



**All Saints
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Notices Sunday 25 January 2026

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
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
Sunday 1 February 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main	Sunday 1 February 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion with Junior Church led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

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)



**We wish
Mary Richings
a very Happy Birthday**



Coffee Morning
Friday 13th February
10.30 – 12.00

Coffee/tea, cake and
friendship

at
All Saints Methodist
Church, Appleford Drive

All Welcome



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ALL SAINTS NEWS

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: The service to celebrate the life of Reverend Mary Jones will be held on Monday 2 February 10am at Trinity Methodist Church, Porkellis (near Helston), followed by a short committal, and refreshments. Further details from the Pooleys or the Office.

Her daughter writes: *Please pass on my blessings for everyone there and thank you for holding mum and all of us in your prayers at this time.*

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*

Volunteer with the Methodist Church at Festivals and Events: Could you join us as a volunteer at one of the many festivals and events we attend across the United Kingdom? Interested? Find out more at:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/festivals-and-events/volunteer-with-us-at-festivals-and-events/>

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

The next Church Meeting is after Service on Sunday 8 February
papers will be issued soon

Mercy Ships, Trinity's chosen charity for 2026, will feature in an exciting *new TV series* documenting the lives of the volunteer crew on board our hospital ships. A ten-part series starting Saturday 17 on God TV (Freeview: Channel 267, Online: god.tv) Showing on Saturdays 7:30pm, Sundays 1:30am, Mondays 10:30pm or Tuesdays 12:30pm

After Service Refreshments: with increasing costs – especially as we move to becoming a Fairtrade and Eco Church – we would like to suggest that members consider making a donation towards their after-service refreshments.

No Cash? Online or BACS donations also welcome – see Tom Kyffin

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.

In December 2025, Abingdon Foodbank distributed 272 standard emergency food parcels to people facing hardship in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. These parcels fed 731 people, of which 272 were children.

The 2025 Christmas hamper campaign saw special Christmas parcels distributed to 388 local families. We worked with schools and local agencies to help us identify people in need, and thanks to your wonderful donations we helped feed 1,233 people, of which, 644 were children. The hampers contained items such as mince pies, custard,

Christmas pudding, tinned veg, ham, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, pickles, crackers, biscuits and chocolate treats. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Christmas campaign, we helped 99 additional families from our previous year's campaign.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

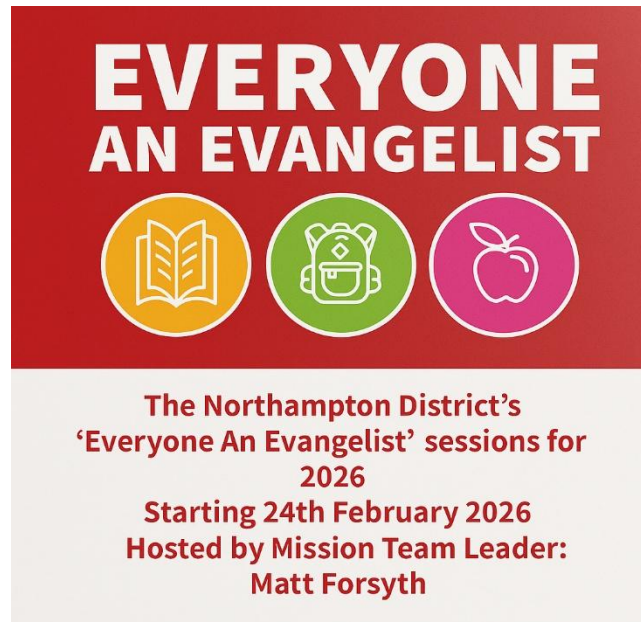
Tuesday 27 January, Agnostics Anonymous 6 pm in The Parish Centre. Dr Kathryn Wills, a member of the Las Casas Institute based at Blackfriars Hall in Oxford, will speak on the theme of *"Can reading literature help us to encounter God?"* (Kathryn is an associate member of Blackfriars Hall in Oxford and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

Saturday 31 January, Ceilidh with the Riverhead Ceilidh Band: Trinity Conduit Centre, in aid of The Gerontius Amenity Fund. Join us for a traditional Scottish ceilidh with live music from Riverhead Ceilidh Band. Dancing, food and more! Doors open at 6.15pm, to be piped in by a medieval Bladder Pipe! Dancing begins at 6.30pm, with a half hour break for food (traditional Burns Night supper of haggis, tatties and neeps) at 7.30pm. The evening will end at 9pm. Tickets £15 from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceilidh-with-the-riverhead-ceilidh-band-tickets-1980654337441>

Sunday 1 February; Sound, Sense and Soul – when music gives voice to poetry. Concert in St Nic's, 3 pm. Featuring Rachmaninov and Schubert in harmony with Pushkin, Yeats and Shakespeare. Tickets £24/12 (full/concession) and fuller information: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stephenallen/1982275>
Also at Somerville College Chapel, Saturday 31 January 7:30pm

Wednesday 11 February, Just Women Open Meeting: 7.45 in All Saints 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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