in St. Mary Magdelene on Tuesday afternoons (beginning 11 Mar) at 2pm or at Woodstock Methodist on Thursday mornings (beginning 13 Mar) at 11am.

The course reflects on the theme of friendship across five sessions, looking at what the bible says, what this might mean for our lives today, and in particular helping us explore more of what friendship between our different churches in Woodstock and Bladon might look like.

If you are interested in finding out more or attending, please chat to Andy.

Saturday 15th March

Hot Cross Buns and more



**come and join us
for *free* hot cross buns and drinks**

**on Saturday 15th March 2025
10 to 11.30am**

Woodstock Baptist Church



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.

March	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
2nd	Joanne	Pauline	June
9th	Annabelle & Bruce	Julie	
16th	Pauline & Julie	Joanne	
23rd	Hannah & June	Jenny	
30th	Pat & Alan	Pat	



World Day of Prayer 2025 – Friday 7th March 2025
Church's Together Ecumenical Service – Held at
Woodstock Methodist Church - 7pm

Written by the women of the Cook Islands “I made you wonderful”

Kia Orana – May you live long and may you live well!

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for this year's World Day of Prayer. The Cook Islands are a tiny nation, made up of 15 Islands located in the South Pacific Ocean. Their total size is around two-thirds that of the Isle of Wight. They have a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature - as seen in the painting to the right especially created for this service. However, there are challenges being severely vulnerable to climate change and the devaluing of their culture.



The Cook Island women have chosen the words of Psalm 139 “I made you wonderful” as their theme. Through their words and stories, they invite us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. We should celebrate this and cherish all aspects of who we are and of those around us.

As we take part in this service, we will be joining in the great wave of prayer which encircles the globe, praying with, and for the Cook Island and its people. This wave starts as the sun rises over Western Samoa and Tonga and ends some 36 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. Our service is at 7pm on the 7th March, at Woodstock Methodist Church. All are welcome – all ages and genders!

If you would like any more information, please contact Sarah-Jane
07928701354

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church

A lovely opportunity to knit, crochet or draw together.



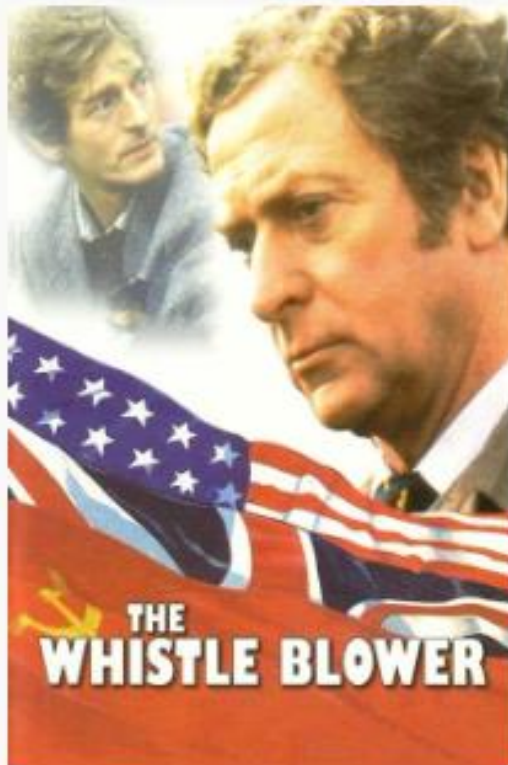
All are welcome March 3rd & April 7th

2pm to 4pm in the Church Suggested contribution of £2 per session to cover running costs.

Woodstock Methodist Tuesday afternoon Fellowship group

4th March Lent Rev Jean King

Cinema Club



Friday 28th February

1000 to 1200

in the Church hall

Run by AgeUK

Aged 55+

£3.50 per person including refreshments

Prayers

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

Please pray for Carolyn, Gary & family. Tori, Pete, Anna & Joe.

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 pray for the right person to come forward to work alongside Matthew and extend possibilities in our local primary schools.

We give thanks for all who attend Noah's Ark.

Pray for the students taking part in the World Day of Prayer that they will feel blessed by God's presence as they learn more about the World that He created.

Precious Lord, thanks for creating us, all in our own different but unique way. We are all so different in our minds and attitudes, yet when we come together, we come as one spiritually knowing that you are at the helm.

Lord, it's so uplifting to know we are so wonderfully made. Thank you, Lord, for moulding us in such a beautiful way. Lord, we acknowledge we have weaknesses and flaws, but when we come before you, we come as one seeking your forgiveness, guidance and protection.

Dear Lord, the harvest is ripe and ready to be plucked. We ask you to equip us with the armour of wisdom and courage, ready for the reaping. Surround us, Lord, with your mighty presence and encircle us with your impenetrable shield.

Lord, we thank you for hearing our prayers, as we walk in the confidence of your presence, knowing that you are interceding on our behalf with your continuous protection.

In your mighty name we pray. Amen.

by Audrey Eccleston
from Together in Prayer, 2025