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Notices Sunday 28 September

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 28 September 10:30am Harvest Festival Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist	Sunday 28 September 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson
Sunday 5 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Ian Sturt	Sunday 5 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson
Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council Michaelmas Fair Service Sunday 5 October 3.30pm Abingdon Market Place	

There will be a **Coffee Morning in All Saints on Saturday 27 September**, 10am to 12 noon – in the church so that we can encourage those decorating it for Harvest. All welcome

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Foodbank Harvest: 28 September is Harvest at All Saints. See suggestions for donations on p5 *Many thanks JPB*

Quest will meet at 7:30 on Wednesday 1st October at Valerie and Alan's. We will complete our study and discussion on John's Gospel.

From the Finance Team: closure of Nat West branch Abingdon and Gift Aid. The closure of the branch on 24th September has now been implemented and the finance team will now be using the local post office for purposes of paying into our bank account with Nat West.

If anyone who currently contributes through the Sunday collection plate would prefer to donate by bank transfer this would be helpful and bank details can be provided by contacting Richard at church or by e mail to richardmatthews32@hotmail.co.uk

If anyone who is a taxpayer has not yet completed a gift aid form, please speak to Richard or Margaret Ellwood who can supply the form. This would enable an extra 25% to be paid to the church by HMRC. Gift Aid is an important part of the Church's income. Thank you for your continuing support. *Richard Matthews*

A message from the All Saints Pastoral Committee: As you know pastoral care is rooted in John Wesley's teachings and upheld by Methodist structures. A **Methodist pastoral visitor** is a Church member appointed to a small group of people in their local congregation and they connect with these people in many ways, usually through visits, phone calls and emails. They offer support and a listening ear in difficult times, pray for those on their list and inform the minister or pastoral secretary of any special needs. If you think you might be able to take on the role of a pastoral visitor at All Saints please speak to Georgina or Sue Butler.

Just Women on **Wednesday 8 October** is an **open meeting**. Everyone welcome to hear about [Thames Valley Air Ambulance](#). There will be a plate for donations for the wonderful work they all undertake.

Knitting/shoe boxes! there are boxes for items for the 'Samaritans Purse' shoe box appeal at church, so instead of making up your own box you can if you wish bring individual item(s) which can then be sorted out later. You are of course still able to make up your own if you choose to do so. We could put a knitted angel into each box if anybody chooses to make those. Remember the categories are for either boys or girls, and for ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. The boxes have to be ready by the middle of October. For further suggestions for gifts to be included see the [Guidance Booklet](#) some hardcopies of which will be available in church. *With many thanks Eileen*

OHCT Ride & Stride: As you may know the OHCT R&S raises money for both OHCT and the StRider's home church. Lynnette (from Trinity) visited 9 churches on behalf of both Trinity & All Saints. If you would like to sponsor her (with 50% of All Saints' contributions returning to All Saints) please see Sue Butler or Lynnette.

More ALL SAINTS NEWS

All Saints Church Family Committee are launching a new initiative to provide a Coffee Morning opportunity on the **1st Monday** of each month for the two AgeUK Strength & Balance groups which meet at All Saints on Mondays. The first Coffee Morning will be held in the church, **Monday 6th October, 10.30am-12 noon. Everyone welcome.**

TRINITY NEWS

Trinity is supporting the **House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal** again this year. Send a box to a marginalised child, woman or man living in poverty in Southeast Europe. See flyer in church for further details. **Complete boxes welcome.** Or if you prefer, there will be a box for your donations (of, for example, pencils, sharpeners & erasers notebooks, colouring books, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hats, scarves & gloves, small toys (not war related), soaps & flannels, sweets with a good date (but no chocolate), small soft toy etc and shoe boxes to put them in) in the back of church, donations by 5 October please. *Thank you for your support, Lindsay*

Thursday Group and Friendship Group are meeting in the church at 7:30 on **Wednesday 8th October** to pack boxes for the House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal.

Eco-Church: Trinity is hoping to join the Eco-Church scheme (<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>) and David Perrow has offered to lead on this (having been involved with the scheme at All Saints). It would be good to have a small team working with him. If you would like to be involved please speak to David or contact the Office.

NOTICES



Reminder: The Fair comes to Abingdon on 5 – 7 October

Ock Street will be blocked from Sunday morning.
Vehicular access to Park Rd will be through the Park.
Access to Conduit Rd along Exbourne Rd



St Ethelwold's Fund Raising: is doing well and has reached just over halfway towards the aim of £70,000. A generous local family have promised to match fund, which gives St Eth's one month from 10 September to 10 October to raise £10,000. I can send latest newsletter to anyone who asks for it. Thank you if you have already

made a donation and if you haven't but would like to please do so via Wonderful Crowdfunder <https://wonderful.org/charities/1179427>

Father of 3 Robin (Verger at St Helen's) is cycling from Dalton Barracks to RAF Benson on a specially adapted bike which enables his 9 year old twins diagnosed with autism to join him on the challenge. You may have seen him on the OHCT Ride&Stride. This time he is raising money for Camp Mohawk to thank the charity for all they do for him. For more information or to sponsor him see

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thankyoucampmohawkcycle>

Camp Mohawk is a multi-functional day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire

Handel's Messiah

Kennington Chorale wish to celebrate with friends and lovers of this wonderful work the fantastic achievement of this choir since 1974 in raising in excess of £826,000 for local, national and international charities. Please come and join this very special choir and raise the roof at both venues singing with us on either or both occasions.

Rehearsals begin Friday 12th September 7.30pm Kennington Methodist Church, Score hire £5. (Feel free to join later or just come along on the day)

Performances:

Saturday 15th November, St Swithun's Church Kennington,
(2pm Rehearsal 3.30pm Performance) &

Saturday 22nd November, Trinity Church Abingdon
(2pm Rehearsal 3.30pm Performance)

For further information please contact our MD Judith Sawyer on
judithsawyer2010@hotmail.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 30 September: In conversation with **Sharon Bruce – Executive Director and Founder of Solutions not Sides**. Wallingford Methodist Church, 12 noon – 1pm. Free entry.

Tuesday 30 September Agnostics Anonymous: 6pm in the Parish Centre. Dr. Bethany Sollereder will be speaking on "Why would a good God create through evolution's violence and waste?"

Wednesday 1 October, Full of Life: Oxford's Older People's Day. Oxford Town Hall 10am-3pm. Looking for a new interest, a new hobby or activity, a new volunteering opportunity, advice or information? Presentations, digital workshops (bring your digital device and chargers). Free admission.

Thursday 9 October, Fr Paul Smith (St Michael's & St Nicolas') will be celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry and marking his retirement at a special. Preacher: The Revd Patrick Taylor, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon. This will be Fr Paul's final service in the parish.

Friday 10 October, All Saints Coffee Morning: 10:30-12noon. All Welcome
Coffee/tea, cake and friendship

Friday 10 October, The Northcourt Singers Concert 'Mighty in Power': St Michael's Church, at 7.30pm. A concert of hymns to launch the CD by local composer David Preston. Tickets are £15 by card or cash on the door. Proceeds to St Michael's and Abingdon Passion Play.

Saturday 11 October, Just Jane: An afternoon of readings from Jane Austen with contemporary music and refreshments (tea, coffee, and cakes), 3.00 - 5.30 p.m. Tickets £15, under 18 free. Or £10 on the door if pre-ordered (after 22/9) from Hilary Clare (St Michael's).

HARVEST 2025

Thank you for supporting Abingdon Foodbank this harvest. This year we are in need of:

TINNED MEAT, FISH and VEGETABLES



SOUP, SPAGHETTI HOOPS, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PASTA, OIL



TINNED FRUIT, PUDDINGS, JAM, HONEY, BISCUITS



CEREAL, UHT MILK, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, SQUASH



In Conversation
with
Sharon Booth

Executive Director and Founder of
Solutions Not Sides

Discussing Israel Palestine in schools
without resorting to conflict

Wallingford Methodist Church

12 noon—1.00pm

30 September 2025

Free Entry

Further details revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk



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10:30 - 12.00
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