



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 October

Sunday 5 th October	10:30am	<i>Gathered Worship</i> Service led by Pat & Alan Band with Mark Macauley preaching
Sunday 12 th October	10:30am	a church shaped people – <i>body</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</i> including communion Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 19 th October	10:30am	a church shaped people – <i>fellowship</i> <i>Acts 2:42-47</i> Service led by Andy Mills
Sunday 26 th October	10:30am	a church shaped people – <i>flock</i> <i>John 10:1-21</i> Service led by Andy Mills

Musings from the manse

*My third Desert Island book is by C. S. Lewis, and choosing just only one of his books was a difficult choice to make. I could have easily gone down the route of *The Last Battle*, *Mere Christianity* or *The Screwtape Letters*, each of which I have cherished.*

*Yet the one I have chosen is possibly a slightly left-field choice, *The Great Divorce*.*

In this book Lewis ponders the question of heaven and hell, but he does so, not by exploring its theology in a systematic way but instead he addresses the subject through fable and allegory. What if someone from hell went on a day trip, by bus, to heaven?

Sounds preposterous, but as a way of getting me to think about heaven and hell this book probably challenged me more than any other. Sometimes you need not approach a subject from head on but rather come to it from the side to find new insight, and this is what Lewis does so wonderfully in this book.

It's a book that engages your imagination and takes you on a journey, as all good books should, and the destination is just as wonderful and surprising as you would imagine it to be.

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.
Every Wednesday	7:30-8pm	Evening prayer on Zoom (Meeting ID: 833 1374 4413 - Passcode: 733689)
Saturday 4th October	8:30am	Men's prayer breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Sunday 5 th October	3-4:30pm	Craft Café Woodstock Baptist Church
Saturday 18 th October	10-11:30am	Waffles & more Woodstock Baptist Church

Craft Café Sunday 5th October



waffles and more ...



come and join us
for free waffles and drinks
on Saturday 18th October 2025
10 to 11.30am
Woodstock Baptist Church

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.

October	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
5th	Joanne	Annabelle	June
12th	Bruce & Annabelle	Pauline	
19th	TBD	Julie	
26th	TBD	Joanne	

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 – early October 2025

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



donations
welcome for

tearfund

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 15th November 2025

6.30pm for a 7pm start

St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock, OX20 1JL

food provided, please bring your own drinks

maximum team size 8 people

to book your place email: wbcenquiry@woodstockbaptistchurch.org.uk

Events in other Woodstock churches

Methodist Church

The poster features a whimsical illustration of a tree where the branches are made of colorful yarn (blue, orange, red) and the leaves are small balls of yarn. At the bottom, a wooden basket is filled with various skeins of yarn in shades of orange, blue, purple, pink, and yellow, with two knitting needles resting on top. A long, thin red line curves across the bottom right of the poster.

Knit for Peace

**A lovely opportunity to knit or
crochet blankets and hats for this
wonderful charity. Wool provided.**

Bring your size 8 (4mm) needles
or crochet hooks (4mm)

Woodstock Methodist Church
8th September
6th October
3rd November

Between 2pm to 4pm

Everyone Welcome

£2 donation per session
would be welcome
**Tea, coffee and cake
available**

Tuesday Fellowship (2.30pm to 4pm)

October

14th 1p.m. Harvest Lunch

28th 'Oxfordshire Homeless Movement' - Neil Freddy



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 & family, Chris, Pauline & Julie.

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.

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.

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