



**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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**Trinity Church
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Notices Sunday 30 November

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 30 November 10:30am Morning Worship & Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 30 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main
Sunday 7 December 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Carol Hamilton-Foyne	Sunday 7 December 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

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 next

**All Saint's Coffee Morning, with live Christmas Music,
is on Friday 12 December 10:30-12:00. All welcome**



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

Quest will meet at Valerie and Alan's on **Wednesday 3 December 3rd** at 7:30. We will be sharing various items related to Advent and Christmas.

The **Tubb House Group** will meet at 7.30pm on **Monday 15 December** at 36 The Warren for an evening of Carols, readings and food.

A **community card** will be in the lobby throughout Advent if you would like to sign it to wish friends a Merry Christmas. All donations will be given to *Shelter*.....it will save the cubby holes filling up with individual cards!

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*

World AIDS Day (December 1st, www.worldaidsday.org) coincides each year with the start of Advent. Medical advances in developed countries may make us complacent about a condition that came to our attention in the early 1980s. Yet more than 90,000 people are currently living with HIV in the UK and globally an estimated 33.3 million people have HIV. More than 25 million people between 1981 and 2007 have died from the virus, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. *(from Methodist Church website)*

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:

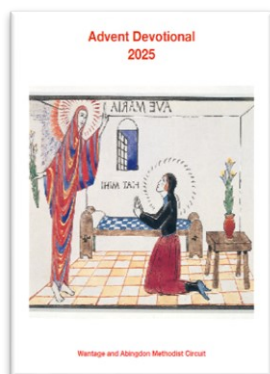
Friday December 5th – Trust in the Promises – the Prophets

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

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

ADVENT at All Saints / Trinity

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



An additional **Daily Advent Devotional** has been prepared by Ian (Grove MC). This resource is intended to be used throughout the circuit alongside the material provided by Bruce. Copies are available online; if you would like a hard copy please contact the Office.



For those who prefer to read on digital devices, Ian is also working on producing an Epub version of the document. This format will be particularly convenient for those who use Kindles.

TRINITY NEWS

'Advent Warmer Lunch'

Sunday 7th December at 12.15

Come together for a cooked 'Advent Winter Warmer Lunch' in the Conduit Centre after the service and coffee in the church.

Please sign up in the Welcome Area if you would like to attend.

There will be a donation jar at this event.

There will be leaflets about the **Christmas services at Trinity and All Saints** at the back of the church. These are for delivery *to your neighbours / roads and friends*.

Please take some, and leave a note indicating where you will be delivering.

Any left nearer Christmas will be distributed

Shoeboxes: this week 40 boxes and £70 were sent on their way with Operation Christmas Child. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Take a look at the **Advent letter from Michael Hopkins**, Moderator of the URC Wessex Synod. On the Welcome Area Notice Board or [online](#).

NOTICES

Circuit Safeguarding Training:

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

Open to all

Foodbank: currently the foodbank still needs routine food – UHT 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.

Christmas Treats: Christmas is coming and the foodbank always makes an effort to give families extra for Christmas; there is a poster on the notice board and also at the end of these notices.

Many thanks for all your support, it certainly is much appreciated and much needed.
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 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>

Sunday 7 December: Abbey Chamber Concert, 2:30pm St Nicolas' Church, Paul Reade (1943-97) Cinderella & Jim Parker (1934-2023) Mississippi Five. Read more Tickets £12 in advance or on the door.

Friday 12 December: Albert Park Singers Christmas Concert: 7pm St Michael's. Free admission with donations to Homeless Oxfordshire and St Michael's Church. Festive refreshments afterwards.

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.

Wednesday, 17 December, 7.00 pm, St James the Great, Radley. An evening of seasonal music and spoken word from LAMPS Collective. Donations on the door.

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>



The Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church
is pleased to invite you to the
induction of the Revd Wayne Hawkins
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



The
**United
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**Wessex
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A blue-themed illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a stable with a wooden roof contains the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. The background features rolling hills and a deep blue sky filled with numerous small white stars. A single, very bright star with a large, multi-pointed starburst effect is positioned in the upper center of the 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

Trinity is a welcoming and inclusive church

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas

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The **Methodist Church** 

A red-themed illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a stable with a wooden roof contains the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. The background features rolling hills and a deep red sky filled with numerous small white stars. A single, very bright star with a large, multi-pointed starburst effect is positioned in the upper center of the sky.

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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The **Methodist Church** 

Coffee Morning
With live
Christmas Music
12th December
10:30 – 12:00
Coffee, tea, cake
and friendship
All Welcome



Abingdon

Foodbank

Together with Trussell



Christmas Food Donations

Please help us by donating long-life
food items this festive season

ROAST DINNER ITEMS

Tinned ham, peas, carrots, potatoes,
cranberry sauce, gravy, sage & onion stuffing

PUDDINGS

Xmas pudding, mince pies, Xmas cake,
custard, tinned fruit



TREATS & SNACKS



Chocolate, shortbread, nuts, crisps,
chutneys, pickles, crackers, chocolate /
biscuit boxes



Please **NO ALCOHOL**

Please drop all items at Christ Church, Northcourt Road or your
nearest Abingdon collection point by the start of December