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Notices Sunday 18 January 2026

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 18 January Joint Service of Morning Worship at Trinity Church 10:30am led by Revd John Anderson	
Sunday 25 January 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 25 January 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Wayne Hawkins

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is 18 to 25 January. The theme this year is
“There is one body and one Spirit”, based on Ephesians 4:4.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You bring us together in all our diversity, as family and church. In the face of so many situations on earth, where hope has given way to despair and hearts are wounded and emptied by disappointment, renew our strength and unify us. Help us to share Your hope wherever we find ourselves. You are the true Light, who casts out the darkness of sin, despair and brokenness, who shines into our hearts, releasing the joy and the true hope of Your eternal love for all.

Amen.

(From the Methodist website)

The deadline for contributions to the **February Triangle** is
Friday 23 January
please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
and Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com)

ALL SAINTS NEWS

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

Just Women: will meet in the Perry Room at 7.30 on **Wednesday 28 January** for a chat evening. Please bring ideas for places to visit locally, with photographs and any other information. All women welcome.

World Day of Prayer 2026. There is a meeting about this on **Tuesday 27 January** at 10.30. Helen and Judith (All Saints representatives) are both away. Is there anyone who can go? Please contact Judith by email for more details. Thank you.

Mary Jones RIP:

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

I'm broken hearted to share with you that my dear beautiful Mum, Rev Mary Jones, passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday 10 January at Helston Hospital with myself and brother Ken by her side

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

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.

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 , 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*

Maggie Blake (Benson) is collecting *partially used candles and small electrical goods* (phones, toothbrushes etc) for recycling for Ukraine. If you have any they can be dropped off at the Office. Many thanks

TRINITY NEWS

Trinity Evergreen Club - Monday 19th January: We start the New Year with Musical Bingo. This afternoon always causes a great deal of laughter as we all join in and sing the songs!! We start at 2.30 and finish at 4.0 pm and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments.

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 4 for more details

The January *URC Wessex Synod Sharing the Vision* is out now, see <https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-january-edition/> or ask for a hard copy.

Read about last Saturday's Induction Service for the Revd Wayne Hawkins as URC Oxfordshire Ecumenical Minister at <https://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/news/induction-of-revd-wayne-hawkins-at-trinity-church-abingdon/>

And see the thank you card from the Moderator, Revd Dr Michael Hopkins, on the noticeboard in the Welcome Area.

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](#)

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

Foodbank : As ever the foodbank needs donations, currently asking for noodles, UHT milk, fruit juice, tinned fruit, squash, corned beef, meatballs, sweetcorn and cooking oil. Deodorants for men and women also needed as are carrier bags. Very many thanks, your donations are greatly appreciated. *JPB*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

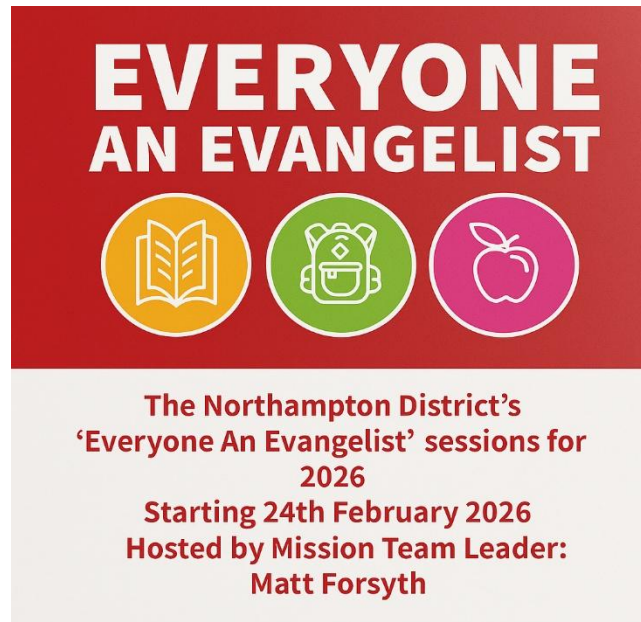
Monday 19 to Friday 23 January. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Nicolas' Church will be **open for Reflections and Prayers** between 10am and 12 noon each day. Materials based on the 2026 theme *Ephesians 4:4: There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling*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

Wednesday 11 February, Just Women Open Meeting: 7.45 in All Saint's hall. There will be a speaker from <https://reducingtherisk.org.uk/> She will talk about Domestic Abuse and while this is not an easy subject to think about, it is important and interesting, and we hope that as many people as possible will join us. There will be a plate for donations for the work they do and donations can be gift aided.

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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