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## Notices Sunday 11 January 2026

### Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<b>Sunday 11 January</b> <b>10:30am</b> Covenant Service & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	<b>Sunday 11 January</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Daphne Savage
<b>Sunday 18 January</b> This week we are joining our friends at Trinity Church for their service of Morning Worship so there will be no morning service at All Saints	<b>Sunday 18 January</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Revd John Anderson

The deadline for contributions to the **February Triangle** is

**Friday 23 January**

please send contributions to Cynthia ([cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk))

and Val Dalby ([vadalby17@gmail.com](mailto:vadalby17@gmail.com))

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

**Just Women: Wednesday 14 January 7.45pm *Kurling*** in the hall. It will be fun and you can do some post-Christmas exercise too. All women welcome.

The **Tubb House Group** will resume at 36 The Warren on **Monday January 19th** at 7:30p.m. We will be studying Chapter 7 of St John's Gospel

### **Mary Jones:**

Email from Rev Helen Byrne (nee Jones) to Derek Pooley:

I am really sorry to be writing this but mum has continued to be in hospital over Christmas, and a couple of days ago she had what they think to have been quite a big stroke which took her ability to speak coherently or ability to swallow etc. So sadly she is now on end of life care here in Helston.

Please could you let the lovely folk in Abingdon know and ask they hold mum in their prayers. Some of the happiest years in ministry for mum and dad were with you guys and it is from there mum trained for her own Ministry - so Abingdon will always be a special place for our family.

*If you need Helen's contact details please see the Pooleys*

### **All Saints' Donations:**

I am pleased to confirm the following donations have been made recently

Shelter Christmas Card £208.05

Action for Children £208.75 including gift aid. (Christmas Day service)

MHA coffee donations for 4 month period £226.

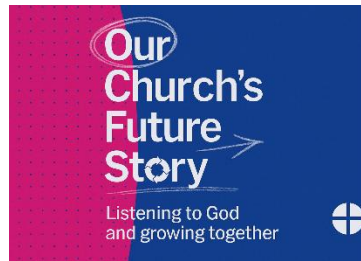
Thank you to all for your contributions.

Richard Matthews

**Christian Aid:** The retiring collection for Christian Aid following our carol service realized the sum of £215.00. Of this sum £125.00 was Gift Aided at 25 per cent bringing the total to **£246.25**.

**Against Breast Cancer.** Again, I am *collecting* unwanted costume jewellery, bras, any coins, empty printer cartridges, and used stamps with 1 cm border. I will put a box in the foyer, and take them to the centre off Audlett Drive at the end of January.  
*Thank you. Rosemary.*

**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*



### **Our Church's Future Story Zoom - 12th January 7:30pm**

Join the District Mission team as it invites the Director of Growing Churches for the Methodist Church, Revd David Goodall, for our last offering in the Our Churches future story zoom series. We started this journey back at the Spring Synod 25, and we are delighted to host this one-off event. If you haven't been to one yet, don't be put off. as each session has been a standalone time.

It feels particularly pertinent, as we look ahead to a new calendar year, this Zoom session will focus on how your Circuit and Church can engage more closely with the Our Churches Future Story materials. ***In particular, it will focus on how your existing worshipping community can grow spiritually, missionally and numerically.***

This session promises to be an engaging experience at an opportune time as we welcome the insights and wisdom Revd David has to offer us.

We would like to have every Circuit represented at this event. So, if you would like to receive the link, please email the office: [office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk](mailto:office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk)

*Matt Forsyth, Mission Team Leader*

## **TRINITY NEWS**

**Many thanks** to everyone who donated to our chosen charities over the Christmas services (including the winter warmer lunch). Once we have claimed Gift Aid we will have raised **£260 for Action for Children and £750 for Crisis at Christmas.**

**Our charity for the year for 2025 was Reducing the Risk.** Again, once we have claimed Gift Aid we will have raised almost £1,500 for the Oxfordshire based charity which works to support victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

**Our chosen charity for 2026 is Mercy Ships,** a faith-based international charity that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world to deliver vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. [Read more](#)

**Annual New Year Inter-Church Quiz Friday 23 January.** Please contact Ian Brawn if you would like to be part of the Trinity Team(s). See p 5 for more details

**TrinityLearning** is looking for a new Education Development Officer. Are you an experienced education professional who could lead this small Abingdon based Charity? This is a Two year contract, starting as soon as possible. 0.4 FTE, salary £33,000 pro rata per annum. (£13,200). For the full job advert, an application form and details of how to apply, please see our website <https://trinitylearning.org.uk/>. For further details, or for an informal conversation about the role, please contact Pauline



[revmain@gmail.com](mailto:revmain@gmail.com) , 01235 531028. TrinityLearning is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people.

Please hold the staff, trustees and volunteers of TrinityLearning in prayer as we seek a new Education Development Officer to succeed Nicola Williams, who has been an inspirational leader. Pray that God will guide those involved in the recruitment, and that God will prompt those who view the advertisement, that the right person may be found. Please also remember Nicola in your prayers as she moves on. *Pauline Main, Chair of TL Trustees*

**Statutory public consultation on reservoir proposals:** There's just one week left to have your say on proposals for a new reservoir near Abingdon in Oxfordshire. The reservoir would supply water to 15 million people across the South East, including customers of Thames Water, Southern Water, and Affinity Water. Read more:

<https://thames-sro.co.uk/sesro/statcon2025>

### **New Year's Resolution - Reduce My Carbon Footprint!**

The first thing to do in order to make changes in your life in 2026 is to be aware of what you are currently doing through your lifestyle and then decide if you need to change anything.

As with all areas of life, It is the same with assessing your impact in contributing to climate change. There are online tools which will help you measure your carbon footprint - both as a household and individually - and then you can compare this footprint with the UK and global averages and see if you need to make changes in your lifestyle, and where those changes will have the most effect in reducing your carbon footprint.

Useful Carbon Footprint calculators (basically just online questionnaires) are:

WWF - <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Carbon Independent (recommended by Woodland Trust)

<https://www.carbonindependent.org/>

Others are available! - they should be free and not sponsored or trying to sell you anything such as carbon credits

*David Perrow*

### **Did you know?**

That Trinity & All Saints between them host two dance / exercise sessions aimed at people with limited mobility, two Tai Chi classes, eight Pilates groups, two Yoga sessions, and friendship activities aimed at people with dementia and their carers. Plus, Scout and Guide groups for most ages, coffee mornings and friendship groups and a range of other clubs and activities.

So of one of your New Years resolutions was to try something new – why not take a look? Contact the office for more information.

Read the **Michael Hopkins' New Year Message** [online](#) or on the notice board in the Trinity Welcome area. *Michael is the URC Wessex Synod Moderator.*

The January **Church in Abingdon News** is out now – online or some hard copies in church

**Foodbank** : needed at the moment are carrier bags as well as UHT milk, chocolate spread, fruit juice, tinned fruit, instant coffee, macaroni cheese, meatballs, sweetcorn and cooking oil + deodorants (male & female). *JPB*

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Sunday 11 January, St Birinus and All That...** a cantata recounting the history of the Abbey from its foundation as a cathedral by St Birinus in 635 AD, through its monastic foundation, the reformation, and the endowment in 1535 as a Village Church. 3pm in Dorchester Abbey. Admission is free and the concert will last a little over an hour. Retiring collection to support the Abbey.

**Thursday 15th January Meet the Photographer Behind Abingdon's Stories:** *Martin Wackenier* award-winning photographer and founder of Devine Times Photography, will be part of a live interview at **"Conversations With..."** at St Ethelwold's. East St Helen's Street, OX14 5EB. Based in Abingdon, Martin has spent years capturing the people, events, and everyday moments that shape our community – alongside an impressive career photographing weddings, major events, and international projects. Be there for an engaging conversation about photography, creativity, and the stories behind the images. 7pm in Garden Room, St Ethelwold's House. Free entry | Donations welcome. Text 07964 433720 to reserve your spot

**Monday 19 to Friday 23 January. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,** St Nicolas' Church will be **open for Reflections and Prayers** between 10am and 12 noon each day. Materials based on the 2026 theme *Ephesians 4:4: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling* available. Everyone welcome.

**Friday 23 January Annual New Year Inter-Church Quiz,** 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, at Abingdon Baptist Church. Entry is £2 per person and all proceeds will go to Sobell House. Bring your own drinks and nibbles – teas and coffees provided.

**Tuesday 27 January, Agnostics Anonymous** 6 pm in The Parish Centre. Dr Kathryn Wills, a member of the Las Casas Institute based at Blackfriars Hall in Oxford, will speak on the theme of **"Can reading literature help us to encounter God?"** (Kathryn is an associate member of Blackfriars Hall in Oxford and has researched widely on the interplay between poetry, drama, fiction etc and an understanding of God).

**Saturday 28th February:** Abingdon Church Twinning is organising a **Barn Dance** in Trinity Church Conduit Centre. Alan Fisher from Abingdon Baptist Church will be the caller, and all proceeds will support Church Twinning. The ticket price of £15 includes a welcome drink on arrival and a Ploughman's supper during the interval. Limited spaces! Put on your dancing shoes and get your tickets from your Church Twinning representative: Trinity - Maggie Greaney & Alastair Fear; All Saints - Maurice Tubb



Beginning in the new year, Matt Forsyth, Mission Team Leader at District, will be leading a pilot of a new course entitled *Everyone an Evangelist*.

I am delighted to invite you to take part in a pilot of Everyone an Evangelist, a new course from the Methodist Church designed to help local churches and circuits explore how we are each called to share our faith.

The course offers space for honest conversation, reflection, and practice. Together, we'll seek to demystify evangelism and build sustainable, intentional rhythms of both personal and shared witness. It's about discovering the confidence and joy of sharing good news in ways that are natural, authentic, and life-giving within our communities.

### **When and Where**

The pilot will run on Zoom across four evening sessions, all starting at 7:30pm-9:30pm:

- Tuesday 24th February 2026
- Tuesday 24th March 2026
- Tuesday 29th April 2026
- Tuesday 8th July 2026

### **About the Pilot**

This will be a small-scale pilot, with a maximum of four participating groups — one of which we hope will be a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP). Ideally, we would have between 5 and 6 people from a church or circuit join. As facilitator, I will accompany your group between sessions to offer practical support and encouragement, and to help facilitate. District grant support where appropriate.

*Every Blessing, Matt Forsyth*

### **Interested or interested in knowing more?**

Please contact the Circuit Administrator – Jane Hawes - on:

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