



Woodstock Baptist Church  
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**May 2025**



**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 May

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am	<i>a resurrection shaped people – presence</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am	<i>a resurrection shaped people – reality</i> <i>John 11:1-44</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am	<i>a resurrection shaped people – truth</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30am	<i>a resurrection shaped people – joy</i> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i> Service led by Andy Mills

## *Musings from the manse*

Jesus often talks in terms of his disciples bearing fruit.

In the Sermon on the Mount, he contrasts those who are in the kingdom who bear good fruit and those outside the kingdom who bear bad fruit; (Matthew 7:17) and that a good tree will be recognised by good fruit.

(Matthew 12:33) On the occasion of the Last Supper shares his reflections on his disciples bearing fruit when he says: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' (John 15:5)

Fruitfulness is the hallmark of a being a disciple of Jesus.

Now this is not the time of the year for most plants to bear fruit, but it is the time of the year for plants to do the growing and getting ready to produce fruit.

The fruit we are called to produce is not what we do though, the fruit of our lives as disciples of Jesus is a character that is like Jesus that will means we live as Jesus, a character displaying the fruit of the Spirit: 'love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' Galatians 5:22-23

So, what kind of fruit are you getting ready to produce in your life as a disciple of Jesus?

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	9-9:30am	Morning prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 892 8863 1407 - Passcode: 642818)
Every Wednesday	12noon-1pm	Daytime Housegroup at the church. Bible study, fellowship & prayer. Talk to Alan B if you would like more details.
Every Wednesday	7:30-8pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 833 1374 4413 - Passcode: 733689)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	8:30am	Men's breakfast Woodstock Baptist Church
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	3-4:30pm	Craft Cafe
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7:30pm	Church meeting

# Craft Café Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

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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





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](http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/#/donations/4542603964)

Your support for the foodbank is much appreciated.

<b>May</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Joanne</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Anna &amp; Pete</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>Bruce &amp; Annabelle</b>	<b>Joanne</b>	
<b>18th</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Jenny</b>	
<b>25th</b>	<b>Pat &amp; Alan</b>	<b>Pat</b>	

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 17th May 2025**

**in aid of North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank**



**6.30pm for a 7pm start**

St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock OX20 1JL

**food provided** please bring your own drinks

to book your place email: [wbcenquiry@woodstockbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:wbcenquiry@woodstockbaptistchurch.org.uk)

**FREE ENTRY**  
donations welcome for



## Events in other Woodstock churches

# MINECRAFT SERVICE

10.30AM  
SUNDAY 11TH MAY

**All-age cafe style service**

**All welcome (with or without  
Minecraft experience)**

Opportunities to join our Minecraft world  
via your own tablet/phone or use one of  
ours.

For those not wishing to use Minecraft - there  
is craft, lego, quiet space, discussion.

Woodstock Methodist Church

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## Afternoon Teas for Christian Aid

**Woodstock Methodist Church 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
2-5pm**

Please save the date – Saturday 17 May - and come along for afternoon tea between 2.00 – 5.00p.m. at Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street, OX20 1TT (the church with the rainbow). All proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid to enable them and their trusted partners to support communities around the world to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty on their own terms.

This year's Christian Aid Week (11-17 May) is focusing on Christian Aid's work in Guatemala, where families are working hard to beat poverty and hunger in the face of the climate crisis. To find out more visit **[caid.org.uk](http://caid.org.uk)**

If you would like help on the 17<sup>th</sup> or donate a cake or other bake, please contact Debbie on 07882 447214 or email [doranteanby@btinternet.com](mailto:doranteanby@btinternet.com).



## Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, Gill & Tim, June & Mike, 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 thank God for prayers answered as Libby has been appointed to work alongside Matthew and extend possibilities in our local primary schools.

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

Lord, our Spring flowers are blooming. Thank you for this reminder of renewal.

*Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not work or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.*

Luke 12:27

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