

SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

- 3rd 11am **Morning Service with Holy Communion**
led by Rev Andrew Biggs
- 10th 11am **Morning Service** led by Mr Martin Hannant
- 17th 11am **Morning Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson
Preacher: Mr Alan Robinson
(Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus)
- 24th 11am **Morning Service** led by Rev Dr Stephen Blake.
- 31st 11am **Joint Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson

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Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm

- 3rd David Simmonds
- 10th Iain Mair
- 17th Rev Oliver Strange
- 24th David Hopkins
- 31st Rev Adrian Lloyd

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Fellowship is taking a summer break

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(If you would like the answers to the Bible quiz overleaf, let me
know and I will email them to you.)

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WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE

Thursday 7th August 2025

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 17th AUGUST 2025

If you can, please stay after the service for a few minutes to pray for our families, friends, church family and our neighbours.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOODBANK

With school holidays this month, donations to the Food Bank would be much appreciated. Please leave donations in the box at the back of the chapel.

Hazel's Greeting Cards

During August & September, all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's cards (available at the back of the chapel) will go to
The Branch, Chipping Norton

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the stewards know

Can you find the 30 books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an aeroplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much: he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus: there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God bless.

LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalm 84 v 12