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CHURCH NEWS

Thanks: I would like to thank you all for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy that you kindly sent to me after Peter's death. He did suffer for so long, but, thankfully, now he is at peace.

Thank you, too, to all of you who came to his Thanksgiving Service. I'm just sorry that I was not able to talk to you all at the time. My thanks, too, to the Church family who helped to make the day run so smoothly.

With love and prayers, Rita

Martin Cleveland, a loved and respected member of Trinity for many years, died suddenly on the 31st January in Bromley. He leaves his wife Jane, and daughter Lisa. Please remember them in your prayers. A card will be sent to Jane on behalf of Trinity Church.

Lent is starting on February 14th, and Alastair found some booklets called "*Finding the Way - Getting Started with a Methodist Way of Life*" to help us explore it together. These booklets will be on the welcome table, so feel free to take one if you're interested in following it either during Lent or in your own way. Want to chat about it with others and share your experiences? Just let Alastair know, and we can set up a weekly or bi-weekly discussion group to connect and journey together. (Alastair Fear 07999 134 175)

Church Meetings: the minutes of the Church Meeting on 14 January are now available. The next Meeting will be on **Sunday 25 February**, after the morning Service, for which the Agenda now available online and in hard copy.

For your Diaries: Ian's **Circuit Farewell Service** will be at Trinity on the afternoon of **Sunday 21 July**.

Before that we shall have an opportunity to say goodbye at a **Church Lunch** in the Conduit Centre after Service on **Sunday 23 June**.

More details on both events later, but do make a note of the dates.

Experiences of Church in Covid / Lockdown: Alastair & Katie are thinking of putting together a booklet about the changes we encountered at Trinity, as a result of the pandemic and lock down, for future generations to read. So if you feel inclined and able please jot down some memories you would like future generations to understand, from a small paragraph to a whole page or more. We would be very grateful, as I'm sure future generations will be too! *Thanks Kx*

Triangle: the deadline for items for the March Triangle is Friday 16 February. Please email both Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) and Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com)

Accreditation Service 18th February: Libby Hawkness-Smith invites us to join in her Service of Accreditation as a Local Preacher at 3pm on Sunday 18th February. This will take place at Wantage Methodist Church, 20 Newbury Street, Wantage and will also be available via zoom.

Can you help? Claire is hoping someone can help to refurbish some coffee tables which need sanding down and re-staining. Offers of help, through the office, would be very welcome.

Sue, Jack, Morgan and Isla leave for Kenya on 7th-17th Feb. They will be repairing an orphans' house, holding a jiggers clinic, working in the spirulina greenhouse, serving meals in the new porridge kitchen, experiencing a 'day in the life of' one of Nasio's beneficiaries as well as serving breakfast on Sunday and walking the children to church, meeting Nasio's peer educators and visiting all local schools. Please hold us in your prayers. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us with bras/pants, money or fundraising. **THANK YOU.** *Sue Russell (AS)*

Could you help at Oxford Pride 2024?: We're looking for a team of Methodists (from our circuit and nearby) to join in Oxford Pride on Saturday 8th June. Timings to be confirmed, but in 2023, the parade was from 11am-1.30pm, and Pride Day (where we'd have a Methodist stand with cake and freebies) was from 11am-7pm. You wouldn't need to be involved in the whole day. For more information, or to register interest, contact our Community Chaplain Libby:

libby.communitychaplain@gmail.com, 07860805387. Please include your name, contact details, when or what you'd like to help with, and your church.

Many thanks, Libby

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13 February Holocaust Memorial Events in the Circuit

Holocaust Survivor Dr Agnes Kaposi MBE, FREng and Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich will be present at both events which will include survivor testimony, music and reflections:

12 noon - 1pm In conversation with Rev Bruce Thompson at Wallingford Methodist Church

7:30 - 8:30pm An Evening of Remembrance at Wantage Methodist Church

On Ash Wednesday – 14 February – you would be welcome at:

St Helens, 10.30 am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

St Helens, 7.00 pm Liturgy of Ash Wednesday / Holy Communion

Wednesday 14 February, Just Women (AS) is visiting the foodbank at Christ Church and **everyone** (not just women) is invited to meet in the Coffee Lounge there at 7.30. Please come to learn more about the work of the Abingdon Foodbank and if you brought a donation of one of the items below with you, I know it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you JPB

Foodbank current needs are Angel Delight, cooking oil, fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned meat as well as laundry tablets, shampoo, shaving gel/foam. Sturdy bags for carrying goods are also needed.

During Lent Stations of the Cross at St Michael and All Angels will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm (for about 40 minutes) on 20th February, 5th and 12th March; these will be lay led. If you park in Park Road or Crescent, come in to get a parking permit, otherwise the parking is free in the surrounding streets.

Thursday 22 February, CiA AGM; 7.30 pm at the Salvation Army HQ in West St Helen Street. All welcome to come along and hear about the work of the CiA over the past year and give feedback on its future work in the coming year.

Saturday 24 February, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Joan Impey. Title: *Following God's Way: Sit-Walk-Stand*. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com.

Bampton Lectures The prestigious Bampton Lectures, founded by the will of the Revd John Bampton (1690-1751), first took place at the University Church in Oxford in 1780. This year's lectures will be on *Tuesdays 27 February and 4 March, two per day at 10.00 am and 11.30 am*. They will also be live-streamed on the University Church's YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCew-RHHZSldBM9yYyq6mkHg>

and will be available to view afterwards. This year's lecturer is The Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams and his topic is *Recognizing Strangers: Solidarity and Christian Ethics*. For further details, please see

<https://www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/bamptonlectures>

Friday 1 March, World Day of Prayer Service; 4pm at All Saints. This year's service has been written by the women of Palestine. It is a complete coincidence that 2024 was set for Palestine, the service was finalised at least three years ago.

The Service will be led by Revd Ian Griffiths, and the theme this year is *'I beg you, bear with another in love'*.

Saturday 30 March, Come and Sing Bach St John Passion at Christ Church Northcourt Rd. Singing Workshop Tickets £20. Start time 10.30am, registration from 10am. Concert from 5-7pm, tickets £12. Please see website for tickets and further information www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christ's Hospital, Abingdon has 3 vacancies in self-contained accommodation in Abingdon. Would one suit you or someone you know? Applicants should be single, able to live independently, at least 50 years old, with a strong Abingdon connection and of modest means. Find out more at: www.ch-of-abingdon.org, 01235 526487 or clerk@christshospital.org

Consultation: the South and Vale District Councils are consulting on the *Joint Local Plan Preferred Options* and would like to hear your views. They are inviting views on their proposed approaches and asking for thoughts across a range of topics. There will also be drop-in events across both districts. Find out more via

<https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp/>

The consultation will run until 26 February 2024 at 11.59pm.

TRINITY LEARNING – Volunteers needed

We will be running Experience Easter live in Trinity Church again this year! Can you join us as a volunteer for the event?

We need volunteers to support in-church sessions with the schools that take part in Experience Easter between 11th March and the 21st March. Volunteers work from a script to tell a piece of the Easter Story and explain a simple activity. Training will be provided on Monday 11th March at 1pm and we ask that all Experience Easter volunteers try to attend the Training Session. Training will last approximately 30 minutes. Event timings - morning sessions will be approximately 9-12:30 pm, and afternoon sessions 1-3pm. The morning sessions will start very promptly so volunteers should aim to arrive at 8:45.

DBS and safeguarding - Experience Easter volunteers must hold an enhanced DBS linked to the DBS update service. TrinityLearning can help you apply for this if you do not currently have one but would like to volunteer. We will also provide some basic safeguarding training if needed.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Nicola - nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

WORSHIP

Sunday 11 February: 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion
led by Revd Ian Griffiths

Sunday 18 February: No Service at Trinity

We are invited to join friends at All Saints for their
Service of Morning Worship, 10:30am, led by Daphne Savage



*Give thanks for the life of
Lily May Cordell
whose funeral will be held in Trinity
on Tuesday 20 February.*