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Notices Sunday 1 February 2026

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 1 February 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship led by Rev. Pauline Main</p>	<p>Sunday 1 February 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship & Communion with Junior Church led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 8 February 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship & Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 8 February 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe</p> <p>Followed by the Church Meeting (papers available on line – some hard copies in church)</p>

Growth Action Plan

Please read the Circuit statement on Church Growth Actions Plans (inset / p5)
This was read out in churches on Sunday 25 January

Coffee Morning
Friday 13th February
10.30 – 12.00

Coffee/tea, cake and
friendship

at
All Saints Methodist
Church, Appleford Drive

All Welcome

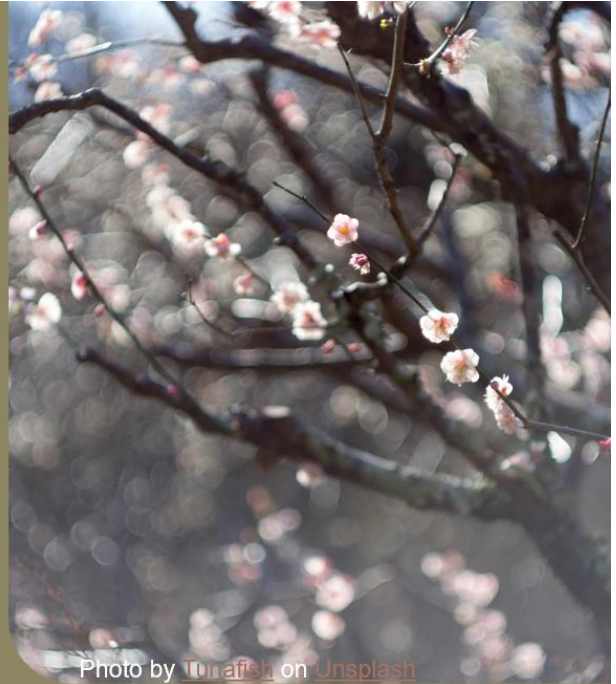


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Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 18 February

There will be a Service of Holy Communion at All Saints Church, at 7pm on Ash Wednesday. Imposition of Ashes will be offered to those who wish it. All welcome

Advance Notice – Lent Course

"Jesus' Journey to the Cross" - a 4 week joint All Saints/Trinity Lent course starting on Friday February 27th 2026 at 2pm.

The venue is the Perry Room at All Saints and the dates are: February 27th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th from 2-3.30pm.

We will be following Jesus' journey to the Cross looking at the Temptations, the events of Holy Week, Jesus' Trials and the events at the Cross itself.

All are welcome - just bring a Bible.

Further details and reminders will follow.

Rev Carol Foy

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Coffee Morning at All Saints 10.30-12noon. February 2nd. Please come along for a cuppa to encourage our volunteers, and to join in with opportunities for conversation and friendship with folks from our AgeUK fitness classes and local community. This is an outreach that needs your support!

The Tubb House Group will meet at 36 The Warren on Monday February 2nd at 7.30pm. We will be discussing Chapters 8 and 9 of St John's Gospel

Quest will meet at Valerie and Alan's on Wednesday 4 February at 7:30. We will continue our theme of On The Road, and this session is entitled *The Road of Discipleship*.

TRINITY NEWS

The next Church Meeting is after Service on Sunday 8 February
papers out now – online and some hard copies in church



Trinity has been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award!
Thanks to David and all who contributed to our submission.

Flower Rota: the 2026 Flower Rota is on the board in the welcome area. Do consider whether you might be able to ‘take on’ a day. Two vases behind the altar are all that are needed.

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

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

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

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.

Thursday 12 February, Thursday Group Open Meeting: 2.30 pm in the Conduit Centre. We are delighted to welcome Dick Richards to an OPEN AFTERNOON when he will give an illustrated talk on *The Commonwealth War Graves Commission*. Many people are surprised that over 700 service people are buried in Botley Cemetery, where Dick is a Guide.

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

Statement to be read out in churches on Sunday 25 January 2026

The Circuit Leadership Team have asked that the following announcement be read out at the beginning of each service today.

The Circuit Leadership Team that has strategic oversight of the Wantage & Abingdon Circuit, which includes this church, has been prayerfully considering how we might move forward as a Circuit and as individual churches within it.

We remain fully committed to ensuring our Circuit's sustainable future, with a clear view of mission and ministry across the Circuit. The next step for us as churches is to begin planning for growth – Spiritual growth, Numerical growth and Missional growth.

Between now and the end of June, we will be asking each church to formulate a Growth Action Plan. This is crucial for our churches and for the Circuit. Having Growth Action Plans will help each church to be more focussed on the fundamental reason why we are a church; will help us gain more clarity and direction for the future and will also help with accountability in our financial spending.

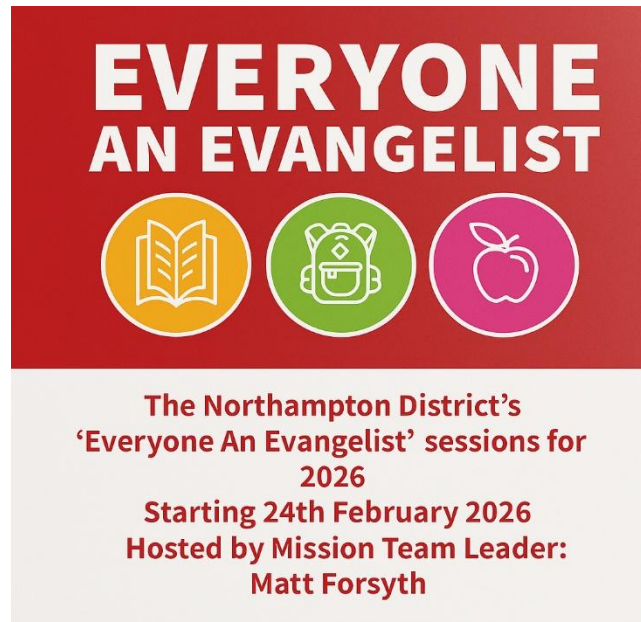
The CLT will support churches by providing a set of documents, which will give clear guidance on how to formulate your Growth Action Plan. The key is for you to focus on what you believe God is calling your church to do in your community, and how you intend to use your resources for that purpose in the coming months and year.

We pray that our Lord, the God of growth, will himself enthuse, strengthen and guide us as we journey through formulating our Growth Action Plans together.

Another vital piece of information: The CLT is planning a 'Going for Growth Day' to be held on Saturday 9th May, 10am-3pm, with lunch provided. We are informing you now, in the hope that each church will be well represented at the event. This exciting event will foster Circuit cohesion. We will have the chance to talk to each other, learn from each other, hear stories of mission and ministry from across the circuit and support each other. More information will be sent soon. Please keep Saturday 9th May free for our Circuit Growth Day.

So, two key things to bear in mind: The Circuit Growth Day on 9th May and your church's Growth Action Plan.

Thank you for your faithfulness in serving God. We are deeply grateful for all you do.



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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