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Notices Sunday 16 February Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 16 February 10:30am Morning Worship led by Ian Sturt</p>	<p>Sunday 16 February 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 23 February 10:30am Morning Worship led by Paul Williams</p>	<p>Sunday 23 February 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main</p>

The **Deadline for the March Trinity Triangle** is **Friday 21 February**
Please send contributions to bothy Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
and Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office

CIRCUIT NEWS

From Deacon Selina:

Thank you so much for all your prayers as I have journeyed through stationing. I'm delighted to be able to say that the Order are sending me to Amesbury in the Salisbury circuit where I will be minister for Amesbury Methodist Church and ministering amongst armed services families, the Afghan community who have supported our armed services, and the largest girls brigade unit in the country!

I am very pleased with the appointment to which God has called me. In the meantime I continue to serve alongside you and the community in Abingdon, in accordance to God's call, bearing in mind that the harvest really is plentiful but the workers remain few.

Please continue to pray for my family as they prepare to make this adjustment over the coming months.

Dcn Selina

ALL SAINTS NEWS

The **Tubb House Group** will re- convene on **Monday March 3rd** at 7.30p.m. at 36 The Warren when we hope to be joined by friends from Trinity. We will follow a study on prayer entitled "*Prayer's Beautiful Messiness.*"

Future Pillars Zambia - Our Skills Training Centre ~ Computer Course ~ is in need of *projectors, laptops and ipads*. If you have any of these to spare, and of course *green jumpers*, I will gladly take them when I go in July.

I have taken all your contributions to **Against Breast Cancer**. They were very grateful, so thank you. *Rosemary*.

Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Morning: Saturday 29 March, 10.30-12 noon. The Uniformed Organisations are organising this event as a new way of linking with the church. The leaders of the Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts invite you to join them for coffee and to watch the Easter Egg Hunt (or join in if you want!) Please note the date *JPB*

Next Knitting Project: Can I suggest that for our next knitting project, following our scheme to make dainty garments for pre-med babies at the JR Hospital in Britain, we now make some 'Fish and Chip' jumpers for new born babies supported by the Nasio project in Africa. The title is used because babies used to be sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper! Matching bonnets, if possible, also welcome. The brighter the colours from your wool stash the better, but please **NO WHITE** as this colour is used at funerals. Ask me for a pattern.

This may well be a useful occupation during these dark winter evenings! A big Thank You to all you knitters for your readiness to be involved in these various projects. *Eileen*

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a family at Trinity Abingdon who have been flooded 4 times in a year, and are now seeking some **URGENT accommodation** as the landlord is taking back possession of the property. They have 2 lovely girls at local schools, who need to have continuity in their education. If you can help or know of someone who can help please get in touch with Georgina or Selina at Trinity church.

TRINITY NEWS

Mission Boxes: Would those people who have Mission Boxes please let me have them for emptying in the next couple of weeks. *Many thanks Ruth Sillitoe*

Monday 17th February, Evergreen Club: We are delighted to welcome back everyone's favourite Exercise Teacher - Ellen Shepherd. We have so much fun as Ellen shows exercises to keep us all young and healthy. We meet at 2.30 and there will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

Abingdon Artists' Artist of the month scheme enables members who participate to display their work at local venues for one calendar month during the year (in addition to their biannual exhibitions). The artist for February is **Judith Payne**. Look out for her work at Throwing Buns, Market Place; La Baguette, Bath Street, and Cafe@35 Ock Street

Lent Groups 2025

This Lent, All Saints and Trinity will be offering two groups to explore the season.

- **Fortnightly Evening Group:** Starting on Monday March 3rd, this group will meet at Maurice Tubbs' house near the Radley Road. Alastair will be attending from Trinity and would love to have 3-4 others join him. If you're interested, please let him know, and he can share more details.

- **Daytime Group:** We're still finalising the best day and time for a daytime group. A poll is available in the welcome area for the second time this Sunday, so please cast your vote!

We hope you'll consider joining us for a time of reflection during Lent.

Margaret and Alwyn Langsford are inviting their friends at Trinity Church to join them and their family on **22nd February** in the Conduit Centre (between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m.) for a Tea Party to celebrate their 90th birthday anniversaries.

The Church in Abingdon February News
is out now – online and some copies in church

NOTICES

Have you ever thought about becoming a Trustee?

We are looking for a new trustee to join us at **TrinityLearning**. Trustees are essential to the running of TrinityLearning and work as a team to provide inclusive, strategic leadership and ensure proper governance for the charity. They meet around five times

a year – both in person and online. There is lots of training and support available, so whether you are an experienced Trustee, or are thinking of becoming a Trustee for the first time, we would love to hear from you. We welcome applications from all ages (16+) and levels of experience.

As a charity working with volunteers and young people, TrinityLearning is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all those with whom it works. All Trustees are expected to hold DBS clearance and the relevant safeguarding training, which TrinityLearning can provide. A keen interest in children and enthusiasm for promoting their needs is essential.

If you would like an informal chat about this voluntary role, please email Nicola on nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Foodbank: currently needs fruit juice, oat milk, honey, plain flour, tinned mac and cheese, tinned ravioli, tinned hotdogs, kidney beans and hot chocolate. Also useful would be nappies size 5-8, strong carrier bags, razors and wet cat food. Very many thanks for all the support for Abingdon Foodbank. *JPB*

Please also see letter of thanks on p 7

Dorcas Dress Project - volunteers needed: Peachcroft Christian Centre will be hosting the Dorcas Dress Project's Abingdon local sewing hub, beginning March 2025. The project supports people out of situations of financial hardship by providing skills training, resources and pastoral care, both in the UK and overseas. The local hubs work to bring people from different backgrounds together. They mend, alter and make clothes, providing the opportunity for people to: use their sewing machines, or bring their own; and complete their own sewing projects or engage with the topic of the week.

Volunteers from local churches are needed to support the project.

<https://dorcassdressproject.org/home/vacancies/sewing-hub-supporters-u-k/>

Don't forget Keith Underhill's fundraising half marathon for the Skye High Foundation: https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-underhill-1736248913715?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

DATES

Wednesday 19 February, 2pm via Zoom. The URC General Assembly has recommended that URC members and groups widen/deepen their understanding of some of the fundamental issues as to why the conflict in *Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory* seems so intractable. The inter faith enabling group together with Commitment for Life are hosting a series of online events beginning on 19 February with Revd Philip Woods who will be looking at Christian Zionism's role in the questions (see p6).

Tuesday February 25, Agnostics Anonymous: 6 - 7.30 pm in the Abingdon Parish Centre. Jen Brown will give the introductory talk on " Does being religious make you a better person?" John Barton and John Kerr will also answer questions and contribute to the discussion. FREE and EVERYONE WELCOME. For more information please contact Jill Gant (01235 52892)

Church in Abingdon AGM: 27th February at 7:30 pm at Abingdon Baptist Church. All are welcome to come along and hear about the work of the CiA.

Saturday 1 March, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, Spring Lane, Oxon OX12 9EJ on 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Philip Mader-Grayson. Theme: *Crocuses in the desert*. 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 in advance. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 4 March Pancake Tuesday! plus - 'Kings of the Saxons and the Bishopric of Dorchester', a talk by archaeologist Anne Dodd. This Friends of St Helen event will take place in the Parish Centre on, with pancakes served at 6.30pm, followed by Anne's talk at 7.30pm. All are welcome to the talk. Suggested donation £5. If you would like pancakes, please RSVP to Mary Anderson at Friends@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk by Friday 28th February.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 7 March, 2.30pm St Helen's Church. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands and is entitled *I made you wonderful*. All welcome. Any questions to Helen Appleyard or JPB (at All Saints), Scilla Fellows (at Trinity)

Thursday 10 April, LAMPS Collective The Passion; 7.30pm Peachcroft Christian Centre. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are recreated in this moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter story. Told from the perspectives of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion named Marcus, this powerful contemporary drama leads us up to and through the events of Holy Week, to the cross and beyond. Tickets £10 (adult), £5 children (10-18) See more <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/the-passion>



Signs of spring in the Trinity Garden

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SAVE THE DATE!

19TH FEB '25

2PM GMT



SESSION 1 OF 4

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WITH

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5th February 2025

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Dear everyone at Trinity Church

Thank you so much for your faithful support of the Abingdon Foodbank.

Abingdon Foodbank has been going now for 15 years and, sadly, we have seen demand for our service grow during that time, and it continues to do so. In the last year we have responded to 2,850 requests for food, distributing 8,118 food parcels and supporting 616 families in Abingdon and the surrounding villages.

That's a lot of food, and we are entirely dependent on donations and therefore on people's generosity in being willing to give food or money. So we are most grateful to you as a church for donating food week by week and for the regular supply of food that you give us. Without faithful supporters like you, we would not be able to continue and families would go hungry.

Thank you and best wishes,

Philip Bingham
Foodbank Manager

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Thursday 10th April 7.30pm

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A moving and memorable
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