



TRINITY NOTICES 15 April 2018



CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. John Anderson -

an experienced Methodist minister, has recently moved to Abingdon, and has been asked by the Circuit to work 15 hours per week across both Trinity and All Saints to help out in the short term. This arrangement is under the direction of the Superintendent Minister, Rev. Keith Underhill. John is looking forward to getting to know us all, as we are him, and his time with Trinity will be spent mostly in pastoral visiting and preaching. Look out for the 'Minister's Letter' in the May Triangle, which John will be writing.

Trinity Evergreen Club - Monday 16th April: This Monday is one of our favourite afternoons when we all sing our favourite hymns. We really do raise the roof. If you'd like to come along and join in with us, we'd love to see you. Usual start time of 2.00 pm.

Celebrating Forty Years 2018 marks 40 years since URC and Methodist churches in Abingdon joined to form Trinity Church. We shall be celebrating this on Trinity Sunday, May 27th. Are there members of the congregation who belonged to Trinity when the merger took place? If so, could they please contact me as they may have valuable reminiscences to contribute. If there are any URC members who were there at the time and I have not contacted, please also let me know. *Thank you Ruth Dams*

Circuit Youth Music and Drama Group: The group is led by Esther Miller and Abigail Perrow and there is no cost. We invite young people (aged 9+) to have fun, taking part as much or as little as they feel comfortable with and will enjoy – whether singing, playing an instrument or reading.

Next Service: 29th April Didcot Methodist Church, Mereland Road, OX11 8RQ. 3.45pm for 4.00pm rehearsal start, pizza at 5.30pm Evening service starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm. For more information please email Abigail: wallingfordmusic@gmail.com

Church Meeting June 3rd 11.45 am: Owing to the fact that Sunday June 10th will be the first time that Abingdon Baptist Church will lead the worship at Trinity, the date of the Church Meeting has been changed to June 3rd at 11.45. Children's activities will be available during the meeting.

No doubt Trinity members of the congregation will wish to show a warm welcome to members of the Baptist Church during coffee after the service on 10th June and it would be a pity if this were to be shortened by the need to start a Church Meeting at 11.45.

United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In July last year, the United Nations agreed a Treaty to ban nuclear weapons. Nuclear-armed states are not required to disarm immediately, but to enter into negotiations on a time-scale for the destruction of their nuclear stock-piles. The treaty was supported by 122 states, but UK has refused to engage with the process. Christian leaders have signed a statement calling on UK government to reconsider its position. Both the President of the Methodist Conference and the Moderator of the General Assembly of URC are signatories to the statement. Christian CND have produced a petition to the UK Government to sign and ratify the treaty. Copies of their petition will be available in the Welcome Area for signature on 15th and 22nd April. ***Ruth Dams***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 21 April Abingdon Church Twinning fund raising Barn Dance, Conduit Centre, 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets at £10 each or £25 (family), from Margaret Greaney, Ruth Sillitoe or the Office. Light refreshments are included, soft drinks for sale

Friday 27 April Women's World Day of Prayer Service – Rearranged. The previously postponed (due to the snow) Women's World Day of Prayer service will now be held on Friday 27th April at Peachcroft Christian Centre, Lindsay Drive, Abingdon **at 1:30pm**. The service is open to everyone (men, women and children) and has been prepared by Christian women of Suriname.

Friday 27 April: 7pm Steventon Village Hall. Quiz Night – fundraising for the ***Abingdon Passion Play 2019***. Tickets £15, teams of seven. Tickets from The Bookstore, or www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk. Hot food provided, bar available.

Encounter the Holy Spirit: St. Edmund's Church Parish Centre on Saturdays from 2 to 3.30 pm. 28 April - The Breath of God; 5 May - Baptism in the Spirit & Fire 12 May - Gifts of the Holy Spirit; All welcome, free entry and study guides. Refreshments will be served at 1.45 pm. For more information, please ring 01235 528528.

Safeguarding at Trinity

The Safeguarding legislation requires people to do safeguarding training, not only if they work with children, but also if they may come into contact with vulnerable adults. It is therefore important that ***all lay preachers, elders and stewards*** and those involved in organisations such as ***Evergreen***, as well as those specifically working with children e.g. ***JAM or Toddlers*** should take part in safeguarding training. Fortunately, there are two training opportunities being offered by the Methodist Circuit shortly.

Safeguarding Refresher Module at Trinity Church, Abingdon

Wednesday 9th May 7.30pm. This course is designed for those who have already completed initial training. We should be refreshing our

training every three years, so if you have not completed any training for three years or more, it is important that you renew it.

Clearly those people who completed training in 2016 or 2017 do not need to attend at this point. If you are able to attend please let Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) or Eluned (01235 520282, trinity.abingdon@gmail.com) know.

NEXT WEEK at TRINITY

Monday	16	2 pm	Evergreen Club
Friday	20	10 am	Prayer Group meet in the Quiet Room
Sunday	22	10:30 am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by the Revd Dr Marcus Braybrooke
		4:00 pm	Easter Offering Service at All Saints

Trinity Triangle:

Please note that the deadline for the May issue of Triangle is after morning service **today**

e-mail copy as usual to cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk and valerie.dalby@tiscali.co.uk

Copies of the **Minutes and Draft Growth Plan** arising from the **Church Meeting on 25 March** are now available in the Welcome Area

Commitment for Life the March update from Zimbabwe is on the notice-board at the back of the church on the South side.