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Notices Sunday 5 October

Worship

| All Saints | Trinity |
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| Sunday 5 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Ian Sturt | Sunday 5 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson |
| Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council Michaelmas Fair Service Sunday 5 October 3.30pm Abingdon Market Place | |
| Sunday 12 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Carolyn Luscombe | Sunday 12 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe |

Friday 10 October at All Saints:

Prayer Meeting 10am in the Perry Room

Coffee Morning 10:30-12noon in the Hall

All welcome

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Monday 6 October, The Tubb House Group will meet at 36 The Warren at 7.30 pm. We will study John 3 1-36 and 4 1-42. and also follow up on our individual study of 2 vv1-12 -2 vv13-25

Just Women: Wednesday 8 October open meeting 7.45 for 8pm in hall.

Everyone welcome to hear about [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#) . There will be a plate for donations for the wonderful work they all undertake.

Foodbank: A Big Thank You for all the Harvest Gifts. I took 89 kilos of food to the Foodbank on Tuesday and some monetary gifts as well. All very gratefully received. *JPB*

From the Finance Team: closure of Nat West branch Abingdon and Gift Aid. The closure of the branch on 24th September has now been implemented and the finance team will now be using the local post office for purposes of paying into our bank account with Nat West.

If anyone who currently contributes through the Sunday collection plate would prefer to donate by bank transfer this would be helpful and bank details can be provided by contacting Richard at church or by e mail to richardmatthews32@hotmail.co.uk

If anyone who is a taxpayer has not yet completed a gift aid form, please speak to Richard or Margaret Ellwood who can supply the form. This would enable an extra 25% to be paid to the church by HMRC. Gift Aid is an important part of the Church's income. Thank you for your continuing support. *Richard Matthews*

A message from the All Saints Pastoral Committee: As you know pastoral care is rooted in John Wesley's teachings and upheld by Methodist structures. A **Methodist pastoral visitor** is a Church member appointed to a small group of people in their local congregation and they connect with these people in many ways, usually through visits, phone calls and emails. They offer support and a listening ear in difficult times, pray for those on their list and inform the minister or pastoral secretary of any special needs. If you think you might be able to take on the role of a pastoral visitor at All Saints please speak to Georgina or Sue Butler.

Knitting/shoe boxes! there are boxes for items for the 'Samaritans Purse' shoe box appeal at church, so instead of making up your own box you can if you wish bring individual item(s) which can then be sorted out later. You are of course still able to make up your own if you choose to do so. We could put a knitted angel into each box if anybody chooses to make those. Remember the categories are for either boys or girls, and for ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. The boxes have to be ready by the middle of October. For further suggestions for gifts to be included see the [Guidance Booklet](#) some hardcopies of which will be available in church. *With many thanks Eileen*

All Saints Church Family Committee are launching a new initiative to provide a Coffee Morning opportunity on the **1st Monday** of each month for the two AgeUK Strength & Balance groups which meet at All Saints on Mondays. The first Coffee Morning will be held in the church, **Monday 6th October, 10.30am-12 noon.**

Everyone welcome.

TRINITY NEWS

Trinity is supporting the **House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal** again this year. Send a box to a marginalised child, woman or man living in poverty in Southeast Europe. See flyer in church for further details. ***Complete boxes welcome.*** Or if you prefer, there will be a box for your donations (of, for example, pencils, sharpeners & erasers notebooks, colouring books, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hats, scarves & gloves, small toys (not war related), soaps & flannels, sweets with a good date (but no chocolate), small soft toy etc and shoe boxes to put them in) in the back of church, donations by 5 October please. *Thank you for your support, Lindsay*

Thursday Group and Friendship Group are meeting in the church at 7:30 on ***Wednesday 8th October*** to pack boxes for the House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal.

Eco-Church: Trinity is hoping to join the Eco-Church scheme (<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>) and David Perrow has offered to lead on this (having been involved with the scheme at All Saints). It would be good to have a small team working with him. If you would like to be involved please speak to David or contact the Office.

Tricia Cook's new email is johnfgcook@outlook.com

NOTICES

Foodbank currently needs: cereal bars, squash, tuna, hotdogs, meatballs, coffee, UHT whole milk, kidney beans, macaroni cheese and cooking oil. Thank you for your continued support.

The Community Hub: ABC are pleased to say that the servery in 35 Ock Street (formerly Cafe@35) will be open Monday - Saturday 10.30 am - 12.30 pm serving tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. Please note we will be closed for the fair. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet with friends over a drink. Come and see the photographs from Abingdon Camera Club on exhibition.

Governor Vacancy: St Nicolas CE Primary School We are looking for a member of one of the local churches who would be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor for St Nicolas CE Primary School. Foundation Governors have a special responsibility for Collective Worship and Religious Education, and work with the school and Governing Body to uphold and promote the school's distinctive Christian foundation and ethos as we seek to support each child to 'live life to the full'. For more information, please contact the Chair of Governors, Katrina Hancock, for an informal discussion (cgov3247@st-nicolas.sch.oxon.uk) before Friday 24 October 2025.

St Ethelwold's Fund Raising Update – doing well but this week is last few days for matched funding. Any donations will be doubled thanks to the generosity of a local family who has pledged match any donations received between 10 September and 10 October. <https://wonderful.org/charities/1179427>

Faith Forum This Christian column appears every month in Round and About, the magazine which goes out to thousands of homes in the Abingdon area. Please consider whether you could write a short piece on a Christian topic of not more than 300 words. Send it to Debra McKnight at: dhmcknight@aol.com. This is a real Christian witness.

Handel's Messiah

Kennington Chorale wish to celebrate with friends and lovers of this wonderful work the fantastic achievement of this choir since 1974 in raising in excess of £826,000 for local, national and international charities. Please come and join this very special choir and raise the roof at both venues singing with us on either or both occasions.

Rehearsals begin Friday 12th September 7.30pm Kennington Methodist Church, Score hire £5. (Feel free to join later or just come along on the day)

Performances:

Saturday 15th November, St Swithun's Church Kennington,
(2pm Rehearsal 3.30pm Performance) &

Saturday 22nd November, Trinity Church Abingdon
(2pm Rehearsal 3.30pm Performance)

For further information please contact our MD Judith Sawyer on
judithsawyer2010@hotmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 4 October, Abingdon Compassionate Café: A comforting space for conversation, along with cake, tea, coffee, or soft drinks, at St Ethelwold's House, East St Helen Street, Abingdon, OX14 5EB. The Café takes place monthly on the first Saturday of the month, from 2 pm to 4 pm. All welcome.

Thursday 9 October, Fr Paul Smith (St Michael's & St Nicolas') will be celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry and marking his retirement at a special Mass. This will be Fr Paul's final service in the parish.

Friday 10 October, All Saints Coffee Morning: 10:30-12noon. All Welcome
Coffee/tea, cake and friendship

Friday 10 October, The Northcourt Singers Concert 'Mighty in Power': St Michael's Church, at 7.30pm. A concert of hymns to launch the CD by local composer David Preston. Tickets are £15 by card or cash on the door. Proceeds to St Michael's and Abingdon Passion Play.

Saturday 11 October, Just Jane: An afternoon of readings from Jane Austen with contemporary music and refreshments (tea, coffee, and cakes), 3.00 - 5.30 p.m. Tickets £15, under 18 free. Or £10 on the door if pre-ordered (after 22/9) from Hilary Clare (St Michael's).

Saturday 18 October Oxford Gospel Choir: 7.30pm Christ Church, Northcourt Road. Concert in support of Family of Hope, a charity supporting school in rural Uganda supporting children with special educational needs. Tickets £10 available on the door (see poster)

Coffee Morning
10th October
10:30 - 12.00
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Oxford Gospel Events Choir

BBC Gospel Choir of the Year Finalists

Come and join us for an evening of uplifting song

In support of



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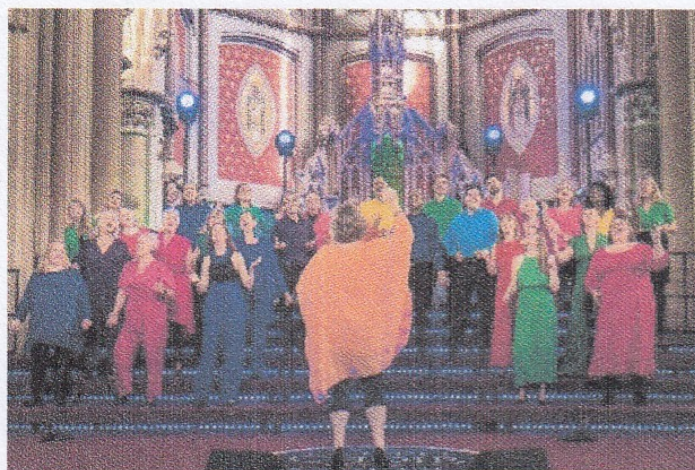
Saturday 18th October 2025

7.30pm

Christchurch Abingdon, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1PL

Tickets £10 available on the door

Soft drink refreshments during the interval



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