## **SUNDAYS IN JANUARY**

4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Biggs
11 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service led by Mr Martin Hannant Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b>Morning Service – Plough Sunday</b> led by Mr Tony Gibson Followed by a Ploughman's Brunch (see overleaf)
25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service led by Mr Andrew Maisey

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#### Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm

4th Rev Peter Goodall

11<sup>th</sup> Iain Mair

18<sup>th</sup> Ann Hopkins

25<sup>th</sup> No Zoom

#### THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Thursday Fellowship in January

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## WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

Join us for our

# COVENANT SERVICE

Sunday, 4th January 2026

**11am** 

led by Rev Andrew Biggs

No: 432 JANUARY 2026

#### WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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#### **VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE**

Thursday 8th January 2026

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

#### **SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 11th JANUARY 2026**

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

### **Hazel's Greeting Cards**

In January/February all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's greeting cards will go to Cotswold Friends

## Plough Sunday, 18th January 2026 at 11am

Morning Service, followed by a Ploughman's Brunch

Please speak to Hazel if you would like to help with the catering

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

## Plough Sunday, 18th January

I can't remember doing anything for Plough Sunday before. I'm not sure it features much now in the Anglican Church calendar, and I don't think it has ever been on the Methodist one. So, we are breaking new ground. I will call my talk, "A new furrow for a new year". I want to build on the commitment we make at our covenant service, looking at where we are, what we do and perhaps going forward, look at what we might do this year.

As a non-conformist chapel in a very small village, we must be very thankful for each other and especially for friends who travel quite a distance (very difficult lately because of roadworks), everyone is vitally important. We can celebrate too our excellent relationship with friends and Ministers at St Mary's.

As well as giving thanks, perhaps, at the start of the year, it is a good time to think about new ways in which we might be able to worship, enjoy fellowship and reach out to our friends, family and community, with prayer, service and outreach.

"A new furrow for a new year"

**Every blessing** 

Tony

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23