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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 Bruce Cummings



Services in September

Sunday 6th	10:30am	The way of words <i>James 1: 19-21, 3: 1-12, 4: 11-12, 5:12</i> service led by June Trumper with Clare Hooper preaching
Sunday 13th	10:30am	The security of scripture <i>James 2: 8-13</i> service led by Steve Barber including communion
Sunday 20th	10:30am	The dimensions of faith <i>James 2: 14-26</i> service led by Sarah Stapleton
Sunday 27th	10:30am	Harvest Celebration service led by Pat & Alan Band

Musings from the manse

‘Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work ...’ (Exodus 20:8-10)

‘Then he said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’” (Mark 2:27-28)

Rest. Chosen or enforced. Being told to rest by medical professionals is one thing. Choosing to rest is another thing in the midst of our busy lives. What though is the difference?

And so, this leads to the question, what does it mean to ‘sabbath’ as followers of Jesus?

This is the question I am going to spend some time reflecting upon during my sabbatical both as I am being forced to rest and after as I choose to rest.

Instead of busying myself at the Northumbria Community and finding space the midst of that busyness for rest and reflection, I am hoping God will teach me something out of this ceasing that will affect my life going forward and hopefully provide some insight for other fellow pilgrims as to what sabbath rest may look like in all our lives.

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.
Saturday 5 th Sept	8:30am	Men's breakfast Charlbury Baptist Church
Saturday 12 th Sept	10:00-6pm	Church open for Ride & Stride 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.

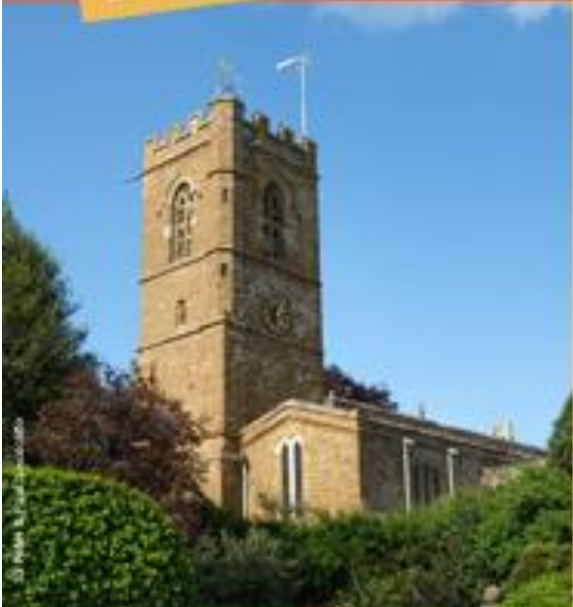
Sept	Refreshments	Flowers	Cleaning
6th	TBD	Pauline	Annabelle & Bruce
13th	Bruce & Annabelle	Julie	
20th	TBD	Joanne	
27th	Joanne	Jenny	

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

Woodstock Baptist Church will be open during the day for Ride & Stride with refreshments available. See Sarah-Jane for more details & how you can help.



Many of the churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open.



Help preserve the history on your doorstep by raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

All funds raised go to OHCT and 50% can be passed on to a church or chapel of your choice.

join us

Many ways to take part, cycling, walking, horse riding, bell-ringing, with a mobility aid or contact us to check out your plan!

Sign up with our online fund-raising partners GoodHub.

Email: rideandstride@ohct.org.uk



For full details including sponsorship forms, link to and list of churches www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride

Charity number 110847

Events in other Woodstock churches

Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon
Songs of Praise – Sunday 11th October – 3pm
– St. Mary Magdalene

Prayers

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

We continue to pray for Andy, Pat & Alan, Nick, Ruth,
& Hannah, Julie, June & Brad.

We pray for those on holiday. You have given us a
wonderful world that wherever we go, whether at home
or abroad, we are surrounded by things which please
our eyes and open our minds. Help us to use the
summer and our holidays to see your glory in creation.

We pray for our students going into new classes and a
new beginning at College. We pray that they will settle
quickly and continue to thrive knowing you are with
them.

Creator God, We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. Amen (Tearfund.org)

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

God of justice, move the hearts of world leaders. Turn them away from hatred and pride toward dialogue, diplomacy, and a lasting peace.

Psalm 121:5-8 – "The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm — He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

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