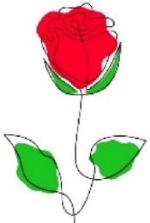




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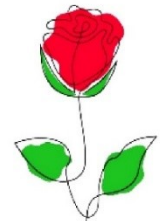
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# TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON ANNUAL REPORT 2024 / 2025



# FOREWORD FOR TRINITY CHURCH REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The annual report provides a snapshot of what happens in the life of Trinity Church and affords us the opportunity to thank those who play crucial roles, enabling us to function and thrive as a community of believers and disciples here in Abingdon and beyond.

As always, there are so many people who are and have been involved in so many different aspects of church life here at Trinity that without all of you, our church would not continue to survive or thrive. So, thank you, to all of you, for your support of our church and all who have helped lead and serve alongside me since I was stationed. Your collegiality and companionship; your love for the things of God and your faithfulness in his service have been and is remarkable. In the Apostle Paul's words, "I thank my God every time I remember you."

I have been struck by the Methodist Presidential theme for this year – 'Our Story, Our Song: Learning to Live Again'. I believe it does capture much of what happens in our lives and in that of most churches, not least Trinity. Last year wasn't without its stories and songs. Stories and songs of joy as we celebrated anniversaries and faithful ministries; songs of lament as we 'struggled' to fill roles in some key ministries; stories and songs of sadness, as we bid goodbye and farewell to loved ones; stories of hope, as people stepped into much needed roles and songs of growth as lay members conducted inspiring and Spirit-filled services. Whatever the year has presented, we have navigated our way through, supporting each other, trusting in the faithfulness of our God and together, responding to God's love for us in Jesus Christ in worship and mission. Page after page of the reports included here tell something of those stories.

I commend these pages to you with grateful thanks for all you do in the life of our community.

Every blessing,

Georgina

## Trinity Ministers since 1970



*Revd Malcolm Atherton (1995-2004), Revd Richard Taylor (1980-95),  
 Revd John Dolling (1976-85), Revd Justine Wyatt (1980-85),  
 Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson (2024-), Revd Dr Colin Thompson (1970-78),  
 Revd Ruth Whitehead (2005-07), Revd Richard Bittleston (2008-14), Revd Walter Suffield (1971-76),  
 Deacon Selina Nisbet (2015-25), Revd Ian Griffiths (2014-24)*

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**Annual Report**  
**September 2024 – August 2025**

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## **CHURCH MEETING & TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees met on 5th September 2024, 5th November, 22nd, 7th January, 11th March, 13th May, 8th July and 9th September 2025.

The Church Meeting AGM took place on Sunday 17th November 2024. Other Church Meetings were held on Sunday 23rd March, Sunday 18th May, Thursday 17th July at 7.30 pm and Sunday 21st September 2025.

### **Trustees for the church year 2024 - 2025**

Cynthia Bartlett	Neil Oastler
Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Dcn. Selina Nisbett (until August 2025)
Ian Brawn	David Perrow (from May 2025)
Alastair Fear	Lynnette Seymour-Jackson
Carolyn Hawkes	Heather Townsend
Tom Kyffin	Stuart Townsend

Four Trustees (Ian Brawn, Carolyn Hawkes, Tom Kyffin and Cynthia Bartlett) whose term of office has come to an end in November 2024, confirmed that they were prepared to stand for re-election and were re-elected to serve for another three years.

In May, the Church Meeting was delighted to appoint David Perrow as a Trustee and he was welcomed to his first meeting in July.

In addition to the meetings, papers and documents are circulated by Eluned in advance and email correspondence, where needed, undertaken in between the meetings. The Trustees are most grateful to Eluned for all the work she does to prepare for Trustees and Church meetings as well as the many other tasks which she undertakes as Office Manager and the initiatives she takes to ensure that all runs smoothly.

Trustees are also grateful to Neil for his willingness to lead the Property Committee from the beginning of September 2024 which now includes Neil, Alastair, Reg Williams, Adam Hagar and Eluned. Malcolm Newton attended the first meeting to assist in the handover.

A number of the Trustees are involved in work related to the buildings and grounds of the property, finance, health and safety, safeguarding, acting as stewards and as representatives to the Circuit and Synod. Some are also involved in the Working Together Group.

The Trustees would like to appoint one more trustee. They would be very happy to invite anyone who was interested to a meeting in order to see what might be involved.

The Trustees routinely spend time in meetings discussing Finance, Property, Health and Safety and Safeguarding issues. These topics are the subject of separate reports

within the Annual Report and both the Trustees and Church meetings have expressed their appreciation to Tom Kyffin, Neil Oastler, Alastair Fear and Ian Brawn respectively for their leadership and work in these areas.

### **Deacon Selina Nisbett**

At the end of July, Deacon Selina left the Circuit after 10 years to take up a position in the Salisbury Circuit.

The work that Selina has completed within these ten years has been immense. Just within Trinity, she has led thoughtful and inspiring worship, with a great use of technology to enhance knowledge and understanding. She has been involved with a number of organisations including the leaders and children in the Junior Church. She has advised and helping with the Toddlers Club, providing a Christian presence and taking special services for them. She has taken many all-age services and baptisms, as well as some weddings and funerals.

Within the community, including work in schools and with the army base, she has worked with children, young people and their families in many ways. When Revd. Ian Griffiths was ill, she covered for him, led extra services and helped to provide ministry within Trinity. She has offered much encouragement and support to the congregation in practical ways and has given many spiritual comfort and pastoral care.

The July Church Meeting was her last at Trinity and Georgina spoke for the meeting in saying that her presence at Trinity had been a great blessing. She would not be forgotten, and she was leaving a huge legacy. 'God goes before her and he is preparing her new Circuit (in Salisbury) to receive her'. Selina commented that her time at Trinity had been a joy.

### **Ministry and Worship**

Neil Oastler was appointed as a Circuit Steward. The Trustees are grateful to him for representing Trinity at Circuit Steward meetings.

In the Church Meeting held on Sunday 23rd March 2025, time was given to a **'Conversation on Prayer: Building each other up.'** Those attending, in small groups, considered the implications of the following quotations:

- Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Give us each day our daily bread (Luke 11:3)
- Give us today our daily bread' (Matthew 6:11)

### **Christmas services 2024**

**Gift Service:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December led by Selina. Charity: Asylum Welcome

**Toddler service:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December led by Selina.



**Carol service:** Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4:30 pm led by Georgina. There was no morning service on this Sunday. Charity: Crisis

**Christmas Eve:** Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 4:00 pm Christingle led by Selina. Charity: Action for Children

**Christmas Day:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am led by Selina and at All Saints by Georgina. Charity: Crisis

### **Easter Services**

**Toddlers' Easter Service:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, led by Selina.

**Palm Sunday:** 13<sup>th</sup> April. 10 30am at Trinity led by Selina.

**Maundy Thursday:** 17<sup>th</sup> April. United service with Abingdon Baptist Church at Trinity led by Georgina, Selina and Revd. Rachel Hughes.

**Good Friday:** 18<sup>th</sup> April. 10am United Service at Abingdon Baptist Church led by Georgina, Selina and Rachel, followed by the Church in Abingdon Walk of Witness at 11.45 in the town centre.

**Easter Sunday:** 20<sup>th</sup> April. 10.30am at Trinity led by Revd. Carol Hamilton-Foyn.

### **Special Services**

**A Circuit Farewell Service for Deacon Selina** took place at Trinity on Sunday 20 July at 3:00 pm.

**A Circuit Farewell Service for Revd Keith Underhill** took place at Wantage on Sunday 27 July at 3:00 pm.

The **Induction Service for Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson as Superintendent of the Wantage and Abingdon Circuit** was held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Trinity at 3pm. Dr Sonia Hicks, Chair of the Northampton Methodist District, preached at this service.

The **Harvest Festival** took place on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025, led by Revd. Carol Hamilton-Foyn. Food items were sent to the Food Bank and donations to Asylum Welcome.

### **A Celebration for 150 years of worship at Trinity Church 1875-2025**

In all the meetings from January to May 2025, the plans for this celebration on 1<sup>st</sup> June were developed. The date of the service was chosen as the closest Sunday to the first act of worship in Trinity on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1875. Included in the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June were plans for a Service of Remembrance led by Selina as well as the Service of Celebration in the afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> June and the Reception in the Conduit Centre following the service. Alastair offered to collate the history of the Church including the production of photographs and text for display. The Trustees established a committee to develop the plans, which involved Neil, Heather, Stuart, Lynnette and Alastair and Judith Fear. Other members of the church joined in the preparations.

Over two hundred people in total attended the Service of Remembrance on Saturday evening and / or the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. A 20 minute

showing of part of the Songs of Praise episode from 1981 took place before the service at 3pm. As well as representatives of the clergy from the Church in Abingdon, Trinity welcomed from the URC, Revd. Ray Stanyon and Tony Brett, the Abingdon School Chaplain Simon Steer, The Master of Christ's Hospital Charlie Birks, the Leader of the Town Council, Jim Halliday, and Abingdon's new Madam Mayor, Cllr Rawda Jehanli. Three of Trinity's most recent clergy participated in the service, Revds. Ian Griffiths, Malcolm Atherton and Richard Bittleston alongside Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson, Deacon Selina Nisbett and Revd. Pauline Main. Richard played the recently refurbished organ for the service which opened with an organ Fanfare, *Fanfare for the Spirit of Life*, which he had composed especially for the service. Messages of goodwill were read from Revds. Colin Thompson, Ruth Whitehead, Justine Wyatt and Peter Little. Revds. Ruth Whitehead and Justine Wyatt contributed prayers especially for the occasion.

Intercessions were led by Revd. Bruce Thompson and the address was given by the Circuit Superintendent, Revd. Keith Underhill. The service interwove the history of the time the church was built, with the story of its greatest benefactor John Creemer Clarke, the building of the church itself and installation of the East stained glass window. Tony Parr, the great-great grandson of John Creemer Clark was also present in the congregation. After the service, many people enjoyed the catered tea, together with many donated cakes in the Conduit Centre. Malcolm Atherton and Georgina cut the magnificent birthday cake. It was a joyous celebration and a fitting act of worship to mark such an auspicious occasion. Alastair produced an exhibition of 150 years of history of Trinity, including photographs, which it was agreed would be displayed until at least the weekend of the Ride and Stride event in September. People continue to enjoy reading about the history of Trinity and remembering events from the past.



Richard, Georgina, Selina, Malcolm and Ian



The Celebration cake, made by Rebecca Brawn

## The Junior Church (JAM)

**Eve Newton and Lindsay Busby** retired from leading JAM at Easter time 2025. The Trustees sent letters of thanks and appreciation to both for their many years of service with the Junior Church. The Church was informed in good time and Selina

drew up notes on the sort of work involved and the support available for anyone considering helping with the children.

Georgina updated the Church Meeting on 17th July concerning the Junior Church. Five adults had come forward to offer to assist with the Junior Church. Angharad Saunders had agreed to become the coordinator. The other volunteers were Judith Fear, Sarah Gibson and Lynda Mambo. Katie Doney would support the team this initially. It had been proposed to change the name JAM (Jesus and Me) and possibly the children might take part in proposing a new name. Until then, JAM would be known as Junior Church. The Junior Church would meet on the first Sunday of the month, and this would start on September 7<sup>th</sup>; a review will take place after 6 months or before, if more volunteers join the team. Children would go out at the start of the service and use a downstairs room in the Conduit Centre. They would be back just before the Communion hymn was sung, prior to Communion. It was arranged that the steward on duty would let Junior Church know when it was time to come back. Georgina asked the Church Meeting to pray for those who had come forward and for more volunteers to offer their services.

### **Working Together Group**

A group of representatives from Trinity and All Saints continued to meet during the year to consider ways of working together. Alastair has been involved in leading this group and has informed the Trustees regularly of the discussions. In May, Alastair reported to the Church Meeting that, with Georgina having responsibility for Grove Methodist Church in the autumn, the group would be opened up to include them. The Trinity members of the group, aware that not many churches nowadays were holding evening services, decided that they would start a **monthly evening service during the summer months** which would be lay led. All Saints decided that they did not want to be involved in leading services but of course were invited to attend. These were quiet and thoughtful times of worship, offering space for reflection, prayer, music and stillness.

These were held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

### **Local Arrangement Services**

Trinity has been very grateful to members of the congregation who have been involved in leading worship on Sundays which the Circuit has designated for 'Local Arrangement'.

A number of members of the congregation who have continued to volunteer to take part in services have also attended training sessions for Circuit member churches, led by Revd. Bruce Thompson

### **Welcome Card**

In early 2025, Carolyn and Alastair designed a **Welcome card** which would enable visitors to make themselves known and would help others to follow up in contacting

them. The cards can be found on the stewards table in the Welcome Area for stewards to offer new visitors.

### **Collections:**

At the AGM Church Meeting in November 2024, those present discussed the view that the church was missing contributions from visitors on Sundays, given that the Collection Plates/bags were not passed round. Following this discussion, the Trustees considered changes to the way in which Collections were made in the church.

It was decided that a Collection Plate would be placed at the back of the church and any money contributed at the end of the service will be placed by stewards in the box. During baptism services and charity services e.g. Christingle the collection bags will be used. Pens are now available for people wanting to donate or applying for gift aid. It was agreed that for services involving the collection bags, the baskets would still be available in the Welcome Area.

Towards the end of May 2025, Neil Oastler and his son installed Wifi in the church building. In due course, this will enable services to be streamed and provide other benefits. In terms of collections, it is now possible for visitors to donate using the Wifi connection.

### **Music**

We have been grateful to a number of people this year who have played for Sunday services. These include: Revd. Richard Bittleston, Chris Greenough, Louisette Johnson, Phillip Kimber and Larysa Vlasenko. The congregation always enjoys the organ, and sometimes the piano, being played for services as it enriches the worship. The music played at the beginnings and ends of worship is also greatly appreciated.

### **Circuit Ministry**

In March, the Trustees discussed the changing shape of the ministry within the Circuit. Given the number of ministers in the Circuit would shortly be reduced to two, there was a need to assess **the priorities for the two ordained ministers**.

It was thought that ministers should be asked to take Communion and key services, together with baptisms, funerals and weddings. In relation to attendance at meetings of the churches in the circuit, some meetings would need to be prioritised. The ministers could not be expected to attend all these. In addition, perhaps ministers could chair key meetings but there would be no need for them to chair all meetings they attended. Clearly there were times when a minister would be asked to exercise pastoral care. However, the Trustees also discussed the good work being done by the pastoral elders.

The Trustees thought it would be important to share these discussions and considerations with the congregation. These matters have formed part of the discussion of the Circuit Ministry team during the last year. Trinity is grateful to the Circuit for representatives who very often attend the Church Meetings.

**Mission:**

Trinity's mission is summarised in its logo 'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'.

The Trustees have discussed this mission. Trinity regards its mission as being present to some extent in the group work done during the week by Evergreen, Toddlers Club, Friendship Group, support for Trinity Learning initiatives as well as in work around Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

There was a need to promote joint activities organised through the Church in Abingdon – e.g. the Walk of Witness on Good Friday. The Trustees discussed other ways in which the Christian presence could be maintained including the use of banners, outdoor services, distribution of the Triangle within the hall activities etc. The Trustees also considered the things that Trinity did well and its weaknesses and limitations. It was thought that the Growth Plan which had been in abeyance since Covid might now be revived and discussed in the Church Meeting which would lead to a consideration of the Church's core focus. To this end copies of a 'Document for discussion at the Church Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018' and 'the Growth Plan 2018-2019' were circulated. This will be a subject for discussion in the coming year.

**Engagement with The New Life (Nepalese) Church**

In July, the Trustees received some papers prior to their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July which included a request from Elder Chandra Sunuwar, from the New Life Church, to hire the premises for use on Sundays and to hire a room for prayer once a month. If this were a possibility and Trinity Church was in favour of the proposal, the Methodist Church, who own the building, would look at the application and make a final decision. The URC would be kept informed and would be likely to support such an initiative. Georgina had met with Chandra Sunuwar to gain further information.

There two stages to this proposal:

1. A proposal to hire the Church and rooms in the Conduit Centre for use on Sundays, at some time after the 10.30 service, and to hire a room for a regular prayer meeting on a Saturday once a month.
2. A proposal to join with Trinity in morning worship, perhaps once a month initially, with the possibility in the longer term of the churches working closely together or possibly the New Life Church merging with Trinity.

The Nepalese church is independent – there are about four such churches in the country, one of which uses a Methodist Church currently.

The Trustees looked at the Statement of Faith of the New Life Church. There did not appear to be any conflict with the theology of the Methodist or URC Churches. There are 60 members of the church including children, many of whom live in Abingdon. They would bring added value in terms of the mission of the church. The wider unity of the church would be promoted. It could be an answer to prayer. The regular hiring

of premises would assist the church finances. There would need to be further consideration of practices which might differ from those of Trinity or might possibly cause concern e.g. total immersion, speaking with tongues, same sex marriage, form of funerals, marriages. These would need further discussion.

The Trustees welcomed this proposal. They believe that Trinity has acquired a reputation for inclusivity and for a liberal approach to theology. The New Life Church would like a long-lasting relationship with Trinity and it was felt that this would be an enrichment for all.

This information was shared with the **Church Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Those attending felt that this proposal would be an enrichment for all, a gift from God. It was also thought that children in the Nepalese community may in due course enrich the Junior Church as well.

The Trustees discussed the proposal further at their meeting on **9<sup>th</sup> September**. At this stage the Trustees were only considering engagement with the Church in the hiring of the premises and with the opportunity to attend each other's services if individuals should wish to do so. It was agreed that Eluned would need to be consulted about the logistics. The Trustees unanimously supported the first stage of the proposal. The different stages would take time and prayer. They would need to be appropriate and with God's guidance felt by both congregations to be the right way to proceed. and it was decided to ask for the agreement of the Church for this first stage of the proposal at the next Church Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

The URC is aware of the approach by the New Life Church and at the Synod NW Pastoral Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 offered its support and blessing.

A paper was produced before the next Church Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 'The New Life Church - Engagement' which summarised the information available to date, noted issues needing further discussion, and presented some logistical problems which would need to be negotiated.

The Church Meeting then voted on whether Trinity wished to '*engage with the New Life Church in the hiring of the premises and with the opportunity to attend each other's services if individuals should wish to do so*'. There were 28 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

Georgina noted that she would meet with some elders of the New Life Church, including Elder Chandra Sunuwar. A form would be completed to request permission from the Methodist Church for the New Life Church to use the church and she asked all to give thought and prayer to this development.

### **Pastoral Elders**

The Trustees are mindful of all the work which the pastoral elders undertake quietly during the year. Eve Newton, who held the role of senior elder for some years and ably led the team of elders, has now retired from this post.

## **Hospitality and Catering**

In a full and busy year, the Trustees and the Church Meeting have expressed their appreciation for the commitment, dedication and willingness of the team of volunteers, who had worked on a number of major events at the church. The team has included Judith Fear, Elizabeth Oastler, Lindsay Busby, Heather Townsend, Petronella Rasmussen, and Carolyn Hawkes. They are also aware that many others have supported this part of Trinity's ministry.

## **Eco Church**

At the Church Meeting in September 2025, Georgina raised the possibility of revisiting **the Eco Church Award** process. She reported that it was hoped that the Circuit could become an Eco-Circuit and it would be good if Trinity was able to join this scheme. David Perrow was prepared to lead on this and the Church Meeting thanked him for his willingness to do so. Georgina asked for volunteers to become part of the team to investigate the possibilities here and Carolyn Hawkes and Rebecca Brawn volunteered. It is hoped that others might be willing to join a group to investigate the possibilities.

## **Parking**

In July 2025, Trinity was informed that The Vale of the White Horse District Council were then in the final consultation stage regarding changes to parking arrangements in Conduit Road. Trinity and some of the residents of Conduit Road had not been involved in the earlier consultation. The Office Manager alerted Trustees to this matter which was then discussed at the Church Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Neil Fawcett kindly agreed to attend this meeting; he explained why changes were being proposed and answered questions. A number of concerns were expressed, including the ability for the Church to continue to serve the community throughout the day if parking were further restricted.

Those present discussed the issues and it was recommended that as many church members and friends as possible made separate representations to the Vale of the White Horse District Council. The Church Office would complete a form as well. The Church heard later that the Council had decided that the proposed changes in Conduit Road would not take place.

## **Policy Review**

The following policies have been reviewed by the Trustees during the last year:

GDPR documents:	March 2025
Equality:	May 2025
Grievance:	May 2025
Disciplinary:	July 2025
Capability:	July 2025
Safeguarding:	July 2025
Health and Safety:	September 2025



## **Other issues discussed by the Trustees**

- 1.** The Trustees approved the continuance of the **Carswell School Emergency Evacuation Centre policy** which includes use of the Church premises (Nov 2024)
- 2.** **The Trustees were informed of changes to the church website.** They expressed their gratitude for all that Alastair continues to do to keep the website up to date. In November, he produced an updated version of the church website that was more user friendly and used the latest software. This would help it to be easier to maintain and more secure.
- 3.** In January 2025, the Trustees discussed and responded to a **URC Consultation on 'Deployment of Stipendiary Ministers of Word and Sacraments in the NW area of the Wessex Synod'**. A response was sent approving the principles involved in the ideas suggested. The inclusion of Trinity within the Oxford group of URC churches seemed sensible.
- 4.** In March 2025, Trinity gladly accepted **a limited edition of a picture of Trinity**, donated by Esther and Owain Hughes' family. David and Tim Hughes were also thanked for giving the church other items for the kitchen etc. which would be of use.
- 5.** In July, Neil informed the Trustees that **a Circuit Administrator, Jane Hawes** had now been appointed. She would be using the Watts Room in the Conduit Centre at times during the week, and the Circuit would hire this room.
- 6.** In September, the Trustees welcomed the news of a new appointment for the URC of an **Ecumenical Minister to serve with the Local Ecumenical Partnership churches in the NW of the Synod**. They discussed some of the possible ways in which Revd. Wayne Hawkins might be able to engage with Trinity. The URC Synod had also asked whether his induction service might be held in Trinity in January and the Trustees agreed to this (see p 24 for URC report).

## **The Richard Belcher Trust**

The Trustees met twice this year. In November 2024, Tom Kyffin presented the final accounts for the year ending August 2024. The accounts had been audited and were approved by the Trustees. In May 2025, the Trustees decided to create a benevolent fund which could be used at the discretion of the ministers. It was agreed that £1000 should be provided to the Church for this purpose. They also noted that any shortfall in the expenses incurred in relation to 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, up to £1000, should be provided to the church for this purpose. In the event, only £150 was needed .

*Cynthia Bartlett, Church Secretary, on behalf of the Trustees  
October 2025*

## **FINANCE REPORT**

The annual accounts show that we had deficit of just over £17,200 in 2024/25. This time last year we were predicting a deficit of around £14,000. The main reason for this increase is that the cost of maintaining our property was significantly more than anticipated.

The accounts also show that our income has been broadly level over the 3 years but costs have increase by about 18% in this time.

See also pp 44 & 45

*Tom Kyffin*

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

The trustees remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of everyone who uses the church and its buildings. A comprehensive Health and Safety Policy is in place and reviewed annually. The policy is available on the church website and can be consulted at any time.

First aid boxes are located in the stewards' cupboard, the church kitchen, and the Conduit Centre kitchen. Each kitchen first aid box contains an accident book, and all incidents should be recorded there and reported to the administrator. A list of trained first aiders is displayed in the book cupboard; most completed a refresher course in October 2023.

The Health and Safety Trustee carries out regular audits and fire risk assessments. An action plan is produced following the annual walk-round each October. Monthly checks are also undertaken on fire alarms, first aid kits, and potential slip or trip hazards to maintain a safe environment. Church members are encouraged to act as our eyes and ears. Please report any concerns or potential risks.

Risk assessments are prepared as needed for specific activities or events. During the year, it was agreed that the chairs in the Conduit Centre had reached the end of their safe and useful life, and are being replaced.

In the event of an emergency evacuation, the church's Fire Action Plan should be followed under the direction of the stewards. A separate Fire Action Plan is displayed in the Conduit Centre for the guidance of user groups.

*Alastair Fear, Health & Safety Trustee*

## **PROPERTY REPORT**

Care and attention to historical buildings such as ours continues to be a challenge. The remedial work and redecoration in the North Transept and the balcony staircase was completed last Autumn and this has allowed us to reopen and use the North Transept, allowing for additional seating and ensuring that Trinity looked its best for the 150th Anniversary Service in June this year.

We are needing to get further quotations to address the guttering of the church and the Conduit Centre which needs cleaning and repairing which along with the continued challenge of some lost, loosened tiles on the Church roof are contributing to our persistent problems with damp in both buildings. This was a feature of Malcolm's report last year and I fear will be an ever-present necessity in years to come.

We hope now that the cause of damp ceiling in the toilet corridor in the church has been identified that the ceiling can be repainted.

The heating systems in both buildings have needed attention throughout the year and we are grateful to Adam Hagar for his oversight and constant liaison with the heating engineer.

New secure hooks are in the process of being fixed to the outside of the Conduit Centre to allow for secure storage of bikes and pushchairs.

The electrical safety of the church and Conduit Centre has been reviewed and the necessary works carried out to allow a new electrical safety certificate to be issued. There has also had to have some remedial works to replace emergency lighting signs. It has been necessary to please to door opening mechanism for the Conduit Centre sliding doors which gave up the ghost during the summer.

Broadband Internet was installed in the Church in time for the 150 th Celebratory service and this has allowed more stable use of card payment and streaming of services when required.

Because Microsoft no longer supporting the old operating system for church computing we will have to replace the computer for the AV system and in Eluned's office in the foreseeable future.

Deacon Selina Nisbett's name was added to the ministerial board in preparation for her leaving service in July

A new dishwasher and fridge had to be procured for the Conduit kitchen as well as a new freezer for the foodbank in the table store.

We have just taken delivery of some "new" preloved chairs for the Conduit Centre, at no cost to us. Some of the old chairs had started to fail and we were concerned regarding the safety of all hall users if we continued to use the old chairs. This was potentially going to be a very significant expense which we have through very good fortune been able to avoid.

I am very grateful to the stewardship of my predecessor Malcolm Newton for his past years of service and to the current team of Adam Hager, Reg Williams and Alistair Fear. We now have David Perrow as a trustee and his advice on various matters has

and will be an asset. Ken Clark continues to oversee our buildings insurance. Eluned Hallas aided and abetted by her husband Nick have gone above and beyond managing the day-to-day oversight of our buildings. The Trustees really couldn't manage without their ever presence and I am eternally grateful to everyone mentioned for their hard work and support.

*Neil Oastler, October 2025*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

During this period there have been no Safeguarding referrals. One member of Trinity has had their DBS accreditation renewed and one renewal is in process. We also have a number of members who require accreditation for the first time, having taken on new roles in the church (most notably, the new Children's Ministry). Of these, two are completed, two are ongoing and two are outstanding.

The provision of basic training for those new to Safeguarding concerns has proved more difficult to arrange. At the time of writing, I await to hear from the Regional Safeguarding Officer who has been alerted to our needs.

Our safeguarding policy was reviewed in June 2025 and no changes were made (our policy remaining in alignment with the Model Church Safeguarding Policy of the Methodist Church).

I would like to thank all for their time and cooperation in these matters, which is much appreciated.

*Ian Brawn, Trinity Safeguarding Officer*

# CHURCH NEWS

## Baptisms

We welcomed the following members into the family of Christ during the year:

### *Parents*

08/06/2025	Seren Jane Jenkins	Emma Jenkins & Andrew Jenkins
15/06/2025	Freddie Ellis Marks	Shona Marks & Christopher Marks
15/06/2025	Angus Douglas Pighills	Amelia Douglas & Luke Pighills

## In Celebration

We rejoiced with Ellen Busby & Daniel Shephard married in Trinity in October 2024

## In Memoriam

We remember with thanksgiving the following people, whose lives were remembered and celebrated at Trinity during the year:

30/08/2024	Joan Madge Watt
20/09/2024	Maurice Lennard Smith
10/10/2024	Esther Hughes
04/07/2025	Enid Ann Evans Hawes
08/08/2025	Dorothy Taylor

## Lent Groups

During Lent, there were two new Lent groups — one hosted by Maurice from All Saints, and one run at Trinity in the Garden Room. Both groups included people from both churches. Over twenty people have taken part.

Both groups have been following the same booklet — a Methodist publication called *Sunshine and Showers: Prayers in Beautiful Messiness*. It encourages people to talk about their prayer life. There are also videos to go with the course where people talk about their experience of prayer. There have also been opportunities to pray together in different ways.

The first session asked the question: Do you find prayer boring, or do you find it life-giving? People didn't always like such questions, but they did provoke discussion. The second session also sparked plenty of discussion. It focused on prayer as rhythm: Do you pray at dedicated times — for example, early in the morning, late at night, or maybe just at church? Or does prayer happen continuously? It was surprising to find that several people prayed continuously.

Overall, it's been a very open and interesting discussion, and has brought people together from both churches in a friendly and sharing way.

*Alastair Fear*

## Local Arrangement and Evening Services

Since the start of 2025, Revd Bruce Thompson has led a series of workshops for those interested in helping to lead Local Arrangement services — the ones on the quarterly

plan left to individual churches to organise. The sessions have covered topics such as understanding the structure of a service, effective reflections (we don't do sermons), exploring the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), and finding and choosing prayers. On one occasion, we worked in groups to create a service based on the lectionary readings and then did it together.

So far, a group of about half a dozen of us from Trinity - all new to this - have planned and led several Local Arrangement services, as well as four evening services during the summer. The evening services were more reflective. People have appreciated hearing from members of the congregation, learning more about their stories, experiences, and perspectives, which one person described as refreshingly different from hearing an established preacher.

Typically, a small group works together to plan and lead each service. We learn a great deal through engaging deeply with the Bible readings and choosing prayers and hymns that reflect the chosen or developing theme. The process also teaches us to pray and depend on God, trusting that God will speak through the service.

When we go away to prepare our individual sections, we only see how everything fits together when we gather for the final service. Often, the different parts complement each other in surprising and meaningful ways. Feedback has been positive.

*Alastair Fear*

## **Readers**

We are fortunate to have so many of our congregation who are willing to read a lesson at the morning service. There are 31 volunteers at present and there are usually two lessons. Hearing different voices and styles gives variety and interest to the listeners - as well as a short break to our worship leaders. Eluned sends details of the passages to those on the rota in good time for the following Sunday. Thank you to all who have read over the years. I thank Sarah Gibson too who is taking over preparing the Readers' Rota from January 2026. If you would like to join it, please let Sarah know. She will be delighted to add you to the list.

*Eve Newton*

## **Roof Breaker Group**

The Roof Breaker group has not met during this year, but the church and stewards have continued to welcome an increasing number of people who use wheelchairs or have learning disabilities, ensuring both space and a warm welcome.

We have also begun providing transcripts of sermons for people with hearing difficulties. Improving how well everyone can hear and take part in services remains an important area for further attention.

If anyone would like to help develop practical and achievable initiatives to make our church more accessible and inclusive, please let me know, and I can raise the suggestions with the trustees.

*Alastair Fear*

## **Stewards' Report**

We currently have 17 stewards – many have been serving for years, and we're very grateful for their support.

Stewards make sure our services run smoothly and safely. They welcome people, help with seating, and support the preacher when needed.

We plan a rota every three months to fit the preaching plan. Two stewards are on duty at each service (more for big events such as the 150th celebration). Most people serve once or twice a quarter.

Stewards arrive and open up at 9:45 for a 10:30 service and usually finish by around 12 and lock the church. There is no age limit, but Alastair tries to make sure that at least one of the pair can lift the traffic cones.

New stewards get training and a clear checklist of duties. At first, you'll be paired with an experienced steward. Some people like just welcoming at the door, others don't mind helping the preacher or introducing them from the lectern. We match people with jobs they're comfortable with.

If you'd like to try stewarding, please contact Alastair Fear, Senior Steward. He sometimes invites people to fill a gap in the rota so you can try it out before joining regularly.

*Alastair Fear*

## **Working Together Group**

The *Working Together Group* has continued to meet about quarterly through the year, usually with three or four representatives from both Trinity and All Saints, together with Georgina. The meetings provide an opportunity to share news, support one another, and learn from how the other church approaches common challenges. It is always encouraging to recognise how many long-standing friendships already exist between the two congregations, and how naturally people cooperate on shared activities even before the Working Together Group was created in 2024

Among the year's joint ventures have been the Lent study groups, the summer series of reflective evening services, shared publicity for special services, and sharing Health and Safety procedures. Major joint occasions like *Selina's farewell* and *Trinity's 150th anniversary service* showed again how well both churches can work together in worship and hospitality.

The group also shared ideas on *Local Arrangement* services, with members reporting that these have strengthened confidence and faith.

There is a desire to deepen prayer and mission across both churches, and to see every activity as part of that wider calling. All Saints have started a prayer group to which Trinity members are invited.

*Alastair Fear*



# SPONSORING BODY NEWS

## Circuit Stewards' Report for Autumn 2024/25



The year has been marked by a series of welcomes and farewells amongst our ministerial team. In

November 2024, Revd. Georgina and family were welcomed into her manse at St Amand Drive, Abingdon. During the summer months of 2025 we bid farewell to Deacon Selina Nisbett as she moved to her new post, and to Revd. Keith Underhill our Circuit Superintendent, as he retired (or 'sat down', as Methodists say). In August 2025 we welcomed Revd. Georgina as our new Circuit Superintendent. From the Circuit Steward team, we said farewell to Carolyn Roche as our Senior Circuit Steward. For those to whom we have said farewell, we offer a deep sense of gratitude.

Our Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) now consists of Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson, Revd. Bruce Thompson, Libby Hawkness-Smith (Community Chaplain), and the Circuit Steward team of Mary Hancock (Circuit Property), Anne Matthews (Senior Circuit Steward) Neil Oastler, and Gordon Skidmore (Circuit Treasurer).

Our previous year was marked by a focus on circuit sustainability, something that will continue this year. The outcomes of the Circuit Plus consultations and the reduction in our staffing marked a transition towards ensuring support for our circuit staff, and that we turned our attention towards strengthening the lay contribution to church life within our circuit. The need for a Circuit Administrator was widely supported, and during the summer of 2025, Neil Oastler took forward the process, and we are delighted to say that Jane Hawes was appointed and took up her post on September 1st. Many thanks to Neil for his valuable work to achieve this excellent outcome, which will help to relieve the administrative burdens which fall on Revd. Georgina and Revd. Bruce. For the sustainability of our worship life, the Revd. Bruce has been running workshops for our lay community offering training in Local Arrangement leadership. This has been widely supported and welcomed, and the process is ongoing into 2025 – next date is 27th September. Please consider whether you might get involved in leading worship when there is a Local Arrangement service in your church.

Regarding wider sustainability issues, CLT efforts to build links with the Oxford Circuit have been ongoing during the year. Revd. Keith was very aware of the pressures experienced by the Oxford Circuit staff during 2025 which have slowed things moving along. We hope to make progress with this in the connexional year 2025/2026, and to look for links with other neighbouring circuits.

We have been pleased to welcome the Circuit Futures initiative, led by Revd. Georgina during the early part of 2025. This has involved consulting with every circuit Church Council and Church Meeting (Trinity) about mission, asking these

bodies to respond to a series of questions. The responses were gathered by circuit stewards in attendance, and a summary was produced and circulated. Going forward, it is hoped to organise a Mission Day in May 2026 (date to be confirmed) to enable our seven churches to think in practical terms about their core focus. Circuit Stewards continue to be very busy regarding our manses. Having made a huge effort to provide a considerably updated and adapted manse at St Amand Drive, we are now involved in the process of selling the Wantage manse at Heywoods Close and the Abingdon manse at Kingston Close. We hope to conclude the sale of Heywoods Close in the very near future, and are progressing with Kingston Close. Following the closure of Childrey Methodist Church in October of 2024, the CLT spent time consulting with community groups and representatives at Childrey, with a view to discovering if there could be community use. Despite there being ideas, there appeared to be no management capability for the running of the church as a community facility. The view of the CLT therefore was to move towards a sale of the church (decision at September Circuit Meeting 2025). In May 2025 we held an accreditation service for Belinda Kaur as a Local Preacher in our circuit and offer her our congratulations! We give thanks for the commitment of all our local preachers who serve us so well Sunday by Sunday. If anyone feels called to become a Local Arrangement Leader, a Local Preacher, or a Circuit Steward, or would like to find out more about any of these roles, please talk to a member of the Circuit Staff or your local Church Steward, and they would be delighted to help. We wish Revd. Georgina and her team every success in the coming connexional year 2025/2026. She will have the support of all of us as we move forward in faith.

*Anne Matthews, Senior Circuit Steward*

## **Wessex Synod of the URC**



Synod meetings were held on Saturday 10 October 2024 at United Church, Winchester, and on Tuesday 27 February and Wednesday 29th April on Zoom.

In October 2024, the Synod, in celebrating the long service of a number of ministers, recognised the 70 years of ministry of Revd. Tony Tucker, ordained in 1954. Tony was at one time the minister of Summertown URC, has been associated with Mansfield College and

has worked with students in the universities in Oxford. Some people may remember him since he has visited Trinity on a number of occasions.

Trinity welcomed the new Moderator, Revd. Michael Hopkins, on Sunday 11 May 2025. He led worship and, given it was Christian Aid week, preached on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, using the examples of Tabitha (Dorcas) from Acts and the work of Aurelia in Guatemala. He kindly agreed to his sermon being printed in the June issue of the Triangle.

Within the NW of the Wessex Synod, towards the end of last year, Kirsty Smith was commissioned as a student outreach worker, working across St Columba's URC, New

Road Baptist Church and Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, all in Oxford. Kirsty-Ann Mabbott was inducted as Church-Related Community Worker at Holy Family Blackbird Leys in Oxford on 27 April 2025. In June 2025, Revd Lynda Spokes, retired from Banbury URC and Bernwode Forest Group Revd. Romilly Micklem and Revd. Anne Bedford have been serving as Interim Moderators of the Oxford Group and the Bernwode Forest Churches (in the north of Oxfordshire) and Wheatley pastorates respectively. On 2nd November, Revd. Glyn Millington will be inducted into ministry at Aston Tirrold Church. He will continue his responsibilities for Christ Church, Henley on Thames URC and Caversham Park URC .

The URC has recently appointed an Ecumenical Officer for Oxfordshire, Revd. Wayne Hawkins, to work with Local Ecumenical Partnership churches in Oxfordshire from January 2026. The appointment is to help the URC provide input and support into LEPs; what particular form this help will take will be negotiated with each LEP/ Circuit. Trinity will host his Induction which will be held in the church on Saturday 10 January 2026 at 2pm following which refreshments, provided by the URC, will be served.

*Cynthia Bartlett, September 2025*

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Church in Abingdon

Trinity continues to be an active member of the Church in Abingdon, with congregation members joining in the opportunities for shared witness and worship such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Christmas Carols in the square. Individual members are also active in the associated Task Groups and projects – including Church Twinning, Christian Aid and Street Pastors. See the CiA website for more information - <https://www.church-in-abingdon.org.uk/>

### Trinity Donations to Charities 2024-25

Trinity Learning	£4,434.50
Action for Children	£765.50
Methodist Mission in Britain Fund	£270.00
Methodist World Mission Fund	£270.00
Methodist Church Fund	£188.00
All We Can	£188.00
Council for World Mission	£135.00
Commitment for Life	£100.00
The Abingdon Bridge	£200.00
Asylum Welcome	£350.00
Crisis Oxford	£800.00
Mines Advisory Group	£1,000.00
URC Retreat Group	£20.00
Historic Churches Trust	£25.00
	<b>£8,746.00</b>

We are also carrying over £1045.75 which has been donated for Reducing the Risk will send the total raised at the end of the calendar year when we change charity.

The Friendship Group and Thursday Group worked together again this autumn to fill the Christmas Shoe Boxes, organised by Lindsay Busby for Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion (FSCI) in south west Europe.

### TrinityLearning



#### Supporting local schools: 2024 – 2025 highlights

2024 – 2025 has been another busy school year for TrinityLearning. Our annual projects continue to diversify and grow at the same time as we take on new areas of work -such as a major refurbishment of the Carswell School sensory garden.

None of our projects would run without our wonderful team of hardworking and skilled volunteers who share their time so generously with us so as always, we are so very grateful to them. Many of them are Trinity Church members so we are really delighted to share this update of our work with you all.

### **Trinity Learning Projects – working and supporting children in schools**

**Thinking Books:** The Thinking Books project has had another successful year with over 30 children from five different schools each receiving 10 sessions and a free book. Training for Thinking Books volunteers going into schools for the 2025-2026 school year will take place in autumn 2025.

**The Toolkit for Happiness project and Larkmead's Make a Difference Week:** in July, we returned to Larkmead school for their annual Make a Difference week. Nicola and Taz spent five days training and supporting sixth form volunteers to deliver our Toolkit for Happiness - a series of well-being workshops - to approximately 180 Year 7 students.

The sixth formers demonstrated genuine commitment to the project from day one. Many had personal reasons for choosing to get involved with the Toolkit for Happiness initiative, including: 'To help younger years deal with stress that comes from school and life' and 'To help me build confidence speaking in front of a big group of people.' The year 7s enjoyed the range of activities and being alongside the 6<sup>th</sup> formers: 'We liked the physical activity and we liked the drawing because we liked the freedom,' and 'We like the way the 6th formers interact with us.' Skipping activities were a big hit with both the Year 7 students and the sixth formers. Many also said they enjoyed the craft sessions, spending time outdoors, and taking part in sensory activities—like making herbal tea bags to take home.



**Experience Easter 2025:** Running this year's Experience Easter was a real joy! While fewer children attended in person compared to last year, the smaller numbers gave us the opportunity to refine and adapt the workshops, allowing us to engage with a wider variety of groups.



This year's visitors included two Beaver Packs and four groups from Kingfisher school as well as classes from both church and state primary schools. Overall, around 360 children took part either online or live in Trinity Church. Most of our live workshop visitors walked for up to half an hour to reach us. As children enter the church they sit and

pause in the entrance area to hear an introduction to the story and receive their individual pack to take on the journey. We then open the doors to reveal the church which is specially decorated for the event. Many children who visit have little



experience of entering a church so we often hear a gasp of wonder as the doors are opened!

We received some really wonderful feedback from teaching staff who attended the live Experience Easter: "Really a great morning. Clearly well thought through with many hands-on activities which the children all enjoyed. It brought the Easter story to life. Amazingly organized. Engaging and interactive. Inclusive and adapted to children's needs."

### **TrinityLearning Projects – working and supporting children and wider school communities generally**

**Carswell School Garden revitalised:** a fantastic team of five from 4 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps at Dalton Barracks spent a week volunteering with TrinityLearning in May to overhaul the Carswell Primary Sensory Garden. Around 25% of children who attend Carswell school are from forces families and the Barracks has strong links with the school.



**Dalton Barracks volunteer team**

The team were incredibly successful in transforming the garden - removing (from the roots) an overgrown Buddleia, an overgrown conifer, 12 large shrubs and around 10 self-seeded tree seedlings.

They also dug beds, removed toxic weeds such as Dog's Mercury, pruned, split and replanted herbaceous perennials as well as removing tyres from the original herb garden and putting new herbs directly into planters or the soil. This major renovation and tidying up of the garden meant the original paths which were completely overgrown and inaccessible are now safe and clear so usable and navigable by both children and staff. Moving forward it also means relatively low levels of maintenance will be needed to keep the garden in good condition.

At the very end of the school year, Trinity Church members responded fantastically to our appeal for additional plants and donations to restock the **Kingfisher School Garden**. As well as plants, the appeal raised around £150 in cash which has been used to fill specific gaps in the planting to ensure it starts the new school year in the best condition.

**Bereavement Packs and Family Change Packs:** We have continued to give out our Bereavement Packs for adults supporting recently bereaved children as well as Family Change Packs for adults supporting children impacted by divorce or separation in their families. Each Bereavement Pack contains a hand knitted or crocheted teddy and we are really grateful to the wonderful volunteers, many of them from the Trinity Church community, who continue to create these. Schools really appreciate this extra support at difficult times and demand for these has increased steadily as more schools hear about them. In the 2024-25 school year we gave out 17 Bereavement Packs to 9 different schools and 14 Family Change Packs to 5 different schools.

**Supporting Kingfisher Christmas:** We had a fantastic time supporting our Kingfisher Singing Group Christmas Services. The services were specially written by Deacon Selina and use simple Christmas Songs, many of which use nursery rhyme tunes. We offered the service multiple times so children could take part in small groups. Two groups came to Trinity Church, with seven more groups taking part in-school.



The service weaves the Christmas story together with sensory elements to help bring it to life for the children. They can smell and touch chamomile-scented hay in the manger, and stroke soft, fleecy fabric as they hear about the sheep and shepherds. Some children received small packs of sensory resources, while others used fleecy blankets and even ostrich feathers - soft as an angel's wing!

### **Getting Together**

**TrinityLearning's AGM:** We were delighted to welcome volunteers and supporters to our 2025 AGM which we held online on 20<sup>th</sup> January. The AGM covered the work TrinityLearning carried out between September 2023 to August 2024.

Nicola Williams our Education Development Officer and Katie Doney, our Chair explained it had been a busy year for TrinityLearning with new and ongoing projects. One of our favourite projects was the Kingfisher School Sensory Christmas Service described above, which was a joy and ran a total of five times to pupils from 11 different classes both in church and in the school. Read or download the Report on our website at <https://trinitylearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/trinitylearning-annual-report-2023-2024-2.pdf>

**Volunteer celebrations:** 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. We are so proud of all the work our volunteers do.



### **Thinking of calling into the office?**

TrinityLearning staff and volunteers work a mix of both home and office-based hours so please do email before popping in to see us.

### **Thank you**

We continue to work closely with and feel supported by the Trinity Church community. Please remember TrinityLearning and the wider Abingdon School



communities in your prayers and if you would like to know more about our volunteering opportunities, please contact me at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com)

*Nicola Williams*  
*Education Development Officer, TrinityLearning*

### **Church and Hall Bookings**

The Conduit Centre and Church have continued to be well used by church groups and others. Highlights included Harvest, Christmas and End of Year Services / Concerts by five schools. As well as providing a weekly rehearsal space for Abingdon Operatic Society, this summer we hosted (in the Centre and the Church) the rehearsals for an international youth performance of West Side Story. Members of the congregation enjoyed the performances at Amey Theatre.

*Eluned Hallas*

# MINISTRY OF PASTORAL CARE, FELLOWSHIP & SUPPORT

## Catering Team

We welcome, and give thanks for, our new Catering Team - Lindsay Busby, Judith Fear, Elizabeth Oastler, Petronella Rasmussen & Heather Townsend. They are confident of plenty of support (and cakes) from the congregation for the exciting opportunities ahead.

## Evergreen Club

As always this report is written just after our AGM. This year we were delighted that Dan the Fireman joined us. He was very amusing and we all learnt a great deal of useful information. Great Fun to have a Fire Engine outside the Conduit centre!!!



I have mentioned before that our USP is love and care for all our members and sometimes this can be difficult to quantify. As at the end of August our membership stood at 52 and this figure includes our President Clare James plus 8 Committee members and 6 non-active members. The mathematicians will realise that leaves 37 people. At our AGM 31 members were present and 5 people contacted us to send their apologies.

Those non-active members still have birthday cards sent to them and receive phone calls.

The Committee work very hard – and we all enjoy ourselves and this is reflected when we hold our meetings. We aim to provide a

varied and interesting programme.

I want to mention the generosity of all Members who donate prizes for the raffle and then buy tickets, which means our monthly raffle is our main source of income.

Finally, we are so grateful to The Furniture Removers who come each month.

*Tricia Cook*

## Friendship Group

Is a group of ladies who meet once a month, for friendship and support, we have lots of fun, all welcome.

This year we have been doing lots of different things:

- Children's boxes in October with the Thursday group.
- We made flower arrangements with Judith Payne.
- We had a Christmas craft evening

- Meal out at Limoncello
- A nice walk in Abingdon with Carolyn followed by a picnic in Albert Park
- Visit to Dorchester abbey with tea and cake
- Making cards with Jo
- Afternoon Tea at Aston Tea Room

Any ladies wishing to join us in any of our meetings, will be made very welcome



*Lindsay Busby*

## **Home Group**

A group meets approximately once a month for Bible Study and discussion, led by Pauline Main. We are kindly hosted by the Langsford. During the past year we have used some material from the URC to think about saints like Aidan, Brigid, Cuthbert and Hildegard, looked at an Advent theme “The Messianic Hope”, and studied Mark’s gospel. Our discussions are wide-ranging! We also share news of church folk, especially those needing our prayers, and spend some time in prayer. If you would like to join this welcoming group, please contact Pauline on 01235 531028 or [revmain@gmail.com](mailto:revmain@gmail.com)

*Pauline Main*

## **Pastoral Elders**

Our Serving Pastoral Elders are:

Lindsay Busby  
Barbara Deakin  
Scilla Fellows  
Christine Foscett  
Sarah Gibson  
Margaret Greaney

Carolyn Hawkes  
Eve Newton  
Malcolm Newton  
Judith Payne  
Rosemary Richards

The minister meets with the elders regularly and the elders are grateful for her support. Eve Newton, who held the role of senior elder for some years and ably led the team of elders, has now retired from this post. Recently the elders decided that the responsibilities of the leadership of the pastoral elders would be shared between them.

The Church and the Circuit are mindful of all the work which the pastoral elders undertake quietly during the year. It is important that everyone is aware who their pastoral elder is and is able to contact them. The elders perform an important role in the fellowship and community of the church, in prayer, in visiting, in making telephone calls, in supporting or helping where asked and in demonstrating the love

and care which the Church offers to all. It is a ministry, which while largely unseen and unsung, is much appreciated by many.

*Cynthia Bartlett, on behalf of the Trustees*

### **Prayer Support Group**

The members of the Prayer Support Group continue to pray on Friday mornings in their own homes from 10 to 10.30 am.

The Prayer Support Book is just inside the north door of the Welcome Area and people are invited to enter the names of those who have requested prayer. The large wooden box is available for confidential requests. The book is usually used in the intercessions during the service and always by the Group on Friday. The concerns entered on the cards in the box are also prayed about. This information is e-mailed to the group's members on Thursday evening together with any other requests I have received, so that they can be included alongside other concerns of Trinity and the wider world.

The group, has grown from 5 to 8 members. If anyone else wishes to join us, please tell Margaret Langsford or me.

*Ruth Dams*

### **Trinity Thursday Group**

We have continued to meet on the second Thursday evening of the month with the same 20 members as last year. We average 15 members each evening despite it being more difficult for some of us to venture out during the cold dark winter evenings.

Due to heating problems with the hall our September meeting was cancelled, so our first meeting of the year was our annual evening with the Fellowship Group where we covered and filled shoe boxes to be sent to Eastern Europe for deprived families. Some 40 boxes were filled and £102 collected to help with transport costs. The following month Rachel Buckingham (daughter of Griff and Scilla Fellows) returned to give us an update on her bi-annual visits to the Mercy Ships, this time to Sierra Leone and Madagascar. This was an open meeting with a Bring and Buy table along with the sale of Christmas cards and £280 was raised to help with their ongoing work carrying out much needed medical procedures in impoverished countries. 2024 finished as usual with our annual party with quizzes, games, delicious food and Secret Santa lucky dip.

In January we had an opportunity to hear about humanitarian work in Afghanistan from a young friend recently returned from working in a remote area helping people to grow crops, keep bees and chickens and teaching how to feed families healthily. The Conduit Centre was full despite it being a freezing cold evening. After an excellent presentation £245 was given to her for her on-going work. She took back over 45 hot water bottles to give to the people in the villages she works with where night temperatures in winter can be as low as -30.

Our annual planning meeting took place in February where we agreed to continue as last year with one person taking responsibility for the running of the evening helped by two others providing refreshments.

We spent a wonderful evening in March with Selina talking about her 10 years in Abingdon as she prepares to move on. She did so much work with the Toddler group, Carswell School, Trinity Learning and the Armed Forces Families as well as taking time to be an active member of our group too. In April Pauline Main gave us her postponed illustrated talk about her visit to New York. Lots of questions were asked and almost everyone in our group came along to enjoy an interesting evening. That was followed by a celebration of VE Day in May when we were led by Tricia who had prepared an interesting and thought-provoking group activity before we all showed some artifacts, photos of memories from our families and even sampled some cakes made from recipes used during the War.



In June, July and August, all our meetings involved socialising. Instead of our usual walk in June we had an evening of scones, strawberries and cream with poetry and quiz provided by Eve and Doreen. July saw our barbecue on a very hot evening when 19 members and 3 husbands met with salads and desserts in the Greaney's garden. Bernie and Paul Dalby were excellent cooks. In August, again on a fine warm evening we met in

the Dalby's garden for coffee and chat with a guided walk around the brook at Sutton Courtney.

Another successful and happy year of events was achieved.

*Margaret Greaney*

## **Trinity Triangle**

The Triangle editorial team is grateful to everyone who has sent us an article or photograph or has provided information or suggestions for the magazines. Poems or prose which have special meaning or articles on local or national charities, for example are always welcomed by our readers. Church Family news is good to share and continues to be valued by many, including those who have now moved away from Abingdon but enjoy staying in touch.

The July/August edition of the Triangle this year was a special edition, celebrating 150 years of Ministry, Witness and Service at Trinity. It included some of the history of the church and copies of words and photographs from the Service and Reception held on 1st June.

We have continued to be grateful for all the help we receive from Mike Coleman in the organisation and presentation of the articles and in finding suitable illustrations and decoration. We also appreciate the work done by Eluned in printing and

distributing Triangle. Our thanks to all those who purchase paper copies (£10 pa for a black and white edition and £15 pa for a colour copy) which mean that the Triangle is self-financing. We currently have some space for more advertisements and it would be good to attract new advertisers, including perhaps someone who is able to troubleshoot computer and printer difficulties. If anyone knows someone who might advertise, please contact one of the editorial team. It is a real bargain! For a year (10 editions), a quarter page advert costs just £40; half a page £70 and a full page £140. If you would like to be sent a paper copy of the Triangle, please contact Eluned in the Church Office.

All articles for the Triangle should be sent to both Val Dalby and Cynthia Bartlett. We also try to acknowledge receipt of articles, so please check with us if you don't receive an acknowledgement. We look forward to your contributions for the coming year.

*The Triangle Team:*

*Cynthia Bartlett, Val Dalby, Barbara Deakin, Carolyn Hawkes, Pauline Main and Gloria Sandford*



# YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

## JAM / Junior Church

Jesus and Me (JAM) ran until Easter 2025, when the dedicated team that had organised it for many years, decided that it was time to step down. There had been a core group of children, ranging from 3+ who benefited from the twice-monthly sessions, which ran in tandem with the church service. The content of the sessions varied, but tended to tie in with the church calendar. Each session would involve a reading either from the bible or an associated text, along with some form of discussion and an activity. Making poppy prints for Remembrance Sunday, hunting for eggs at Easter and making crowns for Epiphany were just some of the activities that were enjoyed.

From Easter 2025 until September 2025 the Church reviewed its provision for its younger members and convened a small group of parishioners keen to take forward a slightly different offer commencing from September. We now meet once a month on the first Sunday. The name JAM is under review and for now the Church is using the term Junior Church until the children decide on a new name. The team has expanded and now delivers the session in rotation. It was felt that this was the most consistent way to meet the needs of families within the church community. The format has remained largely the same and, thus far, there has been a focus on Harvest, with some harvesting and hunting for vegetables and some Harvest-focussed puzzles and games.

*Angharad Saunders*

## Trinity Toddlers



It has been another busy year at Trinity Toddler Group. As usual we have said a fond farewell to some of our older children, who have gone off to school or preschool having watched them grow since young babies. We have been delighted to welcome new families, and even some new baby brothers or sisters.

Snack time is going well with parents taking it in turns to bring fresh fruit each week. The children can learn to share and serve themselves, as well as enjoy a social time and it is safer than wandering around whilst eating individual snacks.

Ella has now moved on to other volunteering opportunities and we wish her well, hoping she'll pop in sometime when she's able. It has been lovely to welcome Bernie who has joined the kitchen rota to make tea and coffee for parents.



Our summer catch-up sessions where we meet outside on the grass every couple of weeks, have been much appreciated by some families as most groups stop altogether over the summer break.

Obviously, Selina will be missed enormously as she was such a large part of the group. One of our volunteers Ella made an amazing card with all the children's handprints which can be seen in the photo. The money collected for Selina's farewell went towards a black out tent and some sensory light toys, which is what she generously requested. This was particularly appropriate as we had two children with sight issues. Thank You Selina!



*Katie Doney (on behalf of Trinity Toddlers)*

## Uniformed Organisations



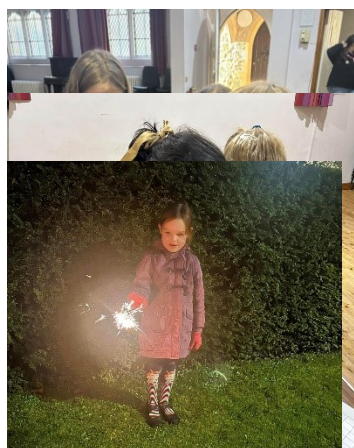
### Trinity Brownies

Current numbers (October 2025)

Adults: 3

Children (aged 7 – 10): 14

**September – December 2024**



For the first term, we focussed on our 'Know Myself' theme award – which not only focussed on ourselves, but also team work. We started our team work with making trash monuments – bringing in clean recycling to create a stable and tall tower. The Brownies love being able to have free reign over the supplies to make what they want to. We carried on with the theme of team work with a week of small team challenges – including finishing puzzles, working out riddles and eating biscuits without touching them with our hands. We gave some of the planning over to the



Brownies this term – with a night dedicated to what they would like to do. We chose to do a night on cheese tasting – some were much more popular than others. We finished the first half of term with a night on Diwali – including Henna, making Diya lamps and Rangoli patterns. In November, we had five Brownies and two leaders go along to the Remembrance service and parade, held at St Helens Church in Abingdon.

The second half of the term started with a bonfire night – with s'mores, hot chocolate and sparklers. Some of the Brownies had never used sparklers before – which was both scary and exciting for them. We had a 'bring a board game' night where the girls brought along their favourite board game to share with the other Brownies. The Leaders also liked this night as they got to play the games too. We finished off the term with an evening making gifts for the local care home to take with us the week after on a visit. We went around each of the residents' rooms with decorated tea cups and spoons with tea sachets and biscuits. We also sang some Christmas carols which was a highlight for the residents.



### **January 2025 – April 2025**

For the Spring term, we focussed on the 'Express Yourself' theme award. To start the term we began the first part of our STEM challenge badge, which was completed over two evenings. This included making 'gloop', solving puzzles about space and code breaking. We celebrated Burns night which was a whole evening run by our DofE helper, Natasha. We ate shortbread, told poetry, designed our own tartan and even tried ceilidh dancing (with mixed results).

We started our painting badge which we also completed over the space of two



evenings. We looked at three different ways of painting which made for a messy, but fun, evening.

We celebrated both World Thinking Day and Pancake Day this term – spending one night thinking about our sisters in Guiding within the UK and spending the other making our own pancakes.

We went back to the care home towards the end of the term. This time, we were armed with Easter crafts to do with everyone as well as 6th Abingdon (Trinity) Guides. It was nice to see some of the Brownies who have moved up a section, as well as see the residents and spend some time creating.



We ended the term with a joint trip to Snakes and Ladders in town with 2nd Peachcroft Brownies. The Brownies loved seeing another Brownie unit and having access to all the soft play equipment.



### May 2025 – July 2025

For the Summer term, we decided to have a little break from the programme and focus on doing all the little things that the girls had recently requested. We started the term by making 3D pictures from recycled materials, as well as writing our own stories to accompany them. The girls also requested a treasure hunt, so the leaders created a 'treasure in a match box' activity for them to see how many natural treasures they can fit in their match box.

We joined with 2nd Peachcroft again for a night dedicated to penguins – including making a cuddly sock penguin, a penguin jar and penguin oreos. It was nice for the brownies to reconnect with the girls after their trip to Snakes and Ladders in the last term. We ended the term with a pamper session making sleeping masks, hairbands and lipglosses.

*Niki, Sarah & Molly*

### Trinity 6<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Guides

This year has seen our unit grow to 30 girls, and we've had another busy and exciting year!

We were thrilled to present two guides with the highest award, the Gold Award; congratulations to Tessa and Jemima. Princess Ivorhy earned the Bronze award and she has remained with us as a Young Leader. She is one of the Abingdon Mayor's cadets this year, and is an excellent ambassador for Girlguiding Abingdon. She was also selected to join a Girlguiding Oxfordshire trip to Switzerland, and Patsy has been selected to join a county group going to a jamboree in Sweden in 2026.



Trinity Guides and Rangers took part in trialling new badges for Girlguiding - and these were launched this summer.



Guides have learned First aid, visited Abingdon Court Care Home with Brownies, visited the Fire Station where they used the hoses, learned to safely make and cook on fires, joined in with Girlguiding's visit to the cinema, took part in Parliament Week and earned their STEM Careers Challenge badge. They also enjoyed two favourite activities; a penny hike and water games!

Our unit joined other local units at a division camp in Warwickshire, and we enjoyed a narrowboat trip on the Kennet and Avon where the guides learned how to manage locks and steer the boat. We joined in with Girlguiding Anglia's Pyjama Sleepover to mark World Thinking Day - and we added a medieval twist as we slept in the rather chilly Abbey Buildings!

Finally, we were thrilled that one of our patrols won the Oxfordshire Adventure Cup after competing with others from around the county in a series of challenges!



We are still looking for adult support - either unit helpers, leaders (in training) or someone willing to assist us with administration or activities. If you are interested in helping us, or one of our other Abingdon Guiding units (Rainbows, Brownies or Guides), please contact us:

6th Abingdon Trinity Guides Leadership Team

Email: [6thabingdonguides@gmail.com](mailto:6thabingdonguides@gmail.com)

*Carol, Emily, Megan and Vicki*

*Carol Dunne, Emily Fisher, Megan Woodland, Vicki Henderson*

## **Trinity Scout Group**

The aim of Scouting is to engage and support young people in their personal development and to empower them to make a positive contribution to society. We do this by involving them in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities which challenge them and make them think and work as individuals and in teams. We try to make this fun.

The Scout Group is grateful to the Church for providing us with a base where we can meet to hold our weekly meetings and to store our equipment. We have 59 young people in our 3 sections with 8 adults supporting them by providing an interesting, enjoyable and varied programme.

### **Beavers (age 6-8)**



Beavers enjoyed a well-planned and varied programme with lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities. They kept fit and learnt about keeping healthy and eating healthily. They learned 1st Aid and about home, personal and fire safety. They learned about disabilities and the ways public places can help disabled people. They made bird feeders and bee 'hotels.' They went litter picking, attended

Experience Easter in the Church and went pond dipping at Abingdon School Science Centre. They made catapults, learned how to put up tents and went tracking and exploring. There were many art and craft projects and, of course, lots of games. The Beavers visited the police station and spent a day at Youlbury on the zipwire and crate stacking. They visited the Cub camp in June joining in all of the fun outdoor activities.

### **Cubs (age 8-10½)**

The Cub pack had a full programme over the year. They played lots of games, learned new sports and did many art and craft projects. They did lots of science experiments, solved construction challenges and made catapults. They learned 1st Aid, cooked on camping stoves, put up tents and went on a late-night hike. They went litter picking, exploring and tracking, played wide games and



went pond dipping at Abingdon School Science Centre.

The Cubs visited the police station, went laser gaming and spent a day at

Youlbury on the zipwire and crate stacking. They also enjoyed a joint weekend camp at Dry Sandford in June with the pack from St Helen's Church.





## Scouts (age 10½-14)

The Scouts enjoyed a challenging programme of activities. They improved their navigation skills and camping skills and the older Scouts had to apply these when they went on a weekend expedition. They improved many of their Scouting skills by mastering a greater range of knots & lashings and learnt how to use knives, axes and



saws safely. They pitched tents, improved their fire lighting, went hiking and played wide games. They participated in athletics, archery, 'Robot Wars', did DIY, undertook construction challenges showcased their hobbies and achieved their entertainer badge. They completed many cooking tasks.

In the summer holidays, several Scouts went on a week-long summer camp in North Yorkshire with a number of troops from around the UK. They looked after themselves and each other for the week - cooking and baking on open fires. The weather this year was mixed. Plans are already underway for next year's camp.

## Leaders and Helpers:

The leaders at Trinity will continue to ensure that our young people are able to develop a wide range of skills consistent with their ability which will help them in their future and help them to contribute to society.

Our position with respect to leaders and adult help is difficult. We usually have sufficient adults to be able to run a safe and challenging programme but we rely on a small number of people to be available for almost every meeting. There have been a number of occasions when we have had to ask parents to help or have cancelled meetings at relatively short notice.

We need to build up the team of leaders and helpers so that we don't put undue demands on any individual. Offers of help, even if not on a regular basis, would be very welcome - so please think if you know of someone who can help; it is very rewarding. We particularly need someone to take overall lead in the Scout section and more regular adult help for the Beaver and Cub sections.

We thank the Church for use of its facilities.

*Tom Kyffin*

# MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

## Coffee

Once again, many thanks to all our coffee volunteers. Your help is very much appreciated. Sadly, three volunteers have had to “retire” after years of service. We have had some new helpers but others would be most welcome. The trolley continues to make serving refreshments easier for all of us. Thanks especially to John who collects used cups for us week after week.

*Heather and Stuart Townsend*

## Trinity Garden

As I write, the hedges and shrubs have had their annual trim and the garden looks tidier. One large viburnum shrub had to be removed because it was diseased. It had also grown very tall and was beginning to cover some of the church window. The lawn remains rather patchy after our dry, hot summer. It is improving now that the rain has returned.

The front hedge partly consists of very old ceanothus shrubs which are susceptible to drought or very icy conditions. We have had to cut out one dead shrub and replace it with a new one.

On a similar theme we have replaced a couple of old, gnarly roses by the Conduit office. One of the replacements is the famous “Peace” rose, rather suitable in these turbulent times perhaps.

*Heather and Stuart Townsend*



## Housekeeping

Many people help keep Trinity running smoothly – working quietly in the background, so thank you to the willing army of volunteers who do so much, quietly, efficiently and usually without recognition. There are always opportunities to help, so don’t wait to be asked – just offer!

**TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2025**  
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS								
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25				
INCOME					EXPENDITURE			
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
Collections		£47,777.83	£49,229.70	£47,657.50	Circuit Assessment	£44,093.00	£44,741.00	£49,944.00
Fundraising		£1,171.07	£783.90	£465.00	Insurance	£9,208.76	£9,650.01	£9,969.73
Gift Aid		£11,297.17	£11,803.51	£11,323.06	Cleaning	£6,839.88	£6,160.00	£6,126.00
Lettings		£10,328.20	£10,329.50	£13,882.00	Utilities	£14,042.81	£13,658.54	£14,276.12
Weddings and Funerals		£1,795.00	£3,855.00	£235.00	Repairs & Maintenance	£6,629.96	£13,418.31	£17,201.28
Interest		£10,679.93	£6,559.42	£4,934.52	Conduit Centre	£8,264.12	£10,837.82	£11,496.50
Other Income		£9,301.36	£18,594.10	£21,130.66	Administration & Miscellaneous	£11,553.29	£9,954.08	£8,692.75
Legacies		£12,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,500.00	Gifts and Charities	£723.20	£667.58	£628.40
		£104,350.56	£102,155.13	£101,127.74		£101,355.02	£109,087.34	£118,334.78
					Surplus/Deficit	£2,995.54	-£6,932.21	-£17,207.04
RESTRICTED FUNDS								
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25				
INCOME					EXPENDITURE			
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	
Collections for Charities and Gifts		£14,385.89	£14,362.93	£16,735.34	Charities and Gifts	£14,038.91	£15,287.92	£16,130.59
Benevolent Fund		£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Benevolent Fund	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
External Salaries		£27,935.29	£31,606.47	£32,267.78	External Salaries	£27,935.29	£31,606.47	£32,267.78
150th Anniversary		£0.00	£0.00	£1,256.50	150th Anniversary	£0.00	£0.00	£1,256.50
Toddler Group		£0.00	£0.00	£1,172.47	Toddler Group	£1,442.68	£1,552.62	£700.00
Evergreen Club		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Evergreen Club	£944.48	£737.76	£317.28
		£42,321.18	£45,969.40	£52,432.09		£44,361.36	£49,184.77	£50,872.15
					Surplus/Deficit	-£2,040.18	-£3,215.37	£1,559.94
Evergreen Club Fund:		Brought forward	£1,787.98		Brought forward			£604.70
		Income	£0.00		Income			£1,172.47
		Expenditure	-£317.28		Expenditure			-£700.00
		Carried forward	£1,470.70		Carried forward			£1,077.17
Benevolent Fund:		Brought forward	£0.00		Reducing the Risk			
		Income	£1,000.00					
		Expenditure	-£200.00					
		Carried forward	£800.00					
		Charity Funds Carried forward:						
		£1,045.75						



**TRINITY CHURCH ABINGDON - ASSETS AT 31st AUGUST 2025**  
Charity Reg. No. 1148634

**CASH ASSETS**

Methodist Central Finance Board Accounts:

Deposit Account  
Legacy Fund  
URC Manse Fund

£42,712.43  
£23,493.50  
£36,299.02

£102,504.95  
£3,933.12

**£106,438.07**

HSBC Current Account:

Of which:

**Unrestricted Funds**  
**Restricted Funds**

Evergreen Club Fund  
Toddler Group Fund  
Benevolent Fund  
Charity Funds

£1,470.70  
£1,077.17  
£800.00  
£1,045.75

£4,393.62

**£106,438.07**

Represented by:

Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit Account:

Brought forward

plus Interest  
plus transfer from Current Account  
less transfer to Current Account  
less Assessment

£60,140.26  
£2,331.67  
£30,000.00  
£0.00  
**£49,944.00**

£42,527.93

Methodist Central Finance Board Legacy Fund

Brought forward

plus Interest  
plus transfer from Current Account

£22,650.47  
£1,027.53  
£0.00

£23,678.00

Methodist Central Finance Board URC Manse Fund

Brought forward

plus Interest

£34,723.70  
£1,575.32

£36,299.02

HSBC Current Account:

Brought forward

plus Surplus/less Deficit

£4,570.74  
**£637.62**

£3,933.12

**INVESTMENT ASSETS**

**Unrestricted Funds**

Richard Frank Cox Trust held by the Trustees for  
Methodist Church Purposes

£1,796.72

**Restricted Funds**

Spring Road Trust Funds (URC) invested in:

a) COIF (Trinity Church/URC Fund) Income Units  
b) Black Rock Income Units  
c) Spring Road Charities Trust Fund (sale of 2  
Withington Court) held in COIF Deposit Fund

£22,287.88  
£8,751.01  
£173,774.69

Other URC Investments held as COIF Income units

£5,190.90  
**£211,801.20**

## CONCLUSION

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.” (Psalm 96:1)

All praise and thanks to God for all he continues to do in and through the body of Christ at Trinity.

As we journey into this new church year, I suggest we consider some of the questions The Revd Richard Andrews, President of the Methodist Conference poses in his inaugural speech. In this coming year,

“What story do we wish to tell, what song do we want to sing about ourselves (as a church)? Is it rooted, grounded, lived, and authenticated in Christ or in something else? Is it a Spirit shaped story open to the future or a world weary one? Is it a song of wonder and praise that marvels at the presence of God in all people...”

*Methodist President Inaugural Address July 2025*

Looking ahead, we continue to hope and pray for church growth, and as a church, we will be looking at ways we can all work to facilitate that – in depth of faith and in our community links, as well as the growth of our numbers. We have an ideal opportunity to reflect on what God wants us to do next, on where our priorities lie in the years ahead, and how we can best further and faithfully serve those around us, to the glory of God.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.

*(Frances Jane van Alstyne)*

**To God be the glory!**



### **Trinity Personnel**

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