



TRINITY NOTICES

**Sunday
10 December
2017**



CHURCH NEWS

Thank you: to everyone who helped with, or came to, the Christmas Fair. We had a lot of fun, and raised over £1,200: *Jo Graham*

Eileen and Alan Pennington wish all their Church Family a very happy and blessed Christmastide. We shall not be sending Christmas cards but will be giving a donation to Trinity Toilet Twinning.

Ron Etheridge has Parkinson's and copes in his flat with lots of support. His son, David, thinks Ron may like to come to church from time to time but can no longer cope with conversations with more than one or two people. We will of course respect this and thank you for your understanding. *Eve Newton*

TRUSTEES: We are delighted to welcome **Anita Stewart** as a co-opted Trustee. Our next Church Meeting, after the service on Sunday, 25 March, will be invited to appoint Anita by election. Our next Trustees' meeting is on Monday, 8th January.

Can you help? We would love to have a couple of Trinity folk reading at the Family Carol Service on 14 December. If you can help please contact Selina. Thank you

Project manager needed: Over the last nine years, TrinityLearning has been helping thousands of pupils in schools in and around Abingdon. Trinity Church has decided this work needs to expand, and is looking for someone to manage the transition towards sustainability and charity status. The post is initially for six months,

one day/week. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact trinity.abingdon@gmail.com. Application deadline December 15th, with a view to interviews in early January.

Thanks

Carswell staff and friends have asked me to pass on their thanks for the hospitality given to them for this week's Infants' Nativity. Donations made after this, for the work of Trinity, totalled £148. Thanks especially to the volunteers who helped with catering and stewarding. *Rosemary*

Circuit News

Circuit Youth Music and Drama Group: The next session of the Circuit Youth Music and Drama Group will be at Didcot Methodist Church on the 17th December, when we will be singing in their carol service. Young people and children aged 7+ are invited to join our rehearsal at 2pm for a prompt 2.15 start, followed by the carol service at 4pm. For more information please contact Abigail Perrow abi.perrow@gmail.com

Community News

Are you home alone this Christmas? We invite you to join us for Christmas day lunch. 25th December, 1pm to 3pm, (arrival from 12.30), Peachcroft Christian Centre, Lindsay Drive Abingdon. For more information and booking contact: Kay or Gareth: 01235 529510. E-mail: events@peachcroftcc.org. Places are free but booking is essential. Assistance with transport available.

Host Abingdon, the support group for refugees locally, are looking for Family Support Volunteers to support Syrian families in the area, and also a Volunteer Co-ordinator. Both roles will receive full support. Details can be found on the welcome table.

The **Red Cross** are also looking for gifts of toiletries and similar items for destitute refugees locally. This can be left up until December 20th at St Ethelwold's House. Full details of items requested are on the welcome table. *Ruth Sillitoe*

Christian Aid:

Carol Singing : Everyone is invited to come and sing carols in the Farmers' Market, **10 – 11 am, Friday 15 December**. Musical accompaniment and carol sheets will be provided so just bring your voice, and come and help everyone celebrate Christmas.

Christian Aid's New Year's walk 2018: The 2018 New Year walk for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal will be based at St Helen's Church Hall. Walkers will depart at 10 am on Monday 1 January 2018 and follow a figure of eight route with refreshments, finishing at St Helen's Church Hall. Whatever the weather, this is always an enjoyable occasion and a successful fundraiser for the work of Christian Aid with the poorest people of the world. Donations are requested or, even better, you are asked to get sponsors for the walk. This usually raises more money than just donations, and as the government is providing matched funding to all Christian Aid's Christmas income until February 4th, all will be most gratefully received. Sponsorship forms are available from Ruth Sillitoe or from http://www.christianaid.org.uk/images/Christian-Aid-UK-sponsorship-form_tcm15-74971.pdf.

Winter Fuel Allowance Do you receive this? Do you really need it? If not, why not give it to someone who does? You can make a donation to Abingdon and District CAB Friends This will be passed on by Citizens Advice Abingdon to someone locally who really needs it. Find out more at Citizens Advice, New Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon or see flyers in Welcome Area.

Dates for the Diary

Advent labyrinth walks: St Michael's will be open on Tuesdays 12 &

19 December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm. An opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Entry will be through the south porch.

Saturday 16 December 2017, 7.30 pm Trinity Church, Abingdon and District Musical Society .*Words and Music for the Christmas Season.* Drinks and Mince Pies will be served after the performance. Retiring Collection in aid of The Archway Foundation

Saturday 16 December: Didcot Methodist church will be holding an informal, family friendly concert raising money for the Bushmead school in Zimbabwe everybody is very welcome

NEXT WEEK at TRINITY

Friday	15	10:00 am	No Prayer Group this week (Come Carol Singing with Christian Aid instead)
Sunday	17	10:30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion and JaM Nativity Led by The Revd John Rowland

HOME GROUPS

HOST	LOCATION	LEADER	DATE
Margaret Langsford 01235 521536	4 Aston Close	Ruth Dams	Tue 12 Dec at 2:30pm

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