

Wantage Community Church

Hope for the future - Hope for now



29th January 2012

We will be continuing our theme of "Encounters with Jesus". Over this term we will be looking at what happens when people encounter Jesus and the difference it makes to our lives. As our speaker J. John said last week we have an invitation from God to meet with Jesus - why not ask Him to meet with you today.



NEXT SUNDAY - 5TH FEBRUARY

We will be joining with Mike and Karen Greig for the dedication of their daughter Cora during the morning service - this will be followed by lunch together - please could you bring cake with you, savoury food will be provided - everyone is welcome - both to the service and to the lunch.

Cafe church starts today with an introductory session from the journeys DVD - if you are interested in christianity and would like the opportunity to explore further - please go downstairs when the children leave for their groups (about 11ish and someone will direct you to the cafe....



Breaking Barriers

Sunday 29th January is Homelessness Sunday and through 'Wantage, Grove and villages Housing Justice Group' we have the opportunity to support vulnerable young people in our local area.

This year we are collecting Tesco, Sainsbury and Argos vouchers for the Abingdon Foyer. A collection box will be

available at WCC on Sunday 28th January and Sunday 5th February for any contribution you are able to give! Also there is a Homelessness Sunday Service at St John's Church, Grove on Sun 29th January at 6pm.

Free!
free to live, love, laugh
anda be all that God intends

Women's Weekend: 2 - 3 March 2012



Lsdies Book your place now - this is a great opportunity to meet with God, get some space for yourself, meet with friends and even make some new friends

- pick up a brochure from downstairs

**or see D for more details or visit;
www.occ.org.uk/encounter**

Welcome ...

Welcome to Wantage Community Church!

It is great to have you with us this morning. We hope that you feel at home with us.

We love to welcome children but we have to remind you (if only for legal reasons) that children remain the responsibility of the people who brought them at all times. After the meeting, please ensure that children stay in the cafe area or the room with a "glass" wall. Thanks!

Visitors packs are available at the welcome desk downstairs! Don't forget to pick one up.

If you would like to **borrow a Bible** for today's meeting, please pick one up at the entrance to the Main Hall.

We will be taking an **offering** as part of our worship today. For more information on giving to the church, contact Neil on 01235 771152

If you would like someone to pray with you after the meeting, please talk to the meeting leader.



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Dates for your diary!!

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SCHOOL YEARS 8-13



at VINEY HILL CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CENTRE, GL15 4NA
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT NICOLA GIBBINS:
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Feb 12-15: One Big Plan youth event for Y8-Y13. Contact Steve Gower for details and booking.

Fri - Sat 2-3rd March: South Oxfordshire Ladies Weekend:
FREE TO BE EVERYTHING GOD WANTS YOU TO BE....

Sat 24th - SUN 25th March: Celebration weekend with Roy Todd.....more details to follow soon but Roy is man who seeks to bring God's release to situations, to see people healed by the power of the Holy Spirit and much more.

Friday 6th April : Cross in Square our **Good Friday Celebration** with the churches of Wantage

Sunday 8th April: Easter Sunday with Dave Perry speaking

Monday 7th May : Fun Day / run in memory of Paul - whether you want to run, walk or stand and marshall there's something you can do.

Sat-Sun 21-22nd July: Kids Camp for children in Y1-6

23rd-27th July: Torch bearers - christian holiday club run by the churches of wantage and Grove.
- if you'd like to help with this week blessing the community please do get in touch with Nigel or D.
We need decorators, admin folk, group leaders and pray-ers!

We'll be finishing with a **Community fun Day on Friday 27th July** to tie in with the opening of the Olympics: please see Neil if you would like to be involved with this.

28th July - 1st August: Transform: is a great summer event where all the churches related to Salt & Light in the UK can gather together for a time of refreshing, re-purposing and encouragement.

More info

BAPTISMS: We are looking to hold some baptisms after Easter. If you would like to be baptised or would like to know more about baptism please speak to one of the pastoral Team or the Connect Team

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The newly formed Partnership of churches in Wantage and Grove meets as representatives from all the member churches, roughly every other month. We urgently need:

A **Secretary** for our meetings  
and

A **Communications (publicity) Officer.**

If you are interested in serving yourself or can suggest someone please contact Neil. These aren't onerous jobs - they just need someone organised with a heart for churches working together

## Forthcoming meetings

Fire Meetings: unhurried times of worship and prayer - come and spend time in God's presence

Sun 12 Feb: 7.30pm -9.30pm

Sun 11 Mar: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Family Meetings; Essential times for the church of sharing our hearts, doing business with God, communicating vision and values.

Wed 8 Feb: 8pm-10pm

Thur 22 Mar: 8pm-10pm

*Youth Meetings: Our goal is to inspire our youth to pursue God with all their hearts and for them to grow up into all that God has for them, and to have a lot of fun along the way!*

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 4-6pm 11+ @ Civic Hall

Contact Steve on

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