

Witney Benefice Groups & Activities

Please [email Michelle in the office](#) if you have any questions about our groups and activities in the six churches in our benefice

Group	Description	Contact	Location	Date & Time
Social Events	Fun fundraising events for St Mary's	Kate Banks	St Mary's Winchester Room	Monthly. See Social Events (witneyparish.org.uk)
Anna Chaplaincy Team	A group of trained volunteers offer spiritual care for those in later life.	Julia Bee	Homes and Care Homes across the parish	By appointment
Benefice Retreat		The Office	St Mary' Convent Wantage	Wed 31st Jan to Fri 2nd Feb 2024
Book Circle	Join a discussion about a different book each month, fiction, and non-fiction.	Bridget Walton	St Mary's Winchester Room	3rd Tuesday of the month in Winchester Room at 2:30pm
Christian Union Social Group	Young Christians and non-Christians from local schools meet for fellowship (trips, cinema, food etc)	Laverne Williams	Witney & Oxford	Monthly
Church Cleaning Group	Have fun ensuring our sacred space remains welcoming and respectful for all worshippers. Cakes, coffee and chat after cleaning	Kate Banks	St Mary's Church	First Saturday morning of each month
Fellowship Group	Support, chat, Bible study, nurturing, prayer and worship together in a home setting	Laverne Williams (James Elward)	Curate's home	Fortnightly
Monday Nurture Group	An opportunity to study the Bible, ask questions and discuss issues.	Jacky Bone & Liz Johnson	St Mary's Winchester Room	Every Monday during term time. 2:00pm to 3:30pm
Mothers' Union	Members meet for prayer, fellowship, and tea	Rosemary Peirce & Lorna Whitehouse	St Mary's Winchester Room	2 nd Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm

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Open Doors Prayer Group	A chance to hear stories about the persecuted church around the world and to pray for them	Rebecca Coatsworth	St Mary's Chapel of the Annunciation	Next: Wed 24 th January 2024. St Mary's
Prayer Shawl Ministry	A group prayerfully knitting or crocheting items for those in need of comfort	Lorna Whitehouse	Members' homes	1st Tuesday of the month. 2:00pm to 3:45pm
Talking Theology	An opportunity to discuss Christian beliefs and doctrines in depth	Mark Bezrerra-Speaks	St Mary's Winchester Room	1 st Thursday of the month in Winchester Room 7:30pm
Witney Eco Forum	Monthly talks by experts on different areas of climate change	Kate Banks	St Mary's Winchester Room	2 nd Thu of each month. Bar 7:00pm Talk 7:30pm.
WFOFAD Committee	We organise the <i>Witney Festival of Food & Drink</i> : hospitality in action	Richard Young	St Mary's Winchester Room	1 st Wednesday of the month. 7:30pm for 45 minutes
St Mary's Groups				
Ah Men	A monthly informal social meeting for men to share ideas, news and views	David Taft	Coffee: Blanket Hall, Witney OX28 6HL Evening meal: various venues	Coffee: 1st Wednesday or Thursday of each month Evening meal: during the 3rd week of the month
Doyennes	A monthly informal social meeting for ladies to share ideas, news and views	Linda Taft	Coffee: Blanket Hall, Witney Evening meal: various venues	Coffee: 1st Wednesday or Thursday of each month Evening meal: during the 3rd week of the month
Hot Chocolate	A chance to meet and talk to with young people building relationships - all by serving hot chocolate	Laverne Williams	St Mary's / The Green (opposite Henry Box)	Every Wednesday 1-2 p.m.

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St Mary's Choir	Our friendly four-part choir rehearses before, and sings at, Sunday and special services	Francis Rumsey	St Mary's Church	9:45am Sunday rehearsal before the 10:45 service
Supporting Sunday Services	Help make coffee, read a lesson, welcome worshipers, collection counting and much more...	Kate Banks	St Mary's Church	Every Sunday service
Witney Bell Ringers	A group that rings St Mary's eight bells for services and special occasions	Andrew Goldthorpe	St Mary's Church	Practice Tue 7:30pm -9:00pm Ring bells before Sunday Services from 09:45 to 10:45
Young Disciples	A chance for to talk, take part in activities and share faith in a fun, supportive and nurturing environment	Rebecca Coatsworth & Laverne Williams		

Holy Trinity Groups

Holy Trinity Choir	A friendly four-part choir which sings at Sunday services and other occasions	paul@witneyparish.org.uk	Holy Trinity Woodgreen	Choir practice every Wed 7.30pm then 3 Pigeons Pub Sunday Eucharist 10.45am
Hailey Groups				
Hailey Village Lunch	A cheerful get together for all ages. All are welcome.	Elpie Lewis	Hailey Village Hall OX29 9UA	3rd Wednesday in the month at 12 noon. Cost: £7
Tiddlers	Preschool children and their carers enjoy toys, stories, songs and chat.	Elpie Lewis	St John the Evangelist Church, Hailey OX29 9UB	Weekly on Mondays, term time only
Churchyard Working Group	Managing St John's churchyard for people and wildlife.	Clare Musson	St John the Evangelist Church, Hailey OX29 9UB	Approx every 6 weeks in winter and ad hoc in summer. Sat mornings 10 am - 12 noon

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Windrush Groups				
Windrush Tots and Carers	tba	Jacky Bone	Windrush School OX297DL	tba 9.15 am – 11.00 am
Windrush Alpha Group	Online group conversations exploring the basics of Christian faith	Bryce Staniland	Online	tba