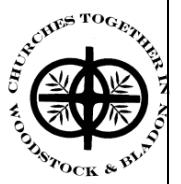




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February 2026



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



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Services in February

Sunday 1 st February	10:30am	Anger leads to ... <i>Matthew 5:21-26</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 8 th February	10:30am	Lust leads to ... <i>Matthew 5:27-32</i> Service led by Andy Mills including communion
Sunday 15 th February	10:30am	Yes or no ... <i>Matthew 5:33-37</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Wednesday 18 th February	7:30pm	<i>Ash Wednesday reflections</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 22 nd February	10:30am	Service led by Bruce Cummings with June Trumper preaching 'The power of breath' 1 st Sunday in Lent

Musings from the Manse

Fleming Rutledge's book Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ is a heavy book, in many senses. It is nearly 700 pages of distilled wisdom from Fleming Rutledge's many years of reflections on the cross of Christ. It is deep, it is thought provoking and it is wonderful.

Sometimes only a 'big book' will do a subject justice, and this is certainly the case here. Yet it is not a tome that resides solely within the prevue of the academic it is written with a warmth and a passion that will allow anyone who like's a 'serious book' to gain from its wisdom. It is a book that would certainly give me something to think about on my desert island.

As we approach the season of Lent, pausing to reflect upon the cross of Christ is something we should perhaps all consider, and whether this is aided by the words of Fleming Rutledge, the words of Scripture, or by someone else, as we journey towards the cross may its transforming and gracious hope speak to us afresh.

Your minister

Andy

Mondays	9:30-11am	Foodbank
Mondays	7:30pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 882 9977 6237 Passcode: 147582)
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	9-9:30am	Morning prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 892 8863 1407 - Passcode: 642818)
Every Wednesday	12noon-1pm	Daytime Housegroup at the church. Bible study, fellowship & prayer. Talk to Alan B if you would like more details.
Sunday 1 st February	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 7 th February	8:30am	Men's prayer breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Saturday 14 th February	10:00-11:30am	Pancakes and more Woodstock Baptist Church

Craft Café Sunday 1st February.

Woodstock Baptist Church

SUNDAY CRAFT CAFÉ

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

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

First Sunday of the month
February –July, September
–December 3-4:30pm

PANCAKES AND MORE ...



**COME AND JOIN US
FOR FREE PANCAKES, FILLINGS AND DRINKS
ON SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 10 TO 11.30AM
WOODSTOCK BAPTIST CHURCH**

gathered in the name of ? images of the church of Christ



Churches Together in Woodstock & Bladon **Lent Studies 2026**

for five weeks beginning 24 February 2026

Tuesdays - 2 to 3pm

St. Mary Magdalene

OR

Wednesdays - 7.30 to 8.30pm

usually Woodstock Baptist Church

email: andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com for further details

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.

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.

February	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
1st	TBD	Pat	Annabelle & Bruce
8th	Chris & Pauline	June	
15th	Bruce & Annabelle	Hannah	
25th	Pat & Alan	Annabelle	

Please have a word with Pat if you can help with refreshments.

Serving refreshments after church is a valuable practice for building community, fostering relationships, and extending hospitality to newcomers. It creates a welcoming atmosphere where people can connect, support one another, and experience church as a caring family



Coming soon....

World Day of Prayer 2026 6th March

This year's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 6th March, focusing on Nigeria and the theme
“I will give you rest, come.”

The main service will be held at 7pm at St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock. Alongside this, there will also be:

An 11am morning service at St Mary's for Year 5 pupils of the Woodstock Primary School

A 6pm service at Spencer Court on Sunday 8th March

We would love your help to bring these services to life. How you can get involved:

Share Nigerian connections If you have lived in Nigeria, visited, or have friends or family from there, we'd love your help with planning or speaking to the school children. Hearing real experiences makes a big difference to the children.

Lend Nigerian items We are looking for objects to display at the services or take into school—especially Calabash bowls, but also fabrics, toys, ornaments, or anything that reflects Nigerian culture.

Be part of the craft session at the school. On Friday 27th February, a team are going into the school to Year 5 pupils make decorations for the church and items to be used in the service. No crafting skills required—just enthusiasm. We will have a quick planning session before we go into the school, so everyone knows what they are doing!

If you can help in anyway, please contact Sarah-Jane at sarah-jane@gpmstechnology.com or catch me at church.

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church



February

- 3rd 'Candlemas' – Mike trinder
- 17th 'Travels in South East Asia' – Beth Wordsworth

St Mary Magdalene Church

Lent Course starting in a few weeks time –
daytime 2pm 24th February

Prayers

Father God, we pray for our world, our church, our community, our families and friends.

We continue to pray for Pat & Alan, Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor, Jenny & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie.

We remember in our prayers Sarah-Jane, Baz, Tabitha & Jemima after the passing of their friend Emma.

Prayers also for our families attending Noah's Ark. Those returning and new families. We pray they will enjoy friendship and fun in a relaxed setting.

We pray for the students & staff who visit the church this term. We pray that they will listen for your voice in their lives Lord.

We continue to pray in unity for peace on earth and in particular upon the Ukraine-Russia borderlands.

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