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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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In church Services at All Saints are currently suspended until further notice. The provision of Service Sheets to Worship at Home, and of Notices will continue, and there are a wide range of resources available on line.

NOTICES 10 January 2021

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Covenant Sunday across the Circuit. We will be renewing our Covenant on Zoom and through the Worship @ Home services. The Covenant Service is something I come back to throughout the year because the commitment we make is so far reaching. Yet I am always comforted by the phrase 'Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ who strengthens us.' So often we plough on in our own strength, thinking that our intellect, wisdom, resources are all that is needed. The Covenant makes it clear that we are expected to call upon Jesus Christ who will guide us, comfort and challenge us, but most importantly remain with us in all things. For this reason, Covenant Sunday is both a solemn and a joyous Sunday.

May we all know that God is with us.

Every blessing

Ian

CHURCH NEWS

Joan Watt sends her best wishes to all her friends at Trinity. She is spending her time knitting scarves, hats and dolls.

A message from the District Superintendent

Dear All

All the churches in our Circuit have now suspended public worship.

We will continue with Zoom Sunday worship, reflective orders of worship for use at home and the Circuit YouTube channel. I also know that Zoom prayer meetings, coffee mornings and fellowship groups will be continuing and new ones are being set up.

The looking out for one another by letter, text, email, phone calls, WhatsApp groups etc will also carry on as it has done and will be a way of supporting and caring for each other during these difficult times.

Please look after yourselves, stay safe, and keep the faith.

Love and God Bless

Keith

Trinity Triangle: The deadline for the February edition is *Sunday 17th January*. Please send all contributions to both Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com) and Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) or via the Office. If you have information to share about the Church Family please contact Val Dalby at the email address above or send via the Office. Thank you

This week's rhyme

We're on our way-ay, sailing into 2021
one step nearer day by day to getting the vaccine done
towards a safer future for you and everyone
Despite total lockdown, life's adventure has just begun.
Christ came at Christmas to show us new ways
Of sharing love and service for the rest of our days.

Margaret Langsford



The image this week is the logo of the World Council of Churches: The church is portrayed as a boat afloat on the sea of the world with the mast in the form of a cross. These early Christian symbols of the church embody faith and unity and carry the message of the ecumenical movement. The word oikoumene, from which the term “ecumenical” derives, means “the whole inhabited earth”. In the original Greek, it reflected the interaction of religion, philosophy and political administration as they shaped society. When the New Testament reports an imperial decree that “all the world” should undergo a census (Luke 2:1), the reference is to oikoumene. In modern usage, the word embraces the unity of God's whole creation and recognizes every human pursuit as subject to the healing ministry of Christ's Spirit.

Christian Aid Walk 2021: I have completed this walk. If anyone would like to sponsor me, please ring me on 01235 531526 so that I can tell you the magic word which proves I have done it. You are then invited to donate to Christian Aid via their Just Giving page.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Abingdon-ChristianAid-Walk2021OR838

Ruth Dams

Thursday Group: Having missed so many events this year - and our Christmas Party and the AGM in January, we hope 2021 will be better. Please phone any ideas for Speakers or Events for May 2021 onwards to Margaret Langsford [521536]. Thank you.

Friday Trinity Prayer Support Group: We still pray at home at 10am for half an hour. Please let either Margaret Langsford [521536] or Ruth Dams [531526] yes I know the phone

numbers are similar, know about anyone who is ill or having problems so we can pray for them. You may like to join us for this short time. Thank you. *Margaret Langsford*

Fiona Perkins has shared a link for the OLA Christmas Carol Service in which Kathryn was involved – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmhcWi4zlwY> - see if you can spot her.

Fiona says, the whole video is an hour long but Kathryn's performances are at the following timings, just click on the red button to take you through to you tube video:

6.20 mins O come, o come Emmanuel - Solo in the chapel

33.33 mins Silent night – Kathryn on flute

38.51 mins O holy night - 6th form choir

42.38 mins Stars, Coldplay - 6th form choir

50.25 mins Soave sia il vento - 6th form choir in pool area

COMMUNITYNEWS

Christian Aid Walk 2021

Don't forget that you are able to do this walk at any time during January and you don't have to do it all at once if you are not able to walk long distances. Please make any donations on-line if possible to the address details given (see attachment), or you might like to sponsor those who are walking. Please contact Ruth Dams or Ruth Sillitoe to sponsor them.

The walk will be 'self-service' this year and can be done anytime during January, singly or in household/wider groups and must follow the COVID guidelines in place at the time the walk is completed. Visit 9 CiA churches (see end) to find a single letter [on a poster] at each church to make an anagram of a word connected with Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. Participants will be asked for the 'word' they have found. Sponsors are invited to make a donation via the Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Abingdon-ChristianAid-Walk2021OR838>

More details from Ruth Sillitoe at ruth.sillitoe@gmail.com or by calling Ab 531028

Christian Aid Online Quiz, 16 January 2021: Following the success of our quiz in May for Christian Aid Week, another quiz is planned for the evening of Saturday 16th January 2021. If you would like to take part in this quiz, and raise funds for the work of Christian Aid, please save the date on your new calendars. When you are ready to register please get in touch with Cliff and Pauline at candpmarshall@btinternet.com.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th-25th January. You may like to take advantage of resources available from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

David Hare, the County Ecumenical Development Officer for Oxfordshire and Berkshire has recorded a short reflection on the theme, which is available from

[UNITY.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

WORSHIP

Spiritual sustenance when in isolation. During this time of lockdown a new page on the Methodist Church website signposts you to resources to help nourish your spiritual life.

These are mostly resources that are provided centrally. See more:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/spiritual-sustenance-when-in-isolation>

In the Circuit: Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)
More widely the Methodist and URC are making resources available on line:

Methodist or see [https:// Methodist.org.uk](https://Methodist.org.uk)

Methodist Central Hall – weekly Service and catch up

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission – daily Service and catch up

URC or see <https://urc.org.uk/>

By phone: Listen to a prayer 0808 281 2514 or News: 0808 281 2478

Content updated Thursday afternoon

Thanks to Alistair for these pictures of a Trinity Christmas:



The Advent wreath from an earlier year, but looking very similar to this year's



The Trinity Crib, which was assembled for the Christmas Day Service, 2020