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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 September

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| Sunday 1st | 10:30am | the God who welcomes <i>Isaiah 25:1-12 & Luke 14:15-24</i> Service led by Andy Mills Including communion |
| Sunday 8th | 10:30am | the God who welcomes <i>Leviticus 19:33-34 & Matthew 25:31-46</i> Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 15th | 10:30am | the God who welcomes <i>Galatians 3:26-29</i> Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 22nd | 10:30am | the God who welcomes <i>Revelation 9:9-17, 21:1-4</i> Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 29th | 10:30am | Harvest <i>Joel 2:21-27, Psalm 19,</i> <i>Matthew 6:25-33</i> Service led by Andy Mills |

Musings from the manse

“*We plough the fields and scatter ...*” Words that may transport you in nostalgic delight back to the past or send a shiver down your spine because of the quaint outdated sentiment expressed.

Yet the intention of the German poet Matthais Claudias (translated into English by Jane Campbell) was an expression of thankfulness. Thankfulness to God for the safe gathering of the harvest for another year. Which in former age, would have been an enterprise, far more prone to failure, and yet also a far more community binding event.

Some within our community are involved with the large-scale harvest of crops through farming; many will harvest their endeavors in gardens and allotments; but all of us will receive the blessing of the harvest of food we buy from shops and markets.

The thankfulness that is expressed in Matthais Claudias hymn is one we can all share in at least in spirit if not in the exact repetition of word. A thankfulness to God for all that we have. Our thankfulness is expressed to God, the one whom in the letter of James, in words that echo the chorus of Claudias’s hymn, says, “*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.*” (James 1:17)

In this season of harvest may the spirit of thankfulness for all that we have rise up within us.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

Andy Mills

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| Mondays | 9:30-11am | Foodbank Woodstock Baptist Church |
| 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 | 10:00am | Prayer for renewal/revival Contact Carolyn for further details |

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| Thursday 5th September | 3-4:30pm | Ladies Prayer meeting on Zoom. Contact Carolyn for more details. |
| Saturday 7th September | 8:30am | Men's breakfast Woodstock Baptist Church |

Noah's Ark, the Wednesday morning toddler group
9:45-11:15 am.

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

Craft Café Sunday 1st September

Woodstock Baptist Church

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



Meet our new BMS Link, Ardi.

Ardi serves in Indonesia as Director of Mission at the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF), a long-term partner of BMS. Ardi is responsible for connecting APBF's 65 Baptist convention members and facilitating mission-focused collaboration through training, consultation, and mentoring. APBF's vision is to reach all nations and people groups in Asia and the Pacific by 2040.

During his high school studies in the USA, Ardi experienced God's calling for him to return to Indonesia and serve in full-time ministry, which he did after completing his theological studies. Since 2003, he has been working as a church planter, pastor, lecturer and speaker.

Ardi is married to Lily, and they have two daughters, Joanna and Melody. Ardi loves travel, sports and technology.



Coming up.....



Saturday 14th September 2024

We look forward to our annual Ride+Stride event this September and with the hope that it will be a year blessed with a dry day, with neither too much wind or heat!.

Saturday 14th September – Ride and Stride – Church open – 9am to 4pm with refreshments.



The Harvest offering- Médecins sans frontiers is this year's recipient. There will also be a collection of food for the foodbank.

Tearfund Quiz –Date TBD

Autumn – Saturday event with possibility to talk about faith/life issues as a bridging step towards Alpha.

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

| September | Refreshments | Flowers | Cleaning |
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| 1st | Annabelle & Bruce | Jenny | Annabelle & Bruce |
| 8th | Pauline & Julie | Pat | |
| 15th | TBD | June | |
| 22nd | Pat & Alan | Hannah | |
| 29th | Joanne | Julie | |

Please sign up, if you are able, to help with the coffee rota.

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.

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, our families and friends.

We hold in our prayers Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, June & Mike, Phil & Sarah, friends & family.

We pray for our students and their families as they get ready for the transition to university.

We pray for people away on holiday. We pray for their safety travelling and hope they come back to us refreshed in body & mind, having enjoyed a time of relaxation.

Lord, we ask that you use our world leaders to bring about positive change in the world and that they would be a source of hope and encouragement to those around them.

We trust in your goodness and faithfulness, and we know that you are sovereign over all things. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, and Saviour. Amen.

You have arranged the earth, set all its boundaries; You are the Architect of *the seasons*: summer and winter.

Psalm 74:17

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