



*Benefice of*  
**WOODSTOCK & BLADON**

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to see you.

**SERVICES & DIARY THIS WEEK**

<b>This Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP) – Woodstock</b> <b>Rev'd Katie Jones</b> <b>Parish Eucharist (Bladon)</b> <b>Rev'd Preb Jane Haslam (<i>Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester</i>)</b> <b>Parish Eucharist (Woodstock)</b> <b>Rev'd Preb Jane Haslam (<i>Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester</i>)</b>
	9.30am	
	11.00am	
Monday – Friday (every day)	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (access via: <a href="http://www.woodstockandbladon.com">www.woodstockandbladon.com</a> )
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) (Woodstock) Junior Choir Practice (Woodstock) Adult Choir Practice (Woodstock and Bladon)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	12 – 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Private Event (Woodstock) Woodstock PCC Meeting Bell Ringing Practice (Woodstock & Bladon) Thursday Group (8a Crecy Walk)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10am – 12noon 8.36pm	Monthly Café (Woodstock) Holger Dansk Memorial (Bladon)
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Woodstock) Parish Eucharist (Bladon) Parish Eucharist (Woodstock)

**NEW FOR PRAYER:**

For the clergy team, churchwardens, and PCC's as they keep things running smoothly during the vacancy.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Avis & Alan Ushaw, Paula Masih-Gill, Gabe Masih-Gill, Roger Humphreys, Chris Ward, Paulina Cristina Seisdedos, Norma Zungu, Joanna Reeve, Polly Davis, Manos Vernicos, Sue Otter.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

Mary Cullen, Brian Yoxall.

**Key Contacts are on our website [www.woodstockandbladon.com](http://www.woodstockandbladon.com),  
plus on the notice board at each Church**

***Church Office***

**Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2.00 – 4.30pm.**

***(Office email monitored afternoons Mon – Fri)***

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***NOTICES***

**New Rector Process.** The section 12 meeting was held on Tuesday. The advert was approved and will be published in the church times, pathways and the diocese website from 17 May. The closing date will be Sunday 9 June and shortlisting 11 June. Interviews Monday 24 June. In addition the final version of the Parish profile was approved and is now fixed and final. Both can be viewed on our website [www.woodstockandbladon.com](http://www.woodstockandbladon.com)

**Bladon vestry meeting and APCM** are being held after the main service and a brief coffee on Sunday 12 May followed by The Friends of St Martin AGM. If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll you have until next Sunday to register in time for the APCM. See Marenka for your application form.

**Artweeks.** Woodstock church will be used to display art as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks. This will run from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Open 10am till 6pm except Sundays 1pm to 6pm and Wednesday 11am to 6pm. It's a great opportunity to welcome the community into our church. There will be some displays that encroach on the seating on the north side of the church so please sit elsewhere and apologies for any inconvenience.

**Woodstock Monthly Café.** The next café will be on Saturday 4 May 10.00am – 12noon in the church with all proceeds going to the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank. Please join us for coffee, cake and good company. We are grateful for all who support us by making us cakes and joining us to help the work of the Community Foodbank.

**Christian Aid.**

**At Bladon** On Sunday 19 May, 2.30pm - 4.30pm there will be a traditional Village Fete in St. Martins Churchyard, Bladon. "Tea and Cake", plus stalls and fun activities. All funds raised will go to Christian Aid. We would be grateful for contributions to the stalls selling homemade cakes and preserves, plants, and bottles for a 'bottle tombola'. Activities include Bladon Junior Church singing at 2.45pm, cobble stone decorating, children's treasure hunt, churchyard trail quiz, coconut shy, face painting, tossing bean bags, and painting faces to go on a bus.

We have a complete list of generous raffle prizes; Blenheim Family Pass, Sunday lunch for 2 at The White House, Tea for 2 at The Bear Hotel, Woodstock Ice Cream token, Luxury beauty fragrance collection, Woodstock Bookshop £15 token and a beautiful Freelands Nurseries large plant pot.

We would be most grateful for your support. Tim Massey [92.judith.tim@gmail.com](mailto:92.judith.tim@gmail.com)

**At Woodstock** On Sunday 19 May, following the 11am service, we will be holding our annual Bring and Share Lunch to raise funds for Christian Aid. For the two weeks previous

to this you will find a form at the back of the church on which to sign that you are coming and what contribution you can make to the Lunch. There will also be a supply of Christian Aid envelopes. We hope you can make a donation, cash, or a cheque payable to Christian Aid, place in the envelope and either leave it in the post box behind the font or bring it along to the lunch. Alternatively, you can make a bank transfer 20 98 48 St Mary Magdalene Woodstock 5070 0460 giving your name and saying Christian Aid. We hope you will support the occasion. Last year we raised over £1,000. It would be good if we could this year at least match it.

**Clare Hayns.** Clare who completed her curacy in this benefice, and has since been chaplain at Christ Church Oxford, was inducted as vicar of St Mary's Iffley on Thursday evening. We keep Clare, John, Micah, Simeon and Daniel in our prayers as they begin this new phase of life and ministry.

**Carpet shampoo machine.** We want to clean the rug in the children's area of Woodstock church. If anyone has got a machine we can borrow to do this please let Ruth know.

**New vestry table.** Thank you to Andrew for making a bespoke new table for the vestry at Woodstock. The legs screw off easily by hand so it can be used in the nave or collapsed when more space is required in the vestry. The legs also adjust to make the table higher/level.

**Church Office Hours.** From Monday 29 April Marion's hours will change from morning to afternoon. The office opening hours will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2.00pm – 4.30pm and the office email will be monitored every afternoon Monday - Friday.



**Wednesday Communion.** We are looking for volunteers to join the rota for assisting at the 10am Wednesday communion service in Woodstock. This will involve helping to set up for the service, holding the chalice for the officiant to dip the communion wafer during communion and tidying up following the service. If you would be interested, please speak to Marion.



## WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



**Foodbanks** are in higher demand than ever due to the cost-of-living crisis. There is a box in both our churches for your food donations to the North Oxfordshire community foodbank which covers our local area. Here is an abbreviated link to their website <https://bit.ly/nocf>. Items most needed are under the "getting involved" tab and you can also give a financial donation via their website.



## Staff Team

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IF you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit please let the team know	

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