

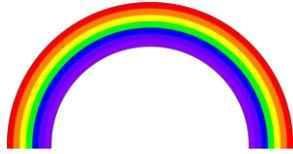


Woodstock Baptist Church

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## **Welcome to our services!**

**During the Covid 19 Pandemic the church building has been closed.**

Services and other meetings will be on Zoom during October although the building will be open during the day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for private prayer and we are exploring reopening for some services to be combined in the building and on Zoom.

You may still contact the church through the email above.

## Services in October

Sunday 4th	10:30am	Communion service Preacher Bruce Cummings
Sunday 11th	10:30am	Preacher Pat Band
Sunday 18th	10:30am	Preacher Deborah Rooke
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Preacher TBA

Many of the sermons will be under the general theme of Church as a Community and Church in the Community as a way of helping us to see how we as a church can be more effective in standing for, living out and recommending the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

Mondays	7:45pm for approx. 90 minutes.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Woodstock House group</u></b></p> <p>We continue to meet using Zoom  We will be studying the book <i>Mission Shaped Living</i> by John McGinley. If anyone would like to join they would be warmly welcomed. We do the studies fortnightly and it is preferable if You purchase a copy of the book per household. If you are interested in joining then please speak to either Bruce or Jenny B.</p>
Every Tuesday	10:30am	<p>The Men's ARC gather at the Community Woodland in Old Woodstock for socially distanced chat and coffee drinking (bring your own!).</p>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Deacons meeting</p>
Every Wednesday	7:30pm	<p>An informal on line meeting for sharing, discussion and prayer. A valuable 30 or so minutes to chat and pray.</p>

Every Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn Allen for further details
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	4:30pm	<b><u>Ladies Prayer Meeting</u></b> Contact Jenny Bodinham for Zoom joining details

Sunday school groups have been informal over the summer and the exact timing and format for the younger group (which has been meeting on Tuesdays) will need to be decided when people know their new school term schedules. The older group are likely to continue as a 'breakout' at the end of the 10:30 Sunday service. Both groups have been actively involved in services over the summer and we look forward to their continued valuable input.



### Sunday Craft Café

The Craft Café continues to meet via Zoom at 3pm on the first Sunday 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 Gill ). Everyone is welcome even if you would prefer to just come along for a chat!  
Date for this month is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
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 or contact us to collect. Alternatively Woodstock Co-Operative shop has a drop off point too.

Client numbers are up by 200% since lockdown.

## **Advance Notices**

We are carefully exploring moving some services into church and value members opinions and suggestions on this. Zoom will continue to be used when services in the building recommence.



**Tear Fund Big Quiz Night -**  
**Saturday November 14th.**

Anna and Pete have agreed to take the lead in this again this year, it is not clear yet whether it will be an online event or at a local venue ( but maybe not our church building as some form of social distancing is likely to be required or appropriate). Put the date in your diary now and start thinking about your team and how lockdown variations may influence how you work together!

Last year the quiz raised an incredible £250,000 with 562 churches involved and more than 26,000 people taking part across the UK.



## Prayers

We give thanks for the life of our dear friend Shirley, at peace now with the Lord. Shirley's constant faith in God supported and consoled her daily through the difficult times. She had no fear but a peace in the knowledge that she would be welcomed with open arms and we can only stand and admire her strength. We pray that we will be able to celebrate Shirley's life at some time in the near future. Our prayers are with all the family.

We also remember the sad loss of Susie Fuller after a courageous battle. We pray for Mike and the family that their strength will guide them through the dark days. [Romans 14:8](#) - For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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. We pray for countries across the world who lack the medical facilities that we have.

Please pray for people who have been made redundant at this difficult time. They have been particularly affected by the pandemic and the job situation could take years to recover. We remember also the homeless who were housed during the pandemic and pray that they will find permanent accommodation. We continue to pray for the work of Foodbank as numbers needing support have risen.

We pray for those who are known to us who are sick, who have had difficult news and are awaiting treatment.

We remember particularly, Phillip, Carolyn & family.

The deacons are receiving names of possible ministerial candidates. Pray for discernment and wisdom for the deacons and in due course for the Church as we look for our next minister, particularly with the unfamiliar patterns that lockdown requires us to follow. Pray for that person in their currently ministry.

We trust God to be preparing our future minister and ourselves to work together in spreading His kingdom

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

We give thanks that our young people have made a safe return to school and are adapting to the new 'normal'.

## Prayers

We pray for Lauren as she heads off to University at this difficult time. We pray that she stays safe and well and enjoys the course she has been accepted on. We pray for her family as they adapt to a household of three, and how strange that feels to begin with.

Since September 2020, Woodstock Youth Work Trust has had a formal agreement with The Marlborough C of E School to provide a chaplaincy programme for the school.

This programme is headed up by Youth Worker, Matt Bodinham, who now spends half his time in the school working as the Chaplaincy Team Leader.

This role involves liaising with the students, staff, and local churches to build a team of people committed to serving the Christian values within the school. This is a really exciting development which they have been working toward for a long time. We give thanks to all who made this happen and continue to pray for positive outcomes.

We do not yet know about how or when to re-open Noah's Ark. Please pray for wisdom and a clear understanding of the way to do this.

**An Irish blessing, one that Mike Fuller often uses.**

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall upon your fields.

And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

*Please send items for future newsletters to:  
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