



St Francis Church

February 1st^h 2026

Newsletter & Notices

Worship/Services this week

The service on **Sunday** will be an **All-Age Service**, led by our own **Nicky Bowler**. Please support her.

The communion service on **Tuesday** will be led by **Rev Phil Robinson** from the Methodist Circuit

Rev David Alderman is retiring this summer but is taking a Sabbatical from April to July. Everyone is invited to his Farewell/Retirement Service on Sunday 29th March 2026 commencing at 10.30 at Marlborough Road Methodist Church. A buffet lunch will follow the service for which numbers are needed. If you would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to Clare Taylor – Admin@banburycircuit.org.uk or 01295 257193. There is a copy of the invitation on the Notice Board in the Entrance Hall.

Praying for Church and Community

This month, our prayer meetings will be on Mondays, 9th and 23rd February from 2 to 3pm in church. Everyone is welcome to join us!

We live in a troubled world, so we pray for peace in our hearts, remembering the words of Jesus - "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John ch16 v33

Hazel and Betty

A Tapestry of Praise: Worshipping Together Interculturally

Join us for an inspiring online session with Revd Dr Kirk Sims, who will be sharing insights drawn from his rich experience in intercultural ministry. Wesleyan theology calls us to shape worship that is attentive to context and responsive to the communities we serve. In this webinar, we will explore the theological foundations of **intercultural worship** and consider how worship can be re-imagined in our increasingly multicultural churches and neighbourhoods.

Come and discover practical approaches, theological grounding, and new possibilities for nurturing intercultural faith communities.

Whether you are a church leader, a church member, or someone passionate about inclusion and justice, this webinar will offer a space for reflection and discussion.

Revd Dr Kirk Sims is a missiologist (missiology is the academic study of the Christian mission history and methodology, developing as an academic discipline in the 19th century) whose work focuses on mission, migration, and intercultural Christian community. He has served as pastor, missionary, and associate professor of intercultural studies, and has lived and worked in the United States, Ghana, the United Kingdom, Czechia, and Germany. Through his current teaching, leadership, and research roles across Europe with Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, he engages questions of worship, belonging, and ecclesial life in increasingly multicultural contexts.

Zoom information:

Date: Thursday February 26th

Time: 1900 GMT

Zoom link: <https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95458793868?pwd=pQVCn1b03e7SUISAqfVP0f1DUIPzzi.1>

Join instructions <https://theofed-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/join/95458793868/invitations?signature=ADdK2eRwXzLigQyOoN3iU1CR7-MHdZ-8Epdk4kRhCM>

Meeting ID: 954 5879 3868

Passcode: 066881

Meeting this week.....

The SCC and numerous other people including our Area Dean and the Archdeacon of Dorchester – Venerable David Tyler – will be meeting on Thursday this week to hold what is known as a *Section 12 Meeting*, to discuss the vacancy for the Vicar (House for Duty) at St Francis Church. Please pray for them as we move forward.

Easter is coming early this year

Easter Sunday is on the 5th of April.

Many of us will be giving Easter Eggs to families or children that we know.

In the next few weeks, you can order the Real Easter Eggs that you buy to give away.

Please make sure that you order your Real Easter Eggs from Richard Cooke in good time.

Forest Church

****Please find below the Forest Church dates up until the summer:**

8th February

8th March

19th April

10th May

21 June

19 July.

Our Little Thought of Hope for The Week

Even on a dull, dark, damp and dismal
day, there is so much beauty to be
found.

If your eyes and heart are open...

Your God is all Around You.

Psalm 19:1



Next Newsletter

Please send any information that you would like included in the next Newsletter **(February 8th, 2026)**, by **Wednesday 4th February, 9pm**. My email address: phillipsdavid807@gmail.com

Diary Dates – February

- Wednesday 4th February – up until 9pm to **submit NOTICES** for entry into next Newsletter, *Sunday 8th February 2026*:
- **Thursday 5th February at 7.30: Section 12 Meeting**
- **Sunday 8th February: Forest Church**
- **Praying for Church and Community**, Mondays 9th and 23rd of February, 2pm-3pm at St Francis Church.
- **Thursday 26th – A Tapestry of Praise – on-line zoom meeting, 7pm.**

