



**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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Notices Sunday 16 November

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 16 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main	Sunday 16 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by Annual Church Meeting
Sunday 23 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Local Worship Leaders	Sunday 23 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Nigel Ogley

**The Deadline for the December / January Edition of the Triangle
is Friday 21 November.**

An opportunity to send a Christmas message to Trinity / All Saints friends.
Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) AND to Val
(vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office

April in Amsterdam?

There are just 3 spaces left for the trip to Amsterdam in April. There will be an Anne Frank day, a historical day, art day, and tulip, clog and cheese day. Full itinerary and cost from Bruce on 01235 813242 or revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk

ALL SAINTS NEWS

The **Tubb House Group** will meet at 36 The Warren at 7.30p.m. on **Monday 24th** November to discuss Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel

Many thanks are due to Helen and Martin for their sterling efforts in re-painting our Perry Room and hallway. It looks so much fresher and helps give a welcoming vibe to users of our premises. Thank you!

All Saints Knitters: for our next challenge we are knitting for NASIO – v necked cardigans for newborns or 0-3months (pattern available [online](#) or from Eileen). Sue would like them by mid-January ready for her to take out in February. We hope this can be fitted in alongside any other Christmas knitting. *With thanks Eileen*

Ministers Vestry: Curtain Alteration Request

A big thank you to Marion Orchard who kindly volunteered to alter the curtains in the minister's vestry, and for completing this task so promptly. The newly altered curtains not only make our fire safety arrangements more visible but also improve the room by allowing more light into the vestry. *Thank you*

Advent Saturday Coffee! On 29 November when the Christmas Tree is being decorated the Uniformed Organisations will make coffee for you and have their Christmas Scavenger Hunt from 10.30 –12 noon. This new way of including the Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts was first tried for Easter and was very successful, more attending than the traditional church parades. Please join in. JPB

The **Just Women** TV Air Ambulance evening raised £130 – see poster p8

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Circuit Safeguarding Training:

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

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

Open to all

Foodbank: Very many thanks for all the donations. At present the foodbank needs, in order of priority – UHT whole milk, corned beef, tinned pineapple, squash, sweetcorn, cereal bars, plain flour, cooking oil, macaroni cheese, tinned meat stews and meatballs. Washing up liquid is also needed. Thank you *JPB*.

Christmas Day Lunch 2025 Once again, Peachcroft Christian Centre are offering a Christmas Day lunch for people who are going to be alone this Christmas, but who would like to celebrate in the company of others. Transport can be provided for those unable to make their own way. The lunch is always a joyous occasion, enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike. If you know of anyone who might benefit from joining us as a guest this year, please get in touch with Fiona on 07503 178893 or at christmaslunch25@peachcroftcc.org. See page 7

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2026/27: Submissions wanted.

“Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.” John 16:20 For 2026/2027, the words Sorrow and Joy are chosen as key words for the Methodist Prayer Handbook.

You are invited to respond in prayer, as peacemakers and reconcilers to each other and the world – share prayers that recognise and support Methodist people who may need a boost of joy in the Lord. Submit your prayer by Friday 16 January 2026.

More details from: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/methodist-prayer-handbook/>

Do you have a bicycle you do not use and can donate?

If you have a bicycle which you want to donate – including children’s bikes (useful particularly now approaching Christmas) – there are several Oxford charities which will take them, refurbish and reuse or sell them for their charity including:

- Asylum Welcome = <https://www.asylum-welcome.org>
- Sanctuary-wheels - <https://www.activeoxfordshire.org/sanctuary-wheels>
- Broken Spoke - <https://www.bsbcoop.org>

Check their websites for addresses and donation/opening times. NB Broken Spoke is within the new Oxford Congestion. *David Perrow*

TRINITY NEWS

The Annual Church Meeting will be after Service on **Sunday 16 November.**

Trinity Evergreen Club - Monday 17th November: Sylvia Vetta is coming to give us a talk on why we should record our memories. I'm sure we all have had experiences that are worth sharing with our friends, and by recording them they are of interest to a wider circle. *We start at 2.30* and there will be the normal raffle and refreshments.

Can You Help? The URC Wessex Synod is seeking to fill a number of new volunteer roles – see poster [online](#) or the Welcome Area. These are important and exciting opportunities to help shape our shared life across Wessex Synod. Each role plays a key part in supporting our churches and developing the Synod’s future work. Meeting times are often arranged as far as possible around the availability of those serving, so please don’t be deterred - we’ll do our best to be flexible. We’re also blessed with a capable and experienced staff team: volunteers are needed to offer leadership and strategy, not to do everything themselves. All roles are open to both ministers and lay people, with full expenses reimbursed. The usual term of service is up to four years, renewable by agreement. If you’d like to talk about any of the roles, please do contact the Moderator directly.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 22 November, ‘Come and Sing (or listen to) Handel’s Messiah’:
Trinity Church, 2:30pm. See p 6

Saturday 22 November, Quiet Garden Day: 10 am - 4 pm at the Village Hall, Thorpe St, Aston Upthorpe, Didcot OX11 9EQ. Joan Impey will lead us on an Advent theme. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To help with planning, please email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com in advance. All welcome.

Saturday 22 November Abingdon Passion Play Annual General Meeting; 7 pm at The Barn, Christ Church, Northcourt Road, OX14 1PL. The programme will include a performance by the Abingdon Community Choir, a talk from Jackie Sheppard on the new TV Series TESTAMENT, and pizza and refreshments. There is no charge for this event and no need to book.
<https://www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk/>

Sunday 23 November, 3pm St Nicolas' Church: Arco e Vento & Friends present A Musical Scrapbook. Featuring works by Cole Porter, Anton Bruckner, John Stanley, J S Bach, Alan Bell, Ludovico Einaudi, Bill Evans, Lewis Capaldi, W A Mozart, G F Handel & Harold Darke. Donations will be split between Church Funds and Médecins Sans Frontières - MSF UK.

Tuesday 25 November 12 noon – 1.00pm, In Conversation with The Revd Sonia Hicks, Past President of the Methodist Conference and Chair of the Northampton Methodist District. Wallingford Methodist Church. Further details from revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 27 November, Abingdon Mothers' Union; Rise Up against Domestic Abuse. Short Service in St Helen's Parish Centre, 12 noon. Bring your own lunch – Drinks provided.

Saturday 29 November, St Helen's Christmas Market: 10 am – 1 pm home baking, new, pre-loved, preserves, jewellery, books, jigsaws, toys, Christmas decorations etc

Saturday 29 November, Fundraising concert for TAB: Tim Robson and Abingdon Chorale will be holding an informal Christmas concert, **4 pm**, at St Michael and All Angels Church. Hear and sing beautiful music then join us for festive refreshments.

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 an Advent Bible study for *All Saints and Trinity* led by Rev Carol Foyn.

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:

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

Friday December 5th – Trust in the Promises – the Prophets

Friday December 12th – Hope in the Wilderness – John the Baptist

Friday December 19th – Joy in the Unexpected – Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Advent Labyrinth Walks: St Michael and All Angels will be open on **Tuesday 2, 9 and 16 December between 11 am and noon**. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the

beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Parking permits are available.

Saturday 6 December, A Christmas Gift: Unwrap the joy of Christmas with Oxford Gospel Choir. Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot 2pm & 7:30pm.

Tickets from <https://www.tinyurl.com/OGCgift>

CiA Christmas Carol Singing – put **Saturday 13 December in your diary**. Come to the Market Place, from about 10 am, and join us as we sing Christmas Carols together to the people of Abingdon. All musicians welcome – please contact Debra Mcknight, the CiA Administrator, for details of Carols and keys. There will be chairs for those who would prefer to be off their feet. Bring along your Christmas hats and bells, drums, etc. to this wonderful celebration of Christmas. Abingdon Street Pastors will be joining us after the Carol singing to offer hot pasties and drinks to all.

Saturday 20th December, Heavenly Realms; LAMPS Collective are returning with their brand new Christmas Show! 3.00pm and 7.00pm - Peachcroft Christian Centre. Join the OAPs (Old Angel Pensioners) of retirement home Heavenly Realms, as they get ready to celebrate Christmas and share memories of the very first one. Hold on to your halo and enjoy a 'holy' new take on the Nativity story! Festive fun for all the family from age 8 - 800. Come along and invite your friends! Tickets £10 adult, £5 Child/young person (8-18) Suitable for age 8 upwards

Ticket link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/peachcroft-christian-centre/heavenly-realms/e-gpygml>

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

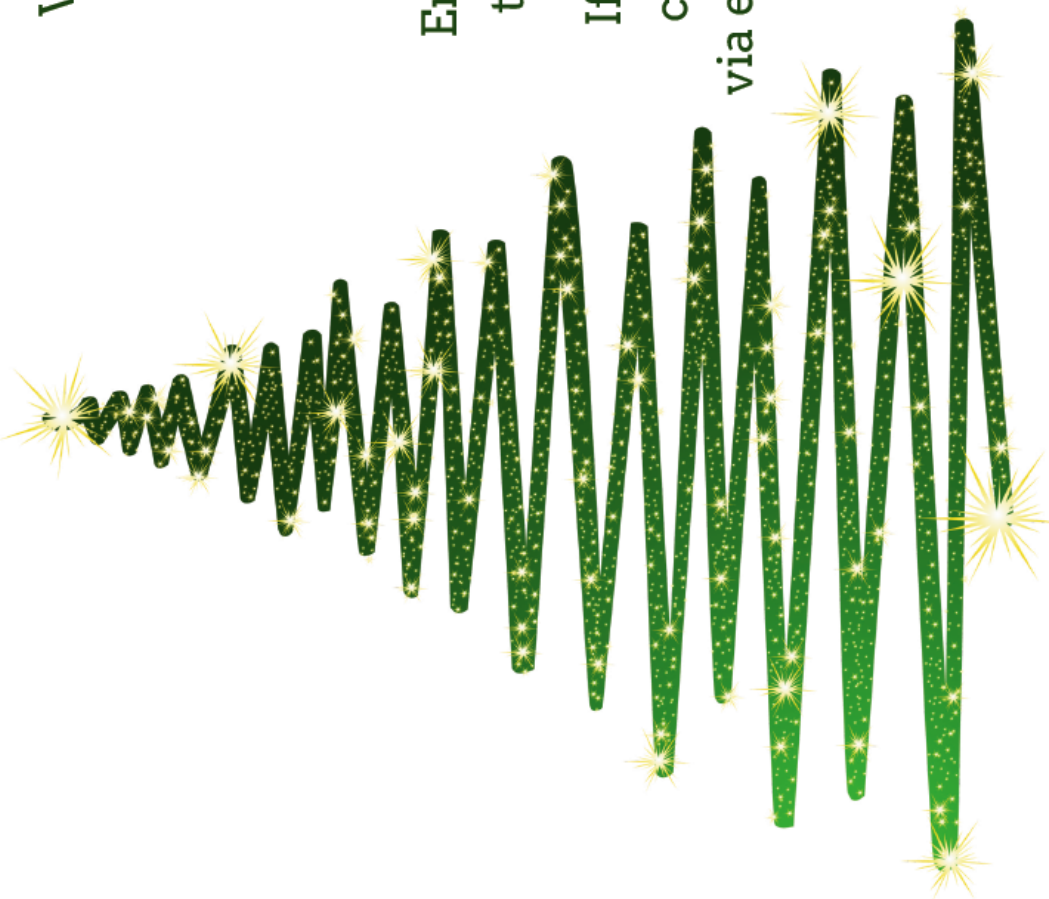
Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults

Church Stewards

Sunday / Worship Stewards

Church Safeguarding Representative

Helen Appleyard & Ian Brawn (Church Safeguarding Officers)



Will you be on your own this Christmas?

Peachcroft Christian Centre
invite you to join us for lunch on

Christmas Day

Enjoy a 2 course lunch, entertainment and
the company of others, all free of charge.

If you or someone you know would like to
come, then please get in touch with Fiona
via email: christmaslunch25@peachcroftcc.org
or phone: **07503 178893**

Venue:

Peachcroft Christian Centre
Lindsay Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2RT



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