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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES 21 November 2021

God in Love Unites Us: a Circuit Update on Wednesday 24 November

Topic: Circuit "God in love unites us" update meeting

Time: Nov 24, 2021 07:30 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/93879777841?pwd=R0FHOCtTTVdCREJqK1NDemhBaGNhQT09>

Meeting ID: 938 7977 7841 Passcode: 193785

CHURCH NEWS

The Annual Church Meeting
will take place immediately
after the Sunday Service on 21st November.
Agenda & Papers attached

A very important part of the proceedings will be an introduction to the Sustainability Initiative which has been launched across the circuit. For once this has nothing to do with climate change and global warming but concerns the future of the local Methodist Church Circuit and specifically Trinity's future within it. There will be a presentation and group discussions. We hope that everyone will be able to attend, as it is important that we all know what the future has in store for us and gives each and every one of us a chance to influence any changes. Notes will be circulated to everyone who can't attend proceedings on the day who wants them and a detailed report will be included in the December/January Triangle. Proceedings should be completed by 1.00pm, so the Sunday Roast will need to be turned down a little so it doesn't spoil.

This might just be the most important meeting that has been held concerning our church in recent memory.

Sunday 5 December will be a Gift Service at Trinity: more detail later

Christmas boxes I would like to thank everyone who kindly helped and contributed to the Christmas boxes. You'll be pleased to know that after being blessed last Sunday in church, they have been collected and on their way. We managed to send 35 boxes and a bag of extra things, also £165 pounds in money towards postage.

Thank once again. Lindsay

Traidcraft Christmas are on sale at the front of Church. Come and take a look! They will be here each Sunday up to Christmas.

Christmas cards in aid of Church in Abingdon Twinning Group are now on sale at £4.50 for a pack of 10 cards. The 2 photographs of Abingdon in winter were taken by Alistair Fear. Cards can be bought from Margaret Greaney Tel 534900 or Ruth Sillitoe Tel 531028.

The deadline for the
**December Double Edition of the Triangle is
Sunday 21st November**

As usual email contributions to Cynthia
(cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
and Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com) please,
or via the Office.



Christian Focus: As you know, Christian Focus can now be accessed on line but it is still possible to have a hard copy. If you would like to receive an actual copy please let me know. Scilla Fellows, Tel.01235 524878

The Church in Abingdon: has been given permission to sing **Carols in the Market Place on Saturday 18 December 11am- 12noon** - and to distribute a leaflet with information regarding Christmas worship in member churches. No money will be collected. If you can participate please let Debra (CiA Administrator, dhmcknight@aol.com) or Scilla Fellows know as soon as possible as names and numbers are needed for a Covid assessment

The November Edition of the **URC Sharing the Vision** is now available.
See: <https://wessexsynodurc.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-november-edition/> or contact the Office for a hard copy.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 20 November, Abingdon Baptist Church Christmas Fayre 10 am to 2pm: cakes, hand-made gifts and cards, jams and preserves, and gifts with Christmas in mind. Cafe@35 will be offering soup and roll, and bacon butties.

Saturday 20 November, St Michael's Christmas Fair 10.30 am – 2pm. Gift Stalls, Games, Tombola, Books, Cakes, Plants, Paintings, Prize Raffle, Refreshments

Sunday 21 November: St Nicolas Church, 3pm, **Informal Concert** with retiring collection in aid of Church funds by Arco Strings. Featuring works by Haydn, Telemann, Handel, Vaughan-Williams, Gluck, Charpentier, Dvorak, Franck, Grieg, Radiohead, John Barry & Bach. All Welcome

Friday 26 November, 12noon Mothers' Union Activism Service: No More 1in3, St. Nicolas' Church. Speaker Gwen Bevington. We hope to have the MU diocesan display and the 1,500 chains knitted by members. These chains are intended to focus on gender-based violence and modern-day slavery, not only nationally but also locally. Everyone is welcome. Attendees are asked to wear something purple.

Saturday 27 November Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Joan Impey and Sue Sheppy. Theme: Advent. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. Email: abi.perrow@googlemail.com, if you want to attend.

Saturday 27 November, Christmas Market at St. Helen's 10.00 to 2.30pm. Come and enjoy some refreshments and a chance to do your Christmas shopping. Sales of books, jewellery, gifts, plants, toys, pictures, a raffle, handbells all on offer, along with bacon butties, savouries and cakes to eat in or to take away.

Saturday 27 November, Abingdon Passion Play AGM 7 pm at Christ Church Barns. Please come along if you would like to find out about the plans for the next production. All welcome. There will be refreshments and light entertainment. For further info, please contact John Clare at johnclare.blunsdon@gmail.com.

Saturday 27 November, 7pm, The Salvation Army Central Southern Area Fellowship Band Christmas Concert. 12 West St Helen Street, Abingdon, OX14 5BL. Limited tickets available, £5 per person, please book via phone 07435 075660 or email abingdon@salvationarmy.org.uk

Tuesday 30 November, Silent Reflections at 7.30 pm in St Michael and All Angels. Entry will be through the North door (opposite Albert Park). The wearing of masks is still recommended in areas of close contact. Final prayers will be at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be available. Sue Sheppy will introduce material on the theme: Light in our darkness. A copy will be emailed to all those on our list, and made available on St Michael's website. Paper copies will be available in church. (NB There will be no Silent Reflections in December.)

Thursday 2 December, Moving into Stillness: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes, St Michael and All Angels on from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided between the two sessions.

Saturday 4 December, St Leonard's Church, Sunningwell 3.30pm and 7pm: LAMPS Collective presents **Bread and Starlight** - the story of Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. In this one-woman show for Advent, the character of Elizabeth reflects on the months of her pregnancy and a very special Advent visitor. Motherhood, mystery and miracles are the themes of this grown-up pause for breath before Christmas.

Tickets £10.00

3.30pm performance: <https://buytickets.at/lampscollective1/604943>

7pm performance: <https://buytickets.at/lampscollective1/605062>

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRF, based in Abingdon, is looking for **Anna Chaplaincy church lead**: The focus of the role is on growing the Anna Chaplaincy network, working with denominations, individual churches and church groups to get Anna Chaplaincy started and established. If you have experience of working with different church denominations and structures and have an awareness of ageing and its challenges, then you could be the person we're looking for. Please see [website](#) for more information.

WORSHIP

At Trinity

In-Church (no need to book, but Covid guidelines followed):

Sunday 21 November: 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion

led by Revd Ian Griffiths

Followed by the Church Annual Meeting

Sunday 28 November: First Sunday of Advent

10:30 Morning Worship led by Carol Sturt

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. To join or find out more please contact him - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

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

Useful Contacts:

Church Secretary: Cynthia Bartlett

Treasurer: Tom Kyffin

Stewards: Alastair Fear / Malcolm Newton

Verger: Tom Jarratt

For pastoral assistance please speak to one of the Pastoral Elders

– names are displayed in the Welcome Area

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Christmas Trees

If you are thinking of buying a real Christmas tree this year, Friends of Carswell school are selling premium, UK grown, Nordmann fir Christmas trees to raise funds for the school. This tree is the fullest available, with minimal gapping and excellent needle retention.

You can order trees by posing the completed booking slip (below) with the deposit in a sealed envelope through the School Office letter box **by Friday 26th November**. The deposits should be cash or cheque made payable to "Friends of Carswell School".

Trees can be collected from the school either during the school Christmas fair on the evening of Friday 3rd December or between 9&10am Saturday 4th or Sunday 5th December. The balance is payable when you collect your tree(s).

Any questions then please email: chair@focs.org.uk.



ORDER FORM

Nordmann Fir Premium Cut Trees			
Size - feet	Price	Deposit with order	Quantity
3-4	£25	£10	
4-5	£30	£10	
5-6	£35	£20	
6-7	£40	£25	
7-8	£50	£30	

Name:

Email address:

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