



Woodstock Baptist Church  
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**November 2024**



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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 November

Sunday 3rd	10:30am	<i>Psalm 119:1-16</i> Service led by Pat & Alan Band <b>including communion</b>
Sunday 10th	10:30am	<i>Psalm 46</i> Service led by Bruce Cummings <b>including act of Remembrance</b>
Sunday 17th	10:30am	<i>Jonah is angry with God</i> <i>Jonah 3:10 – 4:11</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 24th	10:30am	<i>Waiting for a King</i> <i>Daniel 7: 9-10, Matthew 25:31-46,</i> <i>Colossians 1:11-20</i> Service led by Andy Mills

## **musings from the manse**

**Leaves to rake, summer plants to cut back, the autumn garden rituals are upon us. They may feel laborious, we may feel reluctant to go out in the cold and the damp to do them. But they are necessary in order for the flourishing and fruitfulness of that green space the next spring and summer.**

***Jesus says in John's gospel, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.'* (John 15:1-2)**

**It is not only our gardens that need some seasonal maintenance but also our lives of faith. Our life in Christ needs an autumnal, or any season, clean up.**

**This though is not something that we do. This is not a self-pruning, but a God pruning. We are the garden and God is the gardener.**

**We need to be willing to allow God to come and act in our life to 'prune us.' Through his Spirit challenge us to stop doing things, start doing things, transform behaviours and attitudes. We need to surrender to God for this to happen. Be willing to be formed by God into something new, something better.**

**This autumn find some time, maybe when you are out in the garden, and ask God to come and work in your life to 'prune' your faith so you are shaped more in the likeness of Jesus and so that in the seasons to come you will be ever more fruitful.**

***Your minister***

***Andy***

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>9:30-11am</b>	<b>Foodbank</b>
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>The Men's ARC (Actively Retired's Coffee Club) gather at the church before descending on a coffee house for conversation.</b>
<b>Every Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Revival prayer meeting on zoom. For more information contact, Carolyn</b>
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	<b>12noon-1pm</b>	<b>Daytime Housegroup at the church. Bible study, fellowship &amp; prayer. Talk to Alan B if you would like more details.</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn for further details</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Men's breakfast Venue TBD</b>

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>3-4:30pm</b>	<b>Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Church Members meeting</b>



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.

<b>Nov</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Annabelle &amp; Bruce</b>	<b>Pat</b>	<b>Sarah-Jane</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>June</b>	
<b>17th</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Hannah</b>	
<b>24th</b>	<b>Pat &amp; Alan</b>	<b>Julie</b>	

**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.

## Craft Café 3<sup>rd</sup> November



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# SUNDAY CRAFT CAFÉ

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



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



First Sunday of the Month  
3.00-4.30pm



## Notices

The local cluster group are organising a Growing Leaders course. This is running at Kidlington and Eynsham, and will be based at Woodstock Baptist Church on the 3rd Tuesday of month in September, October and November, 7.30pm



**donations  
welcome for**

**tearfund**

**FREE ENTRY**

Saturday 30th November 2024  
**6.30pm for a 7pm start**

St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock, OX20 1JL  
food provided, please bring your own drinks  
**maximum team size 8 people**

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





"An engaging evening of carols,  
Christmas songs, singalongs  
and stories to celebrate the  
Christmas Season."



# THE DARKEST MIDNIGHT IN DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS ACOUSTIC  
TOUR 2024

with  
GARETH DAVIES-JONES



SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 6.00PM  
WOODSTOCK BAPTIST CHURCH  
TICKETS: £15.00



## 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 and our families and friends.

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 the students who visit our church from the Marlborough School. Lord our God, in your wisdom and love send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

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 give thanks for all who attend Noah's Ark, children, parents, grandparents & Nannies. It is a real blessing to see them having fun together in a safe place.

*Please send items for the newsletter to:*

*Andy Mills*

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