



Woodstock Baptist Church  
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**October 2024**



*Nicola Onions*



**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 October

Sunday 6th	10:30am	<i>Psalm 8</i> Service led by Bruce Cummings including communion Service
Sunday 13th	10:30am	Harvest <i>Joel 2:21-27, Psalm 19</i> & <i>Matthew 6:25-33</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 20th	10:30am	Jonah runs away <i>Jonah 1:1-17</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 27th	10:30am	Jonah goes to Nineveh <i>Jonah 2:1 – 3:10</i> Service led by Andy Mills

## **musings from the manse**

We have now moved past the point where there is more darkness in the day than light with the autumn equinox behind us, and with the clocks falling backwards on the 27<sup>th</sup> October we find the darkness appearing earlier each day.

There are many who dread this time of year. I knew someone who hated the day after midsummer's day because he knew from that point on there would be less daylight for the next six months. Darkness can loom over us.

But the darkness of night, or darkness as a metaphor for the hard times of life, is something that we cannot escape. Night was created by God as much as the day and God is sovereign over the darkness of night and the darkness of life. The Psalmist declares, 'The day is yours, and yours also the night' (Psalm 74:16) about our God.

Darkness will come. Yet God is still with us.

*Your minster*

*Andy*

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

*Book of Common Prayer*

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
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details.

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
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Noah's Ark, the Wednesday morning toddler group  
9:45-11:15 am.

**Every Wednesday in term time. Starting 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
Please contact either Andy if you may be able to help  
in running this valuable and much appreciated  
ministry/community service.

<b>Oct</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
6th	Annabelle & Bruce	Annabelle	June
13th	Pauline & Julie	Pauline	
20th	Joanne	Joanne	
27th	Pat & Alan	Jenny	

## Craft Café 6th October

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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

## **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.

## **Notices**



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The Harvest offering- Médecins sans frontiers is this year's recipient. There will also be a collection of food for the foodbank.

**A bring & share lunch will take place after the service.**

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

Gareth Davies Jones – Christmas concert on Sunday 8th December. Tickets available soon.

<https://www.garethdavies-jones.com/tour>





# **cakes and more ...**



## **plus 'Ask Andy'**

**our minister Andy Mills will be available for you  
to chat about anything related to life & faith**

**so come and join us  
for free cakes and drinks, and a chat  
on Saturday 19th October – 10 to 11.30am  
Woodstock Baptist Church**



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)



## 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 prayers 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

O LORD, our Lord,  
how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory  
above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1 MEV

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