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Nicola Onions

Welcome to our services!

We are pleased to announce our Sunday services are now taking place in church (and are on Zoom at the same time)

All other meetings take place via Zoom.

**The building is also open for private prayer
Wednesday-Friday.**

You may contact the Minister Andy Mills by phone or email, details above.

Services in September

Sunday 5th	10:30am	Preacher Andy Mills Communion Service Joy in creation Psalm 19:1-6
Sunday 12th	10:30am	Preacher Nick Archer
Sunday 19th	10:30am	Preacher Andy Mills Caring for creation Genesis 1:26-28, Romans 8:18-25
Sunday 26th	10:30am	Preacher Andy Mills Harvest Service Celebrating with creation Psalm 104:1-35

Musings from the manse

What a wonderful world

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.” (Psalm 24:1 (NLT))

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.” (Psalm 19:1 (NLT))

In 1967 Louis Armstrong sang Bob Thiele and David Weiss’s song “What a Wonderful World” but all he was doing was echoing the words of the Psalmist centuries before.

In recent years Creationtide has become a feature of many churches where for the month of September there is a focus on God as the creator and sustainer of all life. This focus includes a concern for the environment and church’s celebration of Harvest.

This year Creationtide, I think, has a special focus as it comes in the lead up to COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference which is being held in Glasgow from the 1st November. Hopefully we all know how seriously we need to take the issues of climate change, and as God’s church, his stewards of creation, we need to be bold in prayer and action in our response to the challenges we are facing.

So, in September, alongside our Harvest celebration on the 26th September, we are going to be reflecting on how we relate to God our creator and his creation during our Sunday services. And in doing so we will hopefully learn more of what St. Francis of Assisi meant when he in wrote the words of this hymn:

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise Him, hallelujah!*

Your minister, Andy

On Saturday 11th September 2021 at 3pm we are planning an Induction service led by the Revd. Jonathan Hunt (a Regional Minister of Southern Counties Baptist Association) at which the Revd. David Hewitt (retired Baptist Minister and long term friend of Andy's) will preach.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Catholic Church Hall in Woodstock.

Please let Nick know if you intend to come along. Help with refreshments would be very welcome, Annabelle is taking the lead.



http://www.visitwoodstock.co.uk/item/st_hugh

St Hugh of Lincoln

Roman Catholic Church
Hensington Road
Woodstock
OX20 1JH

The Church Hall and parking are located behind the Church

September Flower Rota / **Cleaning**

	Flowers	Cleaning
5th	Hannah	Sarah-Jane
12th	Julie	
19th	Annabelle	
26th	Sue	
3 rd Oct	Marion	Pete & Anna

Mondays	7:45pm for approx. 90 minutes.	<p><u>Woodstock House group</u></p> <p>We continue to meet using Zoom If anyone would like to join they would be warmly welcomed. We do the studies fortnightly. If you are interested in joining then please speak to Bruce.</p>
Every Tuesday	10:30am	<p>The Men's ARC has started back at the Buttery, meet outside church at 10:29! Contact Nick Archer for details</p>
Every Tuesday	7:30pm	<p>Revival prayer meeting on zoom. For more information contact, Carolyn</p>

Every Wednesday	7:30pm	Fellowship meeting by Zoom. An informal on-line meeting for sharing, discussion and prayer. A valuable 30 or so minutes to chat and pray.
Every Thursday	10:00 am	Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn for further details
Thursday 2 nd Sept	4:30pm	Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Ruth for more details.
Friday 3 rd Sept	7pm	World Day of Prayer Woodstock Methodist Church, Ecumenical Service
Saturday 11 th Sept	3pm	Induction service for Andy Mills *More details above
Wednesday 15 th Sept	7:30pm	Church members meeting On Zoom



We are making preparations to restart Noah's Ark, the Wednesday morning toddler group
8th September 9:45-11:15 am.

Please contact either Pat Band or Nick Archer to talk if you may be able to help in running this valuable and much appreciated ministry/community service.

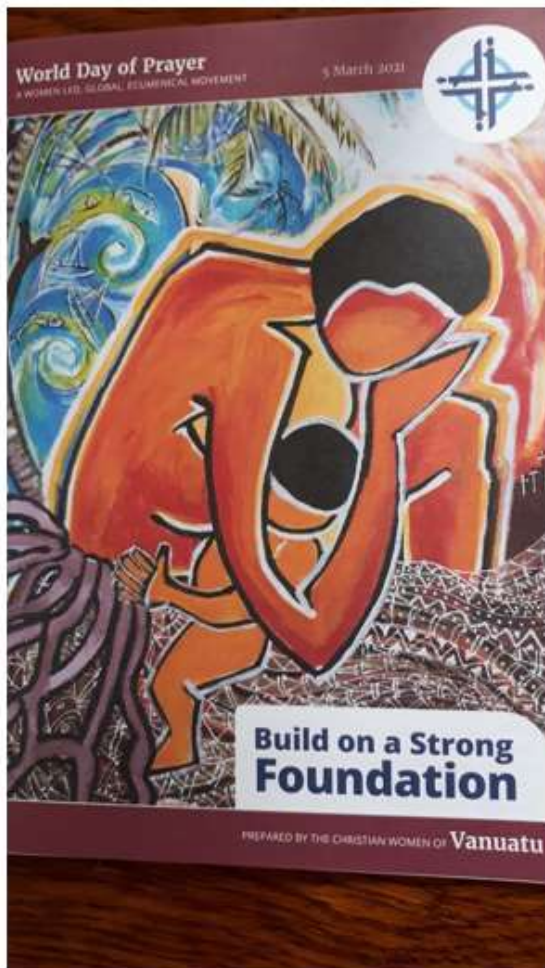
To talk to Pat or Nick does not commit you to joining the team.

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.

Notices



Woodstock Methodist Church
World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service. **Friday 3rd September 7.00 pm.** Postponed from March 5th because of the pandemic. The country featured this year is Vanuatu, an archipelago of 80 islands some 2000 miles east of Australia. All are welcome to the service, which will be led by members from Woodstock's Anglican, Baptist, Catholic and Methodist Churches. Refreshments will be served in the Methodist Hall after the service.



Sunday Craft Café 5th September

The Craft Café continues to meet in via Zoom at 3pm. 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!

The Sunday Craft Café Team

Social events coming soon.

Tearfund Quiz Night

Saturday 27th November.



Prayers

We remember in our prayers Carolyn and family.

We pray also for those who are ill, Cecilia, Tori, Kevin, Sue & Martha's family. Our hope is that you will feel God's presence and His loving arms around you and those who are closest to you. We remember in our prayers all the people who have not been able to attend church or join via Zoom.

You are not forgotten.

We give thanks that we are now able to participate in services in the church and through Zoom.

We remember everyone who has lost a loved one during the pandemic, at home and across the world.

We pray for Brian & Jackie Chilvers and their return to Chad.

We hope for more information soon, but pray that they are safe & well.

We remember in our prayers students and teachers returning to school and University. Different classrooms, new teachers and the worry of Covid as they return on masse. Lord be with them all, whether they are excited to be back among their friends or fearful. Let them feel you ever present.

Amen.

*Please send items for the newsletter to:
Andy Mills or Joanne Onions*