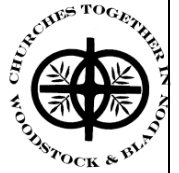




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May 2026



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 3 rd May	10:30am	One rule to rule them all <i>Matthew 7:12</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 10 th May	10:30am	Gates, prophets, disciples, builders <i>Matthew 7:13-29</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 17 th May	10:30am	Elijah's first steps <i>1 Kings 17:1-24</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 24 th May	10:30am	Who is the greatest? <i>1 Kings 18:1-40</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 31 st May	10:30am	Elijah on the run <i>1 Kings 18: 41 – 19:18</i> Service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

*For the final choice in my desert island book series I could have gone in several directions, but I eventually settled on a book that I have only come to fairly recently, yet it has had quite a profound impact on me. It is *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes* by Belden Lane.*

It is not an easy book to read, not necessarily because of its complexity, but because its depth and the questions it asks of you as you read it. It explores how we can seek God in the silence and the wilderness experiences of life. Belden Lane interweaves meditations on faith with the story of his mother's long struggle with Alzheimer's and cancer, to produce a book that perhaps leaves the reader with more questions than answers, yet tis also perhaps reflects our experience of a life of faith.

It is a book that can challenges us to consider how much we can and cannot say about God. How much we need to remain silent about and simply experience.

It will not be a book that everyone will find helpful, maybe not even many of you, but it certainly was powerful read.

Your minister

Andy

Mondays	9:30-11am	Foodbank
Mondays	7:30pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 882 9977 6237 Passcode: 147582)
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.
Saturday 2 nd May	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Sunday 3 rd May	3-4:30pm	Craft café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 9 th May	6:30pm For 7pm start.	Quiz night See details below.
Wednesday 20 th May	7:30pm	Church members meeting Woodstock Baptist Church

Craft Café Sunday 3rd May



Woodstock Baptist Church

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

Your support for the foodbank is much appreciated.

May	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd	TBD	Jenny	Anna & Pete
10th	Bruce & Annabelle	Pat	
17th	Andy & Mary	June	
24th	Joanne	Annabelle	
31st	Pat & Alan	Pauline	

Please have a word with Pat if you can help with refreshments. Serving refreshments after church is a valuable practice for building community, fostering relationships, and extending hospitality to newcomers. It creates a welcoming atmosphere where people can connect, support one another, and experience church as a caring family



Coming soon....

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 9th May 2026

in aid of North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank



6.30pm for a 7pm start

Maximum team size: 8 people

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

FREE ENTRY
donations welcome for



Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church



12th May 'Favourite Words' David Shepherd

26th May 'Wesley Day' Rev. Michael Sawyer

Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Pat & Alan, Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Chris, Pauline, Julie & June

Prayers also for our families attending Noah's Ark. We pray they will enjoy friendship and fun in a relaxed setting.

We continue to pray in unity for peace on earth and in particular upon the Ukraine-Russia borderlands.

God of justice, move the hearts of world leaders. Turn them away from hatred and pride toward dialogue, diplomacy, and a lasting peace.

Please send items for the newsletter to: Andy Mills
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“You are the light that gives light to the world.
A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14 NCV