



**All Saints
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Notices Sunday 26 October

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 26 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Dr Graham Luscombe	Sunday 26 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Revd Pauline Main
Sunday 2 November Church Anniversary 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 2 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Local Worship Leaders

The next All Saints **Friday Coffee Morning**, with *Christmas Card Crafts*, will be on Friday 14 November. 10:30-12noon. All welcome

ALL SAINTS NEWS

The Tubb House Group will meet at 7.30p.m. on **October 27th** at 5 Tatham Road (note change of date and venue) We will study John 4v43- 5v47.

All Saints Church Family Committee invite you to a **Pudding Evening and Quiz** at All Saints on **Saturday November 8th 6pm**. Come and sample some - OR ALL - of the puddings! ***We need your puddings!*** They need to be from somewhere meaningful to you e.g. birthplace, family favourite, area speciality, memorable holiday. Sign up on the foyer sheet to attend, and if you can bring a pud, name the place you associate it with. *Anne*

Ministers Vestry: Curtain Alteration Request

We have an issue with the curtains in the Minister's Vestry being drawn shut and left shut, as these are completely obscuring both the External Fire Exit Door and the Fire Extinguisher.

This presents an escape and control risk to all church users in the event of a fire occurring and we need to alter the curtains to ensure that the curtain hanging does not fall below the height of the window cill, so that both the fire exit door and the fire extinguisher are visible to all at all times.

Is there anybody with the skill to make these alterations able to offer their services to undertake this task? Please contact either Martin Appleyard or one of the Stewards if you can help. *Thank you*



Shoe boxes! It would be helpful if any shoeboxes or individual items could be **in by this Sunday** so they can be ready to be delivered in November. Remember the categories are for either boys or girls and for ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. With grateful thanks as ever for your imaginative and generous support. *Eileen*

NOTICES

Foodbank currently needs: cereal bars, plain flour, cooking oil, squash, UHT whole milk, tuna, tinned meat stew / meat balls, coffee, macaroni cheese. *JPB.*

METHODIST SAFEGUARDING

As it has been three years since our last Creating Safer Space Safeguarding Training, refresher training across the circuit will take place on the following two dates:

Circuit Training Days for Foundation Module:

Wednesday 26 November at Wallingford Methodist Church, 10am-12pm

Monday 1 December at Trinity Church, 7pm-9pm

Some roles at All Saints & Trinity require attendance – see below for the list – and these people are being contacted directly. However, if you feel that you would benefit from attending the training then please do come along. This invitation is particularly for those who attend to property matters and/or who hold keys to the church, but anyone is welcome.

Roles Requiring Attendance at Safeguarding Training:

Pastoral Visitors / Elders

Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults

Church Stewards

Sunday / Worship Stewards

Church Safeguarding Representative

Helen Appleyard & Ian Brawn (Church Safeguarding Officers)



ADVENT - Joint Study Group



Advent is a time of waiting and preparation – waiting for the birth of Jesus and preparing ourselves for his coming. This year there will be an Advent Bible study for *All Saints and Trinity* in the weeks leading up to Christmas, led by Rev Carol Foyn, to help us to prepare once more for Jesus' birth.

Each of the 4 sessions will be on a Friday afternoon from 2-3.30pm in the Perry Room at All Saints and each one stands alone so don't worry if you cannot make all of them – just come when you can. The sessions are:

Friday November 28th – Light in the Darkness – the People of God

Friday December 7th – Trust in the Promises – the Prophets

Friday December 14th – Hope in the Wilderness – John the Baptist

Friday December 21st – Joy in the Unexpected – Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Each week we will look at passages of Scripture relating to the birth of Jesus, in both the Old and the New Testaments, together with music and reflection.

All are welcome.

TRINITY NEWS

Royal British Legion: There is a box of poppies and a collection tin in the Welcome Area should anyone wish to donate.

What is Eco Church?

Eco Church is an awards scheme run by A Rocha UK which helps churches to care for creation in practical ways. It provides a framework for churches to take actions to help care for God's earth using a self-administered survey covering five key areas: worship and teaching, buildings and energy, land and nature, community and global engagement, and lifestyle. Churches can earn points and work towards Bronze, Silver, or Gold Eco Church awards.

The Eco Church movement started in 2016 and is run in partnership with Christian Aid, Tearfund, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Benefact Trust (formerly the All Churches Trust).

Trinity is just starting to look at applying for an Eco Church award, working alongside the Methodist circuit which is considering an application to become an Eco Circuit.

For further details, please speak to David Perrow (email david.perrow@gmail.com)

Shoeboxes: thank you to everyone who donated gifts and / or helped pack the boxes for House of Opportunity. On Wednesday we completed over 30 boxes ready to go, with £55 towards sending them. *Thank you again, Lindsay*

Olive's friend has a **square shopping trolley**. Should anybody need one let Olive know and she can put you in contact.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 28 October, Agnostic Anonymous: John Barton - "Why do Christians bother with the Old Testament?". Parish Centre 6 pm

Tuesday 28 October – Saturday 1 November: Abingdon Artists Autumn Art Exhibition. Christ Church Barns, 10am-4:30pm. Free entry.

Friday 31 October – Sunday 2 November: Abingdon Craft Fair, Abbey Buildings 10am-4:30pm (4pm Sunday).

Saturday 1 November, The Oxford Waits: 7.30 pm in St Helen's Church. A performance of 17th century music (dance tunes, songs) and readings. This will be a fun, light hearted evening for all ages, with refreshments available. Tickets £15 adults (under 16 free) available from Ticketsource, the Bookstore, and at the door.

Saturday 8 November, St Michael and All Angels' Christmas Fair: 10am - 2.30pm. Craft and gift stalls, raffle with generous prizes, cakes, bottles, books, plants, and bric-a-brac; live music and activities for children. Free parking and refreshments available including bacon butties. All welcome. Proceeds to church funds and the charity Emmaus Oxford.