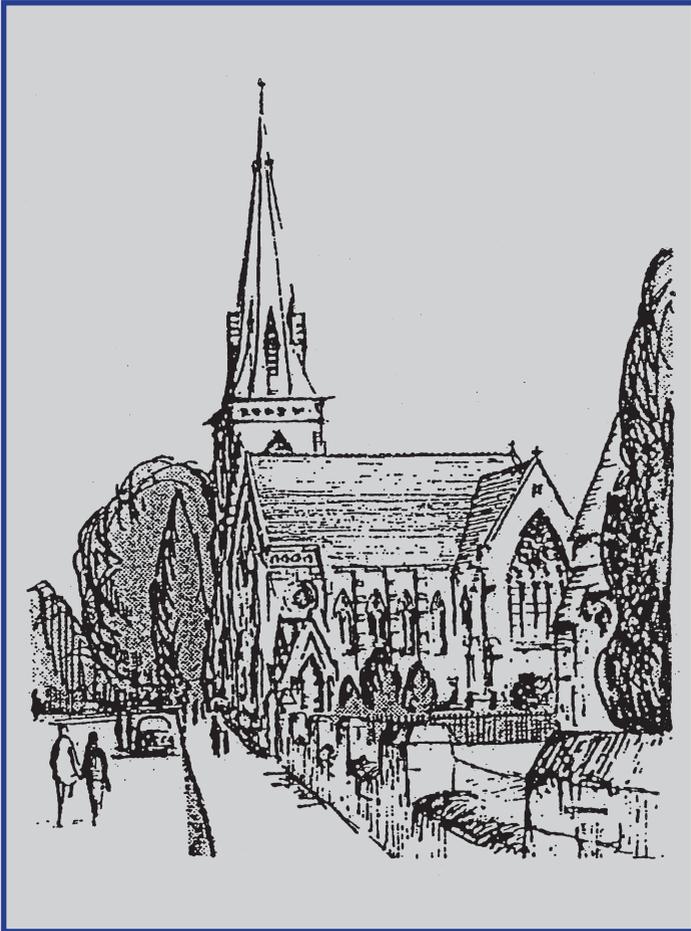


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NOVEMBER 2020



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TRINITY CHURCH

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Conduit Road, Abingdon

TRINITY'S WEEK (*Currently suspended*)

Sunday Services at 10.30 am and 6.30pm, occasionally 4.00pm.

JAM (Jesus and Me) normally meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning during the Church Service. It is designed for children who are aged 3+ and parents may stay with their children if they wish.

Communion is normally on third Sunday of the month at 10.30am and as announced in the Calendar.

- Monday** 2.00 pm Evergreen Club: 3rd Monday in month.
2.00 pm The Stroke Club: 2nd & 4th Mondays in month.
5.30 pm Beavers
6.45 pm Cubs.
7.15 pm Scouts.
- Tuesday** 7.30 pm Abingdon Operatic Society.
- Wednesday** 5.00 pm Brownies.
7.00 pm Guides.
- Thursday** 9.30 am Toddler Group.
7.30 pm Thursday Group. Ladies' Monthly Meeting.
- Friday** 10.00 am Prayer Support Group Meeting in the Garden Room.
- Monthly** 7.30 pm Friendship Group - see calendar.

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Loving Lord,
centre of all
we are and of
all we do,
help us to rest
in your love;
to wait on your
word and to listen
to your leading.

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MINISTER'S LETTER

From the Wantage Manse.....

Back in my Infant School days when Halloween was something that was done 'over there' in America, I can still recall singing along with my friends; *"Remember, remember, the fifth of November"* as we looked forward to the excitement of bonfire night.

At that young age I didn't know how the rest of the rhyme went *"Remember, remember, the fifth of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot! If you can't give us one, we'll take two; the better for us and the worse for you!"* nor of course appreciate that it commemorated religious intolerance and sectarian violence in the early 17th century.

As we move through the tail end of October into the month of November, we find ourselves in a period when we do indeed reflect, recall and remember.

On Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, we will at 11:00am in silence and respect, remember and respond to the words of Laurence Binyon;

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

All Saints and All Hallows also give us the opportunity to remember and in more 'normal years and circumstances' we would have been holding our own services of remembrance at this time, gathering to remember and give thanks

to God those whom we still love but see no longer.

As the days grow shorter and the nights longer and darker, our thoughts naturally turn to the months that have past and what has been as we head towards the end of the year. This year, 2020 a year that we couldn't imagine turning out as it has when it first started.

As we continue to be battered and shaken by politics and pandemic alike and we wonder when all this will end, may we find hope, help and comfort in some words of God as found in the book of Isaiah, who reminds us that

God has not forgotten us and that he continually remembers us, for he has written our names on the palm of his hand. (Isaiah 49:16)

May we remember that God is always with us and in that eternal truth, find strength not only for this day but for all days.

Love and God Bless

Keith Underhill

Methodist Superintendent of the Wantage and District Circuit

**Deadline for December/January Triangle 2020/21
Sunday 22nd November**

Please send to Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
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CELEBRATING MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

A RESIDENT whose husband was killed in action during WWII and who later raised money for Royal Star & Garter has celebrated her 102nd birthday at the charity's home in High Wycombe.



Ena Mitchell enjoyed a socially-distanced party thrown by the Hughenden Avenue care home, with staff and fellow residents helping her to mark the special day. Ena loves Indian food so she and the other residents were treated to a curry lunch courtesy of Royal Star & Garter, the charity that runs the home. Later, they tucked into cake and sipped bubbly, before staff at the home presented Ena with a bouquet of flowers.

She also received a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

Ena was born on September 30, 1918, six weeks before WWI ended, in Kingsley, Hampshire, and was the eldest of five children.

She married Bill, a soldier who served in the East Yorkshire Regiment, in 1939.

He was one of the 330,000 troops successfully evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940, and four years later took part in the D-Day landings on June 6, the date of his 33rd birthday.

Bill survived the offensive, but later that year, on September 13, was killed in Belgium when the Bren gun carrier he was travelling in to fetch supplies for his unit was bombed.

Ena and Bill's daughter was just two at the time. Later, Ena started fighting for the rights of the women who had lost husbands during the war; and joined the War Widows' Association (WWA).

She began raising money for Royal Star & Garter after visiting its iconic former Richmond Hill Home in the 1970s through her work with the WWA.

Over the next five decades, she would raise thousands for the charity, often asking for donations to Royal Star & Garter each birthday, instead of presents. Her last birthday collection raised around £1,000.

Ena, a great grandmother, said: "I've had such a lovely day. The home is splendid and the staff are wonderful".

"They always make you feel special, but I felt extra special today." Royal Star & Garter aims to provide compassionate care to veterans and their partners living with disability or dementia. The High Wycombe Home is once again welcoming new residents. Visit starandgarter.org/our-homes-and-care/high-wycombe/ or call 01494 927 555 to find out more.

My song

My song I'd like to relate to you
About Trinity people and what they do
John's the boss of this church I've found
As his collar is always the wrong way round

The choir, the stewards all play their part
To give this church its throbbing heart
The children collect for the JMA
So don't forget them on your pay day

June puts the kids in different places
And tries to remember their names and faces
I only hope when we didn't have the hall
That no one got left over Carswell School

Ron collects the money from the collection plate
He won't allow anything on the slate
So we better get the money to pay for the hall
So the builders don't return it as it was before

Kathy's to blame for this evenings show
Don't get fed up cos it's not long to go
Please sit still till they unlock the door
Then run like mad or I'll sing you some more.

During the time I have been at home as I was on shielding, we spent some time sorting out old papers. We came across this poem that I wrote and put to music for the entertainment show to help raise some money to pay for the refurbishment of the Conduit Centre. This was when we put in the mezzanine floors and had all the upper rooms built This brings back memories of the past and people no longer with us. (God Bless Them All)
Ken Clarke

John Dolling was the minister at Trinity from 1976-1985, June Etheridge ran the Sunday school; Ron Etheridge was the treasurer and Kathy Newton organised the entertainment show.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM ALAN PENNINGTON

9th September 1926 – 4th September 2020

William Alan Pennington was born in London in 1926 but was known to everyone as Alan. He joined the army towards the end of the war and spent most of his time in Libya guarding an R&R camp. On release from the army he became an apprentice within the printing trade - thus began a career in which he remained for the whole of his working life. During his apprenticeship he met Eileen at a family wedding, love blossomed and they were married in September 1950.

During his working life, Alan was a volunteer member of the Royal Observer Corps where he trained to plot radioactive fallout following nuclear explosions, should he need to warn the population of the dangers. His time in the Royal Observer Corps was very precious to him and he always wore his tie pin with pride whenever he could and his medal at their reunions.

Eileen and Alan have three daughters. The girls all grew up in a stable and happy family home with lots of happy memories of holidays at the seaside where Dad tried to keep his car, which was his pride and joy, free of sand and out of the rain when at all possible. He was always there for them with advice and was so proud of their achievements.

Alan loved to travel and was able to fulfil this passion when his daughters left home and moved far afield. Sally lives in New Zealand, Yvonne lives in USA and Louise is now back in England after several years with the RAF in Italy and most recently the Falkland Islands. Alan and Eileen managed to visit them all overseas and every year spent quality time with their four grandchildren in New Zealand. They even celebrated their Golden Wedding in New Zealand surrounded by the whole family. In early retirement they also travelled widely in Europe by car towing a camping trailer and staying in many interesting places. This came to a halt after Alan slipped and fell in the shower at a campsite in France and ended up in a French hospital with a broken leg. Eileen had to arrange for the AA to drive the car home while she accompanied Alan home by air.

Also in retirement Alan became a volunteer with a group which helped to maintain the Ridgeway National Trail and the Thames Path. He spent many happy hours there while Eileen was still working. The dining room would often be taken over by fingerposts in various stages of repair and refurbishment or with paint still wet from renewing the direction or mileage information.

Ten years ago, Alan and Eileen celebrated their Diamond wedding here in Abingdon again surrounded by their family from across the world, as they no longer felt that they could face the long flights to either USA or New Zealand.

Eventually due to failing health they decided to move into a retirement apartment in a new development in Kingston Bagpuize where there was no garden to look after or house repairs to deal with. For the last four years, Alan became a tower of strength for Eileen whose eyesight has been failing and whose mobility has become difficult. Alan has shown patience and love in caring for Eileen and until Louise came home permanently, he cooked and shopped and looked after his wife without looking after himself.

At the end of August Alan and Eileen moved to a care home in Ledbury to be close to their daughter Louise. Alan was pleased that he no longer needed to be a responsible carer for the wife he loved and looked after so faithfully. Sadly he did not spend much time at the home before he became unwell and died after a short illness.

He will be remembered fondly by the friends of Eileen as he supported her for many years with all the tasks she undertook at Trinity. Alan was a welcoming and generous host and joined Eileen in many catering events involving fund raising or fellowship within the Church family. They would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 23rd.

Margaret Greaney

A Prayer for the Journey

*God of the Way
You are the road we travel,
and the sign we follow;
You are bread for the journey,
and the wine of arrival.*

*Guide us as we follow in your way,
holding on to each other,
reaching out to your beloved world.*

TrinityLearning Wildlife Safari Walk

Grab your wellies and a warm coat and see what you can spot on our new Wildlife Safari Walk! This time our walk follows the Ock river path with plenty of woodland, waterways and wildlife for children, families and school groups to see and hear along the way.

TrinityLearning staff members Taz and Nicola S were spoilt for choice when photographing everything there is to see on this walk and it's one that will certainly be worth revisiting as the seasons change, particularly in the spring and summer when there is a lot of bird and insect activity around the river.

Although the river path walk may be familiar to many in Abingdon, our hope with the Wildlife Safari Walk is that it can be done at a slower pace than it usually might, so there is time to notice and learn a little more about the abundance of colourful and varied trees, plants, leaves, and berries along the way.

Identifying everything we see and photograph on the walks is also proving to be a learning experience for us here at TrinityLearning, as Nicola S explains, "Putting the walks together is doing for my plant knowledge what working for Oxfam used to do for my geographical knowledge!"

Send us a photo of you on the walk or let us know how you get on. We'd love to hear from you!

We hope you enjoy these colourful Autumn months,

From

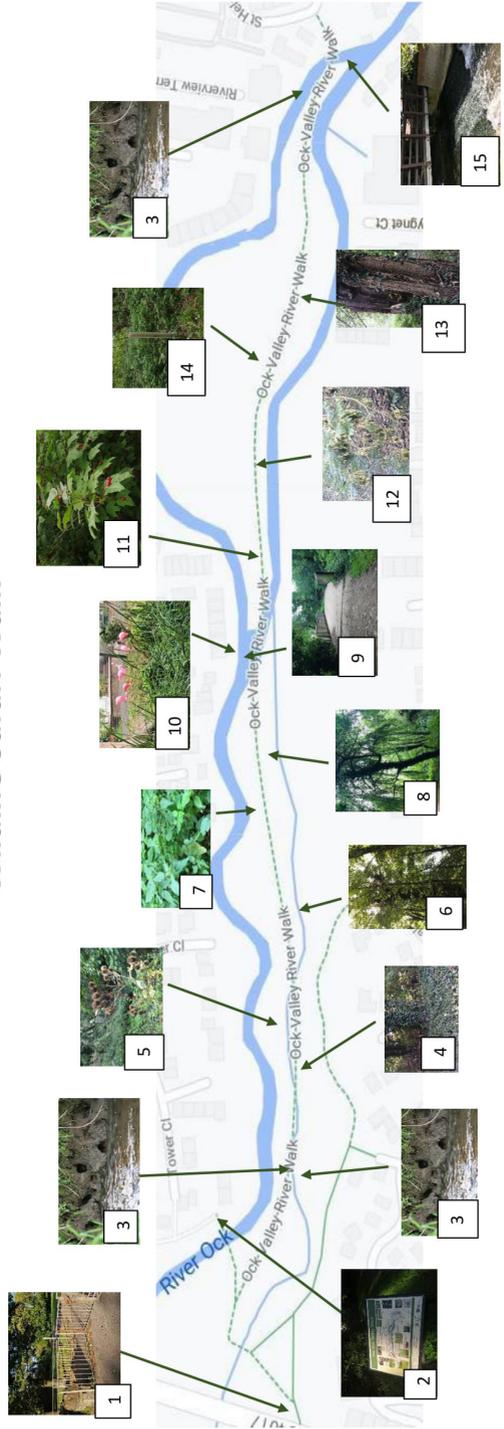
The TrinityLearning Team- Nicola W, Taz and Nicola S

P.S. a pdf of the walk can be downloaded from the TrinityLearning Covid19 Resources and Information section at

<https://trinitylearning.org.uk/covid-19-resources-and-information-for-children-families-and-school-staff/>



Wildlife Safari Walk



along the Ock River Path

Google Map Data ©2020

 <p>This is a riverside walk so remember to stay away from the bank and all children must be with an adult!</p>	<p>1. South Gate</p>  <p>Our walk starts at the gate on Drayton Road. Go through the gate and turn left.</p>	<p>2. Extra information</p>  <p>This sign has lots of information about what you might see on your walk.</p>	<p>3. Water vole burrows</p>  <p>Water voles live by the river in their burrows and eat the grasses and plants that grow on the riverside.</p>
<p>4. English Ivy</p>  <p>Ivy likes light so you will see it growing up trees towards the sunlight.</p>	<p>5. Common Burdock</p>  <p>These have tiny hooks, like velcro to help the seeds disperse. They may stick to your clothes!</p>	<p>6. Sugar Maple Tree</p>  <p>Sap from this tree can be used to make maple syrup! Its leaf colour changes through the year - from bright yellow to reddish orange and finally brown</p>	<p>7. Stinging nettles</p>  <p>Nettles will sting if you touch them but can be used to make tea or soup!</p>
<p>8. Weeping Willow</p>  <p>This tree can grow to full size in 15 years and loves to grow in damp soil.</p>	<p>9. Second bridge</p>  <p>If it has rained a lot and the river is high you will hear the water gushing underneath.</p>	<p>10. Pink flamingos?!</p>  <p>Are these real?</p>	<p>11. Guelder rose</p>  <p>The flowers are replaced with berries in autumn and winter. Do you see flowers or berries?</p>
<p>12. Sycamore</p>  <p>The sycamore flowers turn into winged fruits called samaras.</p>	<p>13. Crack willow</p>  <p>The bark from this tree splits easily and its branches make a loud crack when they break!</p>	<p>14. New trees</p>  <p>Can you see the new trees? The plastic around them means animals can't eat them as they grow.</p>	<p>15. The weir</p>  <p>This is the end of the walk!</p>
<p>Lots of woodland animals and birds live here but only come out during the evening and night</p>			
<p>Muntjac deer</p>  <p>Also called 'barking deer' because they bark in the night and sound like a dog!</p>	<p>Foxes</p>  <p>A fox's bushy tail is known as a brush!</p>	<p>Tawny owls</p>  <p>A tawny owl's wings make no noise as they fly but you might hear their hooting in the night!</p>	<p>You might hear animals, see their footprints or clues showing where they live. Click here for a Woodland Trust guide to animal homes. They also have a great Woodland Trust guide to animal prints.</p>

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Conduit Cobwebs:

Here's Jan Rasmussen putting the secondary glazing back, assisted by Leif, after Petronella and Eve had dusted, and hoovered up the cobwebs cosily spun on the windows and windowsills in the Quiet Room and the Green Room in the Conduit Centre.

So: painting done; rooms now dusted; and spiders looking for a new home!
Malcolm Newton

The Shoebox Appeal. Thank you for gifts of money and some wrapped boxes already received. Our Shoebox Appeal is different because of Covid but presents will still be sent to Bulgaria and Eastern Europe and if anybody is able to fill & wrap a box Rick Parsons will be pleased to have them. We have until November 15th to shop and the following are things suggested to provide:

Clothes. gloves, hats, scarves

Stationery colouring books, colouring pencils, notebooks, pens

Sweets

Toiletries disposable razors, facecloths, toothpaste, shaving gel, soap

Toys. small dolls, teddies, small vehicles

Please put items in a bag or box and phone or email me or Scilla & Griff Fellows and we will arrange to collect them from you. Any cheques or cash in an envelope please. Cheques made payable to FSCI(UK) or donate on line to www.fscinet.org/christmas-donate. Thank you as always for your generosity. We understand shopping is difficult but we hope next year to be filling shoeboxes again.

Griff & Scilla Fellows at gandsfellows@gmail.com. 01235 524878.

Eve Newton. pering79@icloud.com. 01235 522278

A Quiz - Women in the Bible

(The women are not in chronological order)

Old Testament

1. Who was the 'mother of all living'?
2. Who deceived her husband to help one of her twin sons?
3. What was the name of a widow, a Moabite, who came to Bethlehem to find a home and...
4. What was the name of her mother-in-law?
5. Name the two wives of Jacob
6. Which queen came to visit King Solomon?
7. What was the name of Moses' sister?
8. Who offered her son to work in the temple and made a little coat for him each year?
9. Who was chosen, instead of Vashti, to be the queen of King Ahasuerus, King of the first Persian Empire?
10. Who was the only woman to become a Judge in the time of the Judges of Israel?

New Testament

11. Who was the mother of John the Baptist?
12. What was the name of the prophetess who greeted the infant Jesus in the Temple?
13. Who persuaded her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist?
14. Who was the woman from whom 'seven demons were cast out'?
15. What was the nationality of the woman who talked to Jesus at a well?
16. Who was the woman who tried to persuade her husband to have nothing to do with Jesus?
17. Apart from Mary the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, name one of the other women who visited Jesus' tomb according to the Gospels.
18. In the Acts of the Apostles, a married couple sold land to give to the church but kept some of the money for themselves. Ananias was the husband. Who was his wife?
19. Who was Timothy's mother?
20. Who was the widow at Joppa who was 'full of good works'? She was raised from the dead when Peter visited her.

The answers will be in the December/January Triangle



The Church in Abingdon

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCHES



St Helen's, St Michael's, St Nicolas'

All three churches of the Abingdon Parish are open at the following times for private prayer:

- ◆ St Nicolas': Mondays 10 am – 1 pm
- ◆ St Helen's Church: Wednesdays and Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm
- ◆ St Michael's Church: Thursdays 11 am – 1 pm

All Saints Church

All Saints is now holding services in church on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am. Numbers are limited and those intending to come are asked to book in advance or contact the office for more details: office.allsaintsab@gmail.com or 01235 520282.

Our Lady & St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church

There is a phased reopening which will be reviewed week by week based on instructions from the Government and the Diocese.

The church is currently open for private prayer only on Tuesdays and Fridays 12 pm and 1 pm.

The church is also opened for Mass on Sundays - 10.15 am and 6.30 pm, and 2 pm in Polish;

Mondays - 9 am; Wednesdays - 7 pm; Thursdays - 9.30 am;

Fridays - 7 pm; Saturdays - 12 pm.

Attendance at Mass is through the booking system only. For further information, see the website www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk.



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