



Woodstock Baptist Church
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December 2025



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 December

Sunday 7 th December	10:30am	a future shaped people – <i>talents & time</i> <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 14 th December	10:30am	a future shaped people – <i>sheep & goats</i> <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 21 st December	10:30am	Christmas All-Age Service Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 25 th	<u>10:00am</u>	<i>Christmas Day celebration</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 28 th December	10:30am	<i>Christmas Songs of Praise</i> Service led by Bruce Cummings

Musings from the manse

What does Advent mean to me?

Well, Advent for me is an opportunity not to rush toward Christmas.

Despite the shops being full of the glitz of Christmas, despite every streaming service offering you the finest selection of Christmas films, and however you listen to your music there being the offering of Christmas classics to provide you with festive ear worms, we need to remember that Advent is not the same as Christmas, and we need not rush toward the manger.

The words of Advent are wait, pause, linger.

We are not rush toward the manger, but instead hold ourselves back and prepare our hearts and minds so that we are ready to celebrate the birth of Christ once again. Ready to understand the significance of God becoming flesh, and ready to encounter the God who is with us in a fresh way.

So do not rush through Advent. Wait. Pause. Linger. Christmas will arrive, it always does, but make sure you are ready for it when it comes it all its wonder and glory.

Your minister

Andy

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.
Wednesday 3 rd December	7-9:30pm	For to us a child is born....a prayer space.
Saturday 6 th December	8:30am	Men's prayer breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Sunday 7 th December	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 13 th December	7pm	Gareth Davies-Jones Christmas Acoustic Tour Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 20 th December	10:00-11:30am	Mince pies and more

‘For to us a child is born ..’
a prayer space



an opportunity to simply spend some time with God
in the midst of the busyness of this season

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 - 7.30 to 9pm
Woodstock Baptist Church

Craft Café Sunday 7th December





Carol Singing



for all our community

Wednesday 10th December - 7.15pm

outside Woodstock Town Hall

all welcome

organised by Churches Together in Woodstock & Bladon





"An engaging evening of carols,
Christmas songs, singalongs
and stories to celebrate the
Christmas Season."



THE DARKEST MIDNIGHT IN DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS ACOUSTIC
TOUR 2025

with
GARETH DAVIES-JONES



SAT 13TH DECEMBER, 7.00PM
WOODSTOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
TICKETS: £15.00
Scan QR Code for bookings



www.garethdavies-jones.com/tour

mince pies and more ...



come and join us for
free mince pies and drinks

Saturday 20th December – 10 to 11.30 am

all welcome

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.

December	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
7th		None	Anna & Pete
14th	Bruce & Annabelle	during	
21st	Joanne	Advent	
28th			

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....



got questions about life and the Christian faith

If you're looking for answers then maybe it's time to make a Start.
Run in a small group, each session involves video clips, group discussion and
time for reflection. Each session lasts about an hour and is free to attend.

What's life all about and where are we going?

Does God exist and what is he like?

Why is the world in such a mess?

Who was Jesus, and is he relevant?

What does Jesus' death on the cross mean for me today?

How far can I go forward with God in my life?

Start will help you discover more about God, Jesus and the journey of life.

cost – absolutely nothing, the course is **free**

starting – Wednesday 14 January 2026

for more information contact – Andy Mills – andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com

organised by Woodstock Baptist Church

Events in other Woodstock churches

**Woodstock Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival
Afternoon Tea and All Age Nativity Trail – 13th December 2025 2-4.30pm**



Woodstock Methodist Church

Oxford St, Woodstock, OX20 1TT

Afternoon Tea, Nativity Trail & Christmas Tree Festival

Everyone Welcome

2 - 4.30pm
13th December

Free all age Nativity trail
20 plus Mini Christmas Trees
Coffee, Tea and Cake
Raising money for church charities



You are warmly invited to Woodstock Methodist Church's 2025 Christmas Tree Festival launch afternoon tea and All-Age Nativity Trail. Please come along and:

View the 20+ mini beautiful Christmas Trees and find out more about the organisations who have decorated them including Woodstock Primary School, Tuesday Tots, Woodstock Bowls Club, The Stroke Club, the Scout and Guides plus many others.

Take part in the fun Nativity Trail and learn more about Christmas story from Mary, Joseph, the Angels, and others involved in the Christmas story and help them get ready for the baby's birth.

Enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and a piece of cake or mince-pie.

All are welcome and entry is free with donations being shared between equally between our 2025/27 Church Charities; Bridewell Organic Gardens (a local charity that provides mental health recovery through gardening), All We Can (an international development and relief organisation whose mission is to ensure every person's potential is fulfilled) and the Church.

For those who are not able to come on this date, the Christmas Tree Festival is running until the 3rd January and the church will be open during daylight hours on the 14th December and then every day from the 20th December until the 3rd January.

Please pop in!

Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Nick, Ruth, & Hannah, Anna, Pete & family, Bruce & Annabelle, Gregor, Jenny & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie. Please pray for a swift recovery for Perrie after her operation.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

³³ *So watch out and be ready! You don't know when the time will come. Mark 13:33*

Please send items for the newsletter to: Andy Mills
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