



**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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**Trinity Church
Methodist & United Reformed**

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Notices Sunday 23 November

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 23 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Mr Barry Gransden, Chair FPZ	Sunday 23 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Nigel Ogley
Sunday 30 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 16 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main

**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. Full itinerary and cost from [Wantage and Abingdon Methodist Circuit Amsterdam 2026 - Tours For Christians](#) (password ET211) or Bruce on 01235 813242 / revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk



The Wessex Synod of the URC is pleased to invite you to
the induction of the

Revd Wayne Hawkins as

Oxfordshire Ecumenical Minister

at 2pm on Saturday 10th January at Trinity Church

For catering purposes please let the Office know if you plan to attend. (see p7).

ALL SAINTS NEWS

This Sunday **Future Pillars Zambia** will be leading our worship. The preacher will be **Mr Barry Gransden, Chair FPZ**. Please stay for coffee and chat to him and his wife, Becky. Please note that this will be a service of worship, & update on Chanda, our Agricultural student, not a fundraising event. (Although there might be a plate in the Hall.)

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

Wednesday 26 November, Just Women: we shall learn how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator, from a trainer from South Central Ambulance Service. This is a session for women only and any women from either All Saints or Trinity will be most welcome. The cost is £10 each. Contact Judith PB for more information.

Grateful thanks to Marian and John Orchard for clearing the Car Park of overgrown shrubs and weeds and to **Blair Phipps** for disposing of the debris. This is a task not often noticed but is so important to show Pride in Premises. The Hall curtains have also been vacuumed by **Joanne and Blair** - again, many thanks.

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*

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. There'll also be a craft table for everyone to make an angel for the Tree. 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

TRINITY NEWS

'Advent Warmer Lunch'

Sunday 7th December at 12.15

To be served in the Conduit Centre

Please sign up in the Welcome Area and select your option.

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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.

The November edition of the URC Wessex *Synod Sharing the Vision* is now available from the Office or <https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-november-edition/>

ADVENT at All Saints / Trinity

We will be using the same Advent Candle Liturgy across the Circuit this year. This year's Liturgy has been taken from an *Advent Devotional Booklet* prepared by Revd Bruce. Copies of the booklet will be available in both churches – do ask a Steward.

Joint Study Group: 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.



NOTICES

Circuit Safeguarding Training:

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

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

Open to all

Foodbank: currently needs UHT whole milk, corned beef, tinned pineapple, squash, sweetcorn, cereal bars, plain flour, cooking oil, macaroni cheese, tinned meat stews, meatballs and washing up liquid. Very many thanks for all your support. *JPB*.

Christ's Hospital has a number of **Almshouse vacancies**. Applicants should be single, able to live independently, of modest means, with a strong Abingdon connection, and at least 50 (preferably at least 60) years old. Find out more: <http://www.ch-of-abingdon.org> / 01235 526487 / clerk@christshospital.org

Stand Together with Refugees, The Methodist Church is part of a new campaign aiming to show that not only are refugees welcome here, but that our communities stand wholeheartedly together. You're invited to join in by displaying orange hearts, a symbol of compassion for people fleeing war and persecution, during the first weekend of December (5–7 December). Read more: <https://jpit.uk/issues/asylum-and-migration/stand-with-refugees>



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 5

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 22 November Abingdon Passion Play Annual General Meeting; 7pm at The Barn, Christ Church, Northcourt Road, OX14 1PL.

<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

Tuesday 25 November, Agnostics Anonymous: The last meeting for 2025, 6pm in the Parish Centre. Rev. Jen Brown will be leading, speaking on the topic "Can you believe in both science and the Bible?" She is joined by Rev. John Barton.

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 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 13 December, ADMS Christmas Concert; 4pm in St Helen's Church. Family concert with carol singing and Christmas refreshments. Tickets available through www.wegottickets.com/adms. Supporting The Abingdon Bridge.

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>



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



The Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church
is pleased to invite you to the
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to the role of the United Reformed Church's
Ecumenical Minister for Oxfordshire

Saturday 10 January 2026 at 2.00 pm
at Trinity Church
Conduit Rd, Abingdon, OX14 1DB

RSVP with an approximate number (for catering)
by 9 am on Monday 5 January 2026 to office@urcwessex.org.uk



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A blue-themed illustration of a nativity scene. A bright star shines from the top center, casting rays down on a manger. Inside the manger, Mary is seated with the infant Jesus, and Joseph stands beside them. The background shows rolling hills under a starry night sky.

Christmas at TRINITY CHURCH

Carol Service
Sunday 21st December at 4:30 pm

Christingle Service
Wednesday 24th December at 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Service
at 10.00 am

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Wishing you a very Happy Christmas

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Christmas at ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH

All Age Carol Service
Sunday 14th December at 3.30 pm

Christmas Day
All Age Service at 10.00 am

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