



# TRINITY NOTICES

## 23 February 2020



### CHURCH NEWS

Work to the Conduit Centre has started. Please see pink sheet, or posters for details of the interim arrangements. The weekly calendar is now displayed inside the west door of the Conduit Centre and in church.

#### **Monday 24 February, 7:30pm, Didcot Methodist Church**

*Professor Clive Marsh, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference*, will share with us something of his theme for this year - the importance of story. The Baptist House car park will be available and that the barrier will be up from 7.00 until 7.30pm.

**Rev Tony Green:** Some members of the congregation may remember Rev Tony Green, the Congregational Minister who helped our two churches come together in the 1960s. He died recently in a Care Home, well into his 90s. *Margaret Langsford*

**Supporting Refugees:** Christian Concern for One World invite you to an informal event "Churches Supporting Refugees" at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Oxford on Tuesday 24th March 6.30-8.30pm. It will be an opportunity to meet and hear from people in churches and charities who are actively supporting refugees.

**Commitment for Life:** If you did not receive a copy of the 2019/20 Update last week, you can collect one today from the Welcome table. You can read on pages 6&7 about the Zimbabwe projects we support. The booklet also contains reports on the other regions supported by Commitment for Life and the campaigns Christian Aid has been involved in during the year, particularly in relation to the climate emergency. Please take a copy and read it.

**Christmas Thanks:** there is a card of thanks from the *Abingdon Foyer* on the noticeboard in the Welcome Area.

A splendid amount of £270 each was raised for *Yellow Submarine* and *Aspire*. Thanks to everyone for giving so generously. *Trustees*

**Can you help: World Day of Prayer** - we would welcome offers of help with refreshments, to welcome our visitors at the door, and to help with the offering at both WDP Services on 7 March – 10:30am and 7:30pm. Please see Katie, Petronella or Barbara if you are able to help or email

[kdoney77@btinternet.com](mailto:kdoney77@btinternet.com) Thank you

**Action for Children Collection 2019/20:** Could I please ask all ‘Action for Children’ collecting box holders to return their boxes to either myself or Angie by the last week in March 2020 (week ending Sunday 29th) so that the monies can be paid in by the end of March deadline. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to this worthwhile cause or has difficulty in returning their box please contact me on 01235 411668 or e-mail me at kevinjgoodman1953@gmail.com. *Thank you, Kevin.*

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 27 February, Trinity Church, 7.30pm, Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group**, public lecture by Prof. John Barton entitled *‘How Jews and Christians Read the Bible’*. Tickets, £5 to cover costs and light refreshments, available on the door.

**Friday 28 February, 7.30pm, Trinity Church:** World Day of Prayer Reflective Service focusing on Zimbabwe

**Friday 28 February, Fourth Friday community supper and talk,** Cumnor URC. Supper is at 7.15 pm and the talk at approx. 8.00 pm. Our speaker Tony Bradley lives in Cumnor and will be talking about *“My Grandfather – Missionary in China 1882 – 1923. An illustrated talk”*. It should be an unusual and interesting talk. Please let Briony know on 01865 246497 or email [secretary@cumnorurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cumnorurc.org.uk) if you wish to reserve a supper place (places restricted to 40), otherwise just turn up at 8.00 pm for the talk. Please advise if there are any dietary requirements. There is no charge but donations appreciated.

**Church in Abingdon Lent Lectures 2020;** 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March at 8pm in St Helen’s Church, South Aisle led by the Revd Dr Charles Miller: *The Spiritual Adventure of Henri Matisse, Vence’s Chapel of the Rosary.*

**Friday 6 March, 10.30 am and 7.30 pm, Trinity Church; World Day of Prayer Services.** All welcome – men, women, children. The service this year has been written by the women of Zimbabwe.

**Saturday 7 March, Tingewick Hall at the John Radcliffe Hospital, 7:45pm:** The Radcliffe Orchestra are holding a Charity Concert including Brahms Academic Festival Overture, Strauss Horn Concerto and Sibelius 1st Symphony. Tickets £12 (to include refreshments afterwards), £10 concessions, under 16s free. All proceeds to the Footsteps Foundation.

**Saturday, 14 March Christian Aid Super-Swish Event, 2.00 – 4.00pm** at Christ Church, Northcourt Road. This is a chance to renew your wardrobe – without costing the earth! Please bring along clothing in good condition to offer in exchange for items brought by others. Christian Aid is organising this event as part of its commitment to reducing overall global carbon emissions. Delicious refreshments will be available, and a small donation for the work of Christian Aid will be invited at the event. Note that this is not a jumble sale. All donated clothes must go home with new owners or be taken back by the would-be donors.

**Saturday 21 March, 10:00 - 12:00am, Kingfisher School:** mass plant-in at The Sensory Garden. Bring your plants and a trowel along on and see what they look like in the garden. Tea & coffee available.

**Saturday 28 March, Action for Children Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale,** Conduit Centre, 10am to noon. Please come and support the Methodist Church's Children's Charity.

### **CIRCUIT / SYNOD NEWS**

**Sunday 15 March, 3:00pm, Wantage Methodist Church; Breaking the Taboo – A Circuit initiative looking at Mental Health.**

**Mission Shaped Church, Saturday 28 March, 10.30am – 3.30pm,** Fleet URC. A day of exploration: What is church? What is mission? What did Jesus mean when he said in Matthew 28 'Go, make disciples...'? How can we listen for mission in our own community? See poster in the Welcome Area

**URC Zambia Appeal:** As you may be aware, Zambia is currently suffering from drought and food shortages. The Lusaka Presbytery of the United Church of Zambia is the partner church of Wessex Synod and a few days ago Bishop Chomba wrote to the Synod World Church Group, saying: “The news here is really devastating. We have not had rains in some parts of the country which has resulted in hunger in most parts of southern and western Zambia. The church has been deeply involved. We organised food, clothing and delivered to Southern Province where the drought hit most. We pray that God will bring partners on board, who will help us drive this relief program. Right now the UCZ is distributing food stuffs in Western and Southern Province of Zambia. Kindly remember us in prayer about the drought situation and we are heading for elections as a country therefore, praying for peaceful elections and calm in the country would be appreciated.” We have the opportunity, as a Synod to support our partner church by prayer and practical action. At our Synod Meeting in March we will take up an offering for the work of UCZ. Can your church make a contribution? You can contribute by cheque or preferably by BACS to: ‘URC (Wessex) Trust Limited’ 40.52.40 00006097 with a reference of ‘Zambia’. We hope that Wessex Trust will be able to match fund the amount donated by our churches, and when our Moderator goes out to Zambia at the beginning of April (as part of her Sabbatical), she will be able to deliver our gift in person. Meanwhile, let’s remember our sisters and brothers in Zambia in our prayers

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Training Opportunity: 'Listening Well'** to be held in *Radley Church Room Tuesday 31 March 2pm to 4pm*. The training is designed for what might be called 'informal listening' which is so valuable in church and community settings, and the course is open to those who will find this useful in their roles around church (eg Welcomers, small group leaders etc) or in the community (eg cafes, charity helpers, hospital shops etc). There will be a modest charge – probably £10 – to cover costs. If you are interested please email the course convenor – Mary O’Brien at [mfaobrien@gmail.com](mailto:mfaobrien@gmail.com) - with some indication of how the training would be relevant to you, by 13 March if possible. If the course is oversubscribed, another may be run later in the year.

**LAMPS is looking for a Book keeper:** LAMPS is a locally based Christian theatre group who tour productions. Do you know anyone who could help us with book keeping. For more information and/or an informal chat about the role contact Julie [kempharpers@pobox.com](mailto:kempharpers@pobox.com)