



Woodstock Baptist Church
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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



Services in August

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| Sunday 3 rd August | 10:30am | the disciplines of the Way – <i>confession</i> <i>James 5:16, Psalm 51</i> Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 10 th August | 10:30am | the disciplines of the Way – <i>fasting</i> <i>Matthew 6:16-18</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 17 th August | 10:30am | the disciplines of the Way – <i>solitude</i> <i>& silence</i> <i>Mark 1:35-37, Psalm 46:10</i> Service led by Andy Mills |
| Sunday 24 th August | 10:30am | <i>the disciplines of the Way – prayer</i> <i>Luke 11:1-14, Philippians 4:6</i> service led by Bruce Cummings |
| Sunday 31 st August | 10:30am | <i>the disciplines of the Way – service</i> <i>John 13:1-17</i> service led by Andy Mills |

Musings from the manse

‘Desert Island Books’ – which eight books related to the Christian faith would you want stranded with you on a desert island?

Well, I am going to suggest one a month of my choices, over the next few months.

The first being, ‘The Return of the Prodigal Son’ by Henri Nouwen.

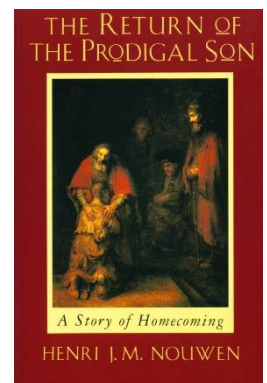
In one sense this book is Henri Nouwen’s reflections on the parable of the prodigal son, but as you read it you will find it is a story of a much deeper journey that Nouwen made as he discovered something new about the love of his heavenly father, his identity as a child of God and the nature of his relationship with his own father.

His exploration all starts with a chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt’s painting, ‘The Return of the Prodigal Son’, and it ends up with him sitting for hours in front of the original in The Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

Nouwen’s book is a powerful read, forcing us to reflect again on how we see ourselves in the light of this wonderful story of grace.

your minister

Andy



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| 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 | 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. |
| Every Wednesday | 7:30-8pm | Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 833 1374 4413 - Passcode: 733689) |
| Saturday 16 th August | 10-11:30am | Cakes & More Woodstock Baptist Church |

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 16th August – 10 to 11.30am
Woodstock Baptist Church**

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.

| August | Refreshments | Flowers | Cleaning |
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| 3rd | Joanne | Hannah | Joanne |
| 10th | Bruce & Annabelle | Annabelle | |
| 17th | TBD | Pauline | |
| 24th | TBD | Julie | |
| 31st | Pat & Alan | Joanne | |

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church

10th August, 10:30am – Local Arrangement Service

This service will be a ‘Walking church’ service.

This is where we take our service out of the church building into our local area.



The plan this time is to walk to the Hensington Road Memorial Garden (next to the free car park) for our time of worship. More details will be shared in the coming weeks but there will be two options; meet at church and walk to the garden or just meet in the garden.

Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Colin & Family, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie, Gill & Tim, June & Mike, friends & family.

We give thanks for Tabitha's safe return to us before she starts her apprenticeship. May she feel God's presence forever by her side.

We pray for Matthew and Libby, WYWT, as they take a break over the summer. Pray that they will return refreshed to work alongside students in our local schools.

We pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations. We pray for wars to end. Amen

Matthew 6:5-6

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

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