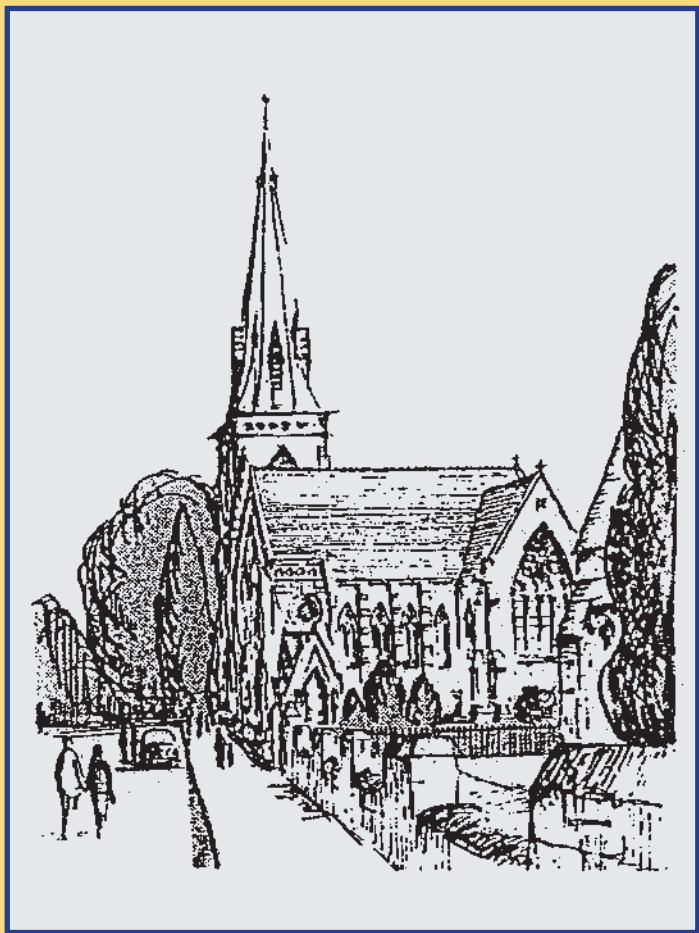




# TRINITY TRIANGLE

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‘Serving God, serving each other, serving community’

**TRINITY CHURCH**

Methodist/United Reformed/Church in Abingdon

Conduit Road, Abingdon

## TRINITY'S WEEK

Sunday Services at 10.30 am, occasionally in the evening.

JAM (Jesus and Me) normally meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday morning during the Church Service. It is designed for children who are aged 3+ and parents may stay with their children if they wish.

Communion is normally on third Sunday of the month at 10.30am and as announced in the Calendar.

**Monday** 2.30 pm Evergreen Club: 3rd Monday in month.

5.30 pm Beavers.

6.45 pm Cubs.

7.30 pm Scouts.

**Tuesday** 7.30 pm Abingdon Operatic Society.

**Wednesday** 5.15 pm Brownies.

7.00 pm Guides.

**Thursday** 9.30 am Toddler Group.

7.30 pm Thursday Group. Ladies' Monthly Meeting 2nd Thursday in the month.

**Friday** 10.00 am Prayer Support Group (in their homes).

9.30am Coffee 10-10.45am. Abingdon Larder (SOFEA)

**Monthly** 7.30 pm Friendship Group - see calendar.

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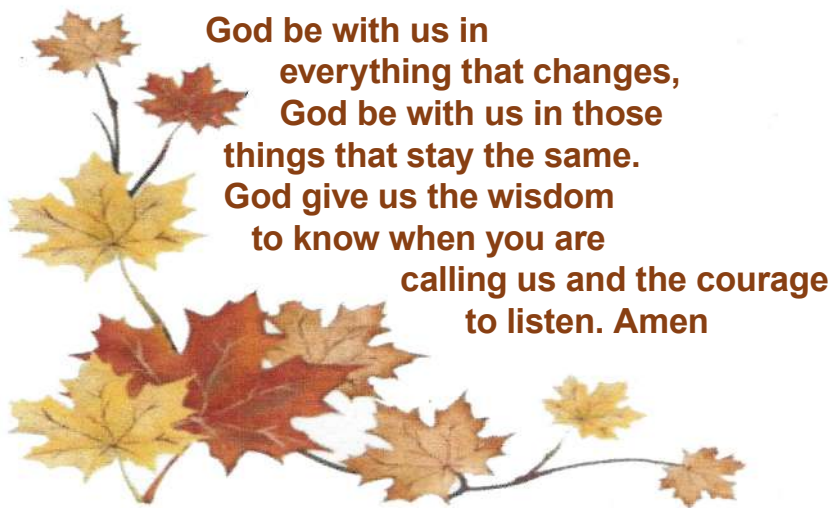
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**God be with us in  
everything that changes,  
God be with us in those  
things that stay the same.  
God give us the wisdom  
to know when you are  
calling us and the courage  
to listen. Amen**

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# Minister's Letter

## Lord, teach us to pray... (Luke 11:1)

Happy New Church Year!

Until a few months ago, I did not realise that a couple of prayer initiatives take place so close together in September. There is The Global Week of 24-7 Prayer which takes place from 1-7<sup>th</sup> September. During this time, the global church is encouraged to pray non-stop for every nation on earth and the event invites communities worldwide to unite in prayer. There is also the National Week of Prayer (NWoP), which runs from 6-14<sup>th</sup> September. This movement invites the Body of Christ, across the British Isles, to pray for each other, our leaders, our nation and the nations. In that week, we are encouraged to remember and discover the good things that God has done and continues to do in this country, with thanksgiving, worship and praise. I believe the timing of these prayer events is no coincidence and is significant. What a proper and effective way to begin the new church year – with, in and by prayer!

Why? Because prayer underpins everything we do as Christians. The old hymn by James Montgomery describes prayer as the “Christian’s vital breath” and “the Christian’s native air” and Martin Luther, the seminal figure of the Protestant Reformation said, “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” These two quotes capture the essence of the indispensable role prayer plays in our lives. We step out not knowing what lies ahead but knowing full well that God promises to be with us as he leads us through the plans he has for us.

The new church year offers us a fresh start, a chance to recommit the challenges of the previous year to God, trusting that God will continue to be with us. It also offers a chance to embrace the opportunities that God has in store for us. One of the best ways to prepare ourselves for the coming year is through deepening prayer – seeking God’s wisdom, guidance, direction, blessings and peace as we enter a new chapter.

As Christians, prayer is one of our greatest weapons – “the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)” So, I urge us to take time to pray – to really pray. Let us begin this new year with prayer, “praying without ceasing” and “giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18)

As we enter a new church year, I pray that prayer will be our passion and prayer our practice. Even when you are unsure of how to pray or what to

pray, the Holy Spirit, our help and guide, will intercede on your behalf and align your prayers with God's will.

O you, by whom we come to God,  
the life, the truth, the Way!  
The path of prayer yourself have trod:  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

Every blessing,  
Georgina

### **For Trinity and All Saints Churches**

No words can properly convey how very blessed I feel by you all.

I came to Abingdon to make new friends in Christ,  
but I am moving on, leaving family behind, such is my  
affection for you all.

Thank you is not enough for your generous gifts, the many cards  
of blessing, the service on the 20th July, which I hope you found  
uplifting, and the splendid tea afterwards in the Conduit Centre, which  
was wonderfully masterminded by Judith from Trinity and many able  
assistants from both churches. It left me with great cheer  
in my heart!

Most of all I wanted to thank you for your love and your  
generous fellowship as we have journeyed together on our pilgrim  
journey. It has been a huge privilege to serve  
in Abingdon in so many different ways.

As we come to a fork in the road, and temporarily take  
different paths, we are reminded by St Augustine that all  
Christians are ultimately journeying on  
towards our "true home,"  
and so it never is "goodbye" but only ever "au revoir"  
(until we meet again).

So.....

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
Deacon Selina xxxx



Fri 5th – Sun 7th As part of the **Global Week of 24-7 Prayer**: Peachcroft Christian Centre will be hosting a prayer room (see p 9 for more details)

Sun 7th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Georgina
Mon 8th	5.00pm	Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
Wed 10th	5.15pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 11th	7.30pm	Thursday Group: Saxon Kings and the Bishopric of Dorchester: Anne Dodd
Fri 12th	10.30am	Virtual Prayer Support Group 9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder
Sat 13th		Ride and Stride Heritage Open Day
Sun 14th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Revd. John Anderson Ride and Stride Heritage Open Day
	6.30pm	The Final Summer Evening Service lay led by Trinity
Mon 15th	2.30pm	Evergreen: AGM and a speaker (see p 9)
	5.00pm	Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
Wed 17th	5.15pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 18th	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group
Fri 19th	10.30am	Virtual Prayer Support Group 9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder
Sun 21st	10.30am	Morning Worship, led by Revd Carol Hamilton-Foy
Mon 22nd	5.00pm	Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
Wed 24th	5.15pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 25th	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group
Fri 26th	10.30am	Virtual Prayer Support Group 9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder
Sun 28th	10.30am	All-age Morning Worship led by Georgina

# October



Sun 5th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Georgina

**Deadline for October issue of Triangle  
Friday 19th September**

**Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)  
AND to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office**

## **24-7 PRAYER at Peachcroft Christian Centre:**

Prayer connects us all with God. As part of the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer PCC will be hosting a prayer room, with nonstop prayer happening day and night. Friday 5 September at 7.00 am to Sunday 7 September at 8.00 am. We invite you to join us praying for our world and our community. There will be themed prayer stations set out in the main church hall. You can just drop in or sign up for one or more hour long slots. To find out more visit <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/prayer/24-7-prayer-september-2025>.

## **TRINITY**

### **EVERGREEN CLUB**

### **MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**

After our Summer break,  
we return as usual for our AGM.  
We promise the actual AGM will be very  
short so we can listen to a Speaker from  
The Fire Service who will be giving  
us some help and advice.  
The usual raffle and refreshments  
and we start at 2.30.

*Tricia Cook*

## **THE TRIANGLE: A Reminder!**

We hope readers enjoy reading the Triangle, which we produce ten times per year. We are very grateful to Mike Coleman for his amazing work in illustrating and producing the finished publication. For those of you who already pay for copies each year, this is a reminder to send your payment for the coming year.

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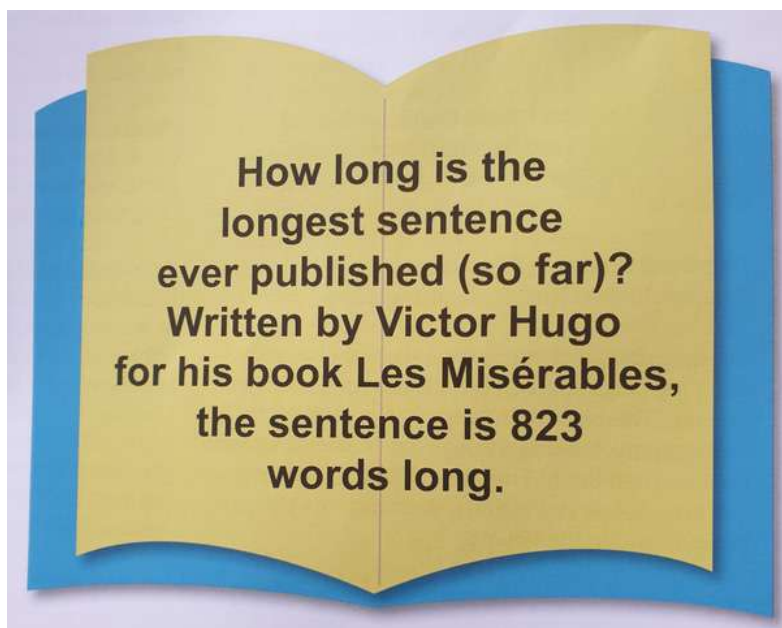
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## TrinityLearning Volunteer Newsletter, July 2025

**We've had a busy but really rewarding summer term with our Volunteer Celebration, our week-long Toolkit for Happiness project in Larkmead school and the Carswell School sensory garden's fantastic make over!**

**Toolkit for Happiness** – we had an amazing time at Larkmead school's Make a Difference week where we trained 18 sixth form pupils and then supported them in delivering our five Toolkit for Happiness wellbeing workshops to around 180 year 7 pupils. It's a lot of work but extremely rewarding to see the 6th form students develop in confidence over the week as they take on leading and teaching the workshops. Lots more detail to follow in our autumn newsletter.

**Volunteer Celebration Event** - We had a great time at our 2025 Volunteer Celebration event in June. A lovely tea and a chance for volunteers, teachers from some of the local schools we support, some of our funders and our staff to get together and celebrate the amazing work our volunteers do for TrinityLearning. TrinityLearning has directly supported over 1000 children in 14 Abingdon Partnership schools this year.



**Call for Trustees** - TrinityLearning Trustees are having a reshuffle and are looking for a new Treasurer or a new Chair of Trustees. Full descriptions for both roles are available on our website at [TrinityLearning Trustees](#). Trustee appointments are generally for a three-year period but can be extended. Our outgoing Chair of Trustees, Katie, says "I have learnt much from this position and had many amazing experiences. I have always been grateful for the support of my fellow trustees, and of course, the staff of TrinityLearning."

We are so thankful for Katie's enthusiasm and time over the last three years and are thrilled that she is staying on as a Trustee. If you are interested in applying for either role or would like to find out more, please email Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com).

**Thinking Books update** - The Thinking Books project has had another successful year with over 30 children from 5 different schools each receiving 10 sessions and a free book. We have recently adapted our

recruitment for this project and are planning for rapid expansion of it in September as we move into two more primary schools and a secondary school.

**Calling knitters and crocheters** - As many of you know TrinityLearning gives out a tiny handmade teddy with each Bereavement Pack provided to support a recently bereaved child. This year we have given out 17 bears and so we are looking to restock. If you are able to knit or crochet please could you consider making a tiny bear? We provide everything you need. If you are interested in helping with this please email Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Volunteer Training** – if you haven't already, please do book into our September training sessions by emailing Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com).

**Thinking Books Training** (Trinity Church) – all Thinking Books volunteers should aim to attend both sessions.

**Thursday 4th September 12:30 – 3pm** A general recap or

- introduction to Thinking Books (session led by Nicola and Taz)

**Tuesday 9th September 12:30 – 3:30pm** Emotional Reading with

- Thinking Books training (session led by Lisa)

**Safeguarding Training** (Conduit Centre Hall) – all volunteers working in schools or child facing roles (e.g. Experience Easter) should aim to attend one of these Training Sessions

- **Thursday 18th September 1 – 4pm** OR

- **Monday 22nd September 9:30 – 12:30pm**

**Stay in the know:** Our TrinityLearning Facebook page has new posts added regularly, so it's a great place to keep up to date with news in between our volunteer newsletters.

Thank you as always to all our volunteers for their amazing support over the last school year!

Best wishes, Nicola W, Taz, and Nicola S



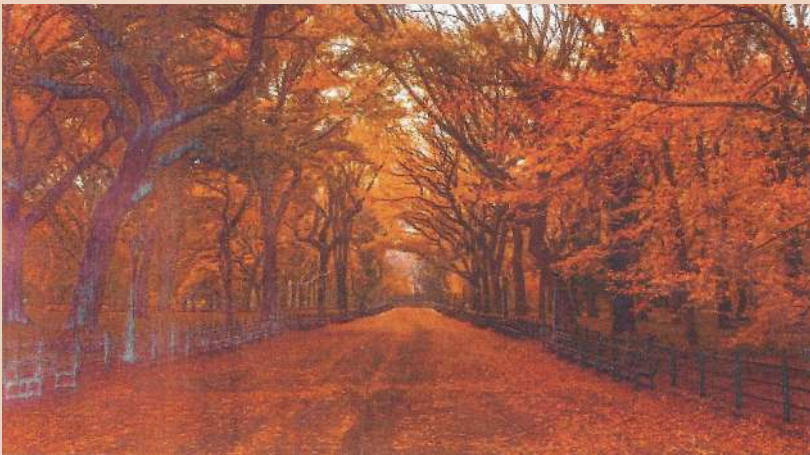
## To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,--  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river sallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

*John Keats*





Loving Father, Lord of all Nations,  
We pray to you for peace in our time.

Grant that love may replace hatred  
and harmony replace discord.

Bless the churches that strive to  
preach and teach the Good News  
of the Gospel in places of conflict.

Give them wisdom, faith,  
perseverance and courage.

May we all receive your grace to live  
in peace with one another,  
seeking only what is good  
and pleasing to you.

Amen.



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