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*'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'*

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## NOTICES 18 July 2021

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## CHURCH NEWS

### In Church Worship – from Monday 19th July

Following the government's announcement that the Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted in England on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Trustees' have met to discuss what changes should be made to worship at Trinity. Our prime consideration is how we can continue to make worshippers at Trinity feel welcome and safe. Although most of the congregation may well have had both vaccinations by now, we feel that an instant return to entirely normal worship is not prudent until all of the adult population is fully vaccinated, which we believe will be towards the end of August. Therefore, we are recommending a more gradual relaxation of Trinity's Covid related practices. We will continue to monitor weekly, the Covid prevalence in the Abingdon area.

- Although no longer mandated, we are asking for the continued safety of fellow worshippers that we **hand sanitise** on entering church and **wear a mask** within church buildings.
- The congregation will be asked to **pick up their own order of services** from a table adjacent to the Welcome Area double doors and can choose to sit where they wish.
- The **seating lay-out will be changed** so that there will be long rows of chairs either side of the central aisle, as in the past, but alternate rows will

be omitted to maintain distances between seats, and a chair will be omitted from the middle of each row.

- **It is no longer necessary to book** in order to attend worship, but a **register of attendees** will still be kept.
- Collections will continue to be a **retiring collection** via a basket in the Welcome Area.
- The **one-way system**, entering via the main church doors and leaving via the side door by the lawn will continue to operate. The congregation is asked to leave as directed by the stewards to maintain distances between families (bubbles) and to have conversations outside in the garden or in Conduit Road.
- We will **continue not to sing hymns in church**, but, weather permitting, the officiant may choose to have the closing hymn outside on the lawn.

We are all disappointed not to be able to return to entirely normal worship immediately, but it is very likely that we shall be able to do so, with hymn singing, communion, coffee, and fellowship-mingling, from September. We look forward to the day!

*In God's love*

*The Trustees*

## **This week's rhyme**



So now we're free from football's chains,  
From tennis too, our interest wanes  
No longer do we watch TV  
Those who win or lose to see.  
Let's now think of other things,  
Maybe what holiday time brings.  
Will it just be as it has been?  
Or dare we hope for a change of scene?  
Have faith, Look up, Book up.



*Margaret Langsford*

**Myra and family** would like to thank everyone for their messages of love and support during these past few difficult weeks.

## **Tea and cake in the garden**



You and your family are invited to our garden for cups of tea and cake on **Tuesday 27th July** at 2 30 and/ or **Wednesday 18th August** at 2 30.  
Everyone welcome at 6 Monks Close, Dorchester on Thames, OX10 7JA, with *Leif and Petronella*

**Church Flowers:** we are unable to put a list up in church, but welcome anyone who would like to do a vase or two for the Sunday Service. Please let me know, 01235 520945 or nigeckpayne@sky.com.



After the service stewards deliver posies of flowers to anyone needing support. Simple arrangements are fine and there is a flower fund for special occasions or needs.

*Thank you, Judith*

## **METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK 2021/22**

Believe it or not, it is time to order the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2021/22. The title this year is "*A Place for All*", and the focus will be on making our churches places that are truly inclusive, treating all communities with respect and compassion. The handbook begins with several pages of prayers, including thanksgiving, adoration and confession. The rest has two pages for each day of the month, one of facts and prayer suggestions about parts of the overseas world in which there is a Methodist presence, the other catering in the same way for one of the British Methodist Districts. Using it is a reminder that we are part of a world-wide Christian family.

The cost is £4.50 per copy. If you would like one, please let me know by July 25th at the very latest. If you have not used this before, why not try something new? *Ruth Dams* (01235 531526 or ruthdams42@gmail.com)

**Trinity Pens:** We now have a number more, thanks to Petronella. They're £2 each, all proceeds to Trinity funds. If you'd like any, please give us a ring on 01235-522278, or email us on: em.newton@waitrose.com

*Eve & Malcolm Newton*

## **Thursday Group – August Meeting Update**

We are planning a B&S Supper at Margaret Greaney's on **August 12<sup>th</sup>**. We'll start at **7pm** and please bring a plate of food to share.



The July Edition of the **URC Sharing the Vision** is now available [online](#) or in hard copy from the Office.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**In August 2021 The Nasio Trust will be celebrating.**



Please join us to celebrate our 20th Anniversary at Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire, on Sunday 1st August for a day of thanksgiving, fun and festivities.

The day will begin at 10.30am with a special family service led by Revd Canon Sue Booy and by video link with the Bishop Rt Revd Joseph Wandera of Mumias in

Kenya. This will be followed by celebrations in the cloister gardens from 12:00 noon. For refreshments there will be a BBQ and a bar tent. Hot drinks and cakes will also be on sale from the Abbey tearoom. All proceeds will go directly to the expansion of our GMK Medical Centre in Kenya, to provide much needed healthcare for the community we support.

Entertainment will be provided with live music from jazz pianist Maff Potts and local a cappella band 'Two-a-Part'. Children's games and an ice-cream van will keep the kids happy, and we'll also have a tombola and raffle with some amazing prizes. There will be limited seating available in the Abbey and we will be following Covid guidelines. Advanced booking required. Read more:

<https://www.thenasiotrust.org/events/celebrating-20-years-of-the-nasio-trust/>

### **Can you help?**

Sue Russell, All Saints, is helping with the NASIO Raffle and would welcome some Prizes. Offers to her please (07801 015498) and she will arrange collection.

**Calling all Cake Makers:** Now that the Cafe@35 is open, we will be needing more homemade cakes. If you would be prepared to join our loyal band of cake makers to make a cake every one or two months, on a day of your choice, please contact Rosemary Brown on 01235 529261 or at [rosemary.annbrown70@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.annbrown70@gmail.com)

**Christ's Hospital of Abingdon** are hosting an event on **Friday 30 July** from 1pm to 3pm at the Long Alley Almshouses to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Almshouse Association of which the charity is a member. The Long Alley Garden, Hall and one of the almshouses will be open and light refreshments will be served.

The **Annual Prime Time Summer Event** Is taking place at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, **5-8 August**. The event is designed for people who are retired. Although it is run at church, it is open to the entire community; people of all faiths or none. The programme is structured around our memory of distant school days. Further information and the outline programme can be found at:

<https://cca.uk.net/events/2315/joy!/>

## **WORSHIP At Trinity**

### **In-Church:**

**Sunday 18 July:** Morning Worship led by the Revd Nigel Appleton

**Sunday 25 July:** Morning Worship led by Helen Carter

### **In the Circuit**

Orders of Service for Worship at Home are made available on-line or in hard copy. 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](mailto:keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk).

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)

### **By phone**

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 or News: 0808 281 2478 or a pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of Conference 0808 281 2695

### **Methodist and URC resources on line:**

**Methodist** or see <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/>