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## Notices Sunday 8 February 2026

### Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p><b>Sunday 8 February</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship &amp; Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p><b>Sunday 8 February</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe <b>Followed by the Church Meeting</b> (papers available on line – some hard copies in church)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15 February</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Daphne Savage</p>	<p><b>Sunday 15 February</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Rev. Wayne Hawkins</p>
<p> <b>Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 18 February</b> 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</p>	

## Growth Action Plan

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

**Coffee Morning**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10.30 – 12.00**

**Coffee/tea, cake and  
friendship**

at  
All Saints Methodist  
Church, Appleford Drive

**All Welcome**

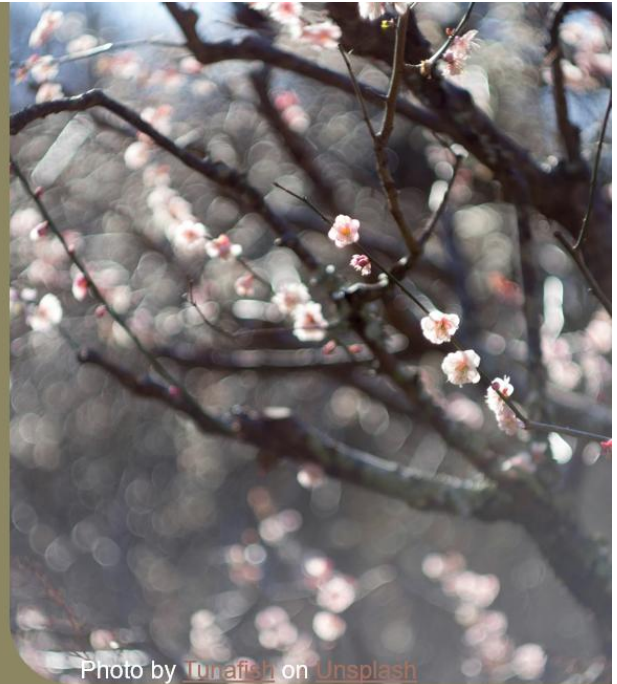


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## ECO NEWS

### February Eco Tip - Using Your Buying Power Wisely

As consumers we all have power that can be used to the good - to buy local, buy fairtrade or in other ways to avoid products and services which are unethically produced or environmentally damaging (such as single use plastics).

At any one time there are particular companies which many people are boycotting - for instance because of their investments in arms or fossil fuels, for unethical promotion of unsafe products or for poor employee practices.

The magazine/website "Ethical Consumer" ([/www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org)) scores companies and products on an array of ethical practices. Their website previews the latest issue, so take a look at it [online](#) or watch the [video](#). You can also subscribe to the magazine/website or read/borrow copies from the Trinity Church foyer or the Climate Emergency Centre (CEC) in the basement of the Abingdon Guildhall

### Please Act Now for a Fairer Future

The UK government is considering a new law that would help protect people and the environment. It would require big companies to take responsibility for human rights abuses and environmental harm in their supply chains — issues such as deforestation and pesticide use, or women earning less than men on tea farms.

Please let your MP know that you support these proposals. Email them via <https://action.fairtrade.org.uk/page/185516/action/1>. Your message could help secure a fairer future for the people who grow the products you love.

The **February Church in Abingdon News** is out now  
— online or some copies in church.

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

☰ ⊕ From blessings to change all things should start with prayer! We have an active All Saints' WhatsApp prayer group. Should you wish to be part of this group then please contact *Sue Russell*

**Just Women** will meet as usual this week (11 February) in the Perry Room at 7.30pm for a chat evening. All women welcome to attend



On Wednesday 11th I fly, along with 4 grandchildren, Tiegan and Zoe, to Kenya to volunteer again at the Nasio Trust projects until 21st Feb. Please hold our group in prayer during this time as we take part in a jiggers clinic, the porridge kitchen activity for mums and malnourished toddlers, visit several schools where Toby and Max will deliver some girls football training and Ruby a geography lesson. Macey and Tiegan will lead a drawing class and art **competition**. They will have experience of working in the spirulina greenhouse, Evans will give them a cookery lesson, they will make and serve dinners and walk with the children to church and help at adult English lesson classes. All of us will experience a 'day in the life of'.... cleaning, fetching water and cooking on a traditional three stone fire. *Sue Russell*

## 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.

**Christmas Box Appeal:** Thank you to everyone at Trinity Church for your wonderful donation of shoeboxes to our 2025 Christmas Box Appeal! Our amazing House of Opportunity supporters donated a total of 6,524 boxes to the appeal, and your church played its part in spreading a lot of joy wherever the presents were distributed.

### *A Tapestry of Praise: Worshipping Together Interculturally*

**Join us for an inspiring online session with Revd Dr Kirk Sims**, who will be sharing insights drawn from his rich experience in intercultural ministry. Wesleyan theology calls us to shape worship that is attentive to context and responsive to the communities we serve. In this webinar, we will explore the theological foundations of **intercultural worship** and consider how worship can be re-imagined in our increasingly multicultural churches and neighbourhoods. Come and discover practical

approaches, theological grounding, and new possibilities for nurturing intercultural faith communities. Whether you are a church leader, a church member, or someone passionate about inclusion and justice, this webinar will offer a space for reflection and discussion. **Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** on zoom – contact the office for joining details.

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:** currently custard, peanut butter, coffee, hot chocolate, hot dogs, tinned ham, squash, noodles, tinned fruit, sweetcorn and cooking oil are all needed, as are carrier bags. Thank you for all you have given and please keep an eye on the list which changes weekly. *JPB*

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Change of Date! Just Women Open Meeting:** The Domestic Abuse speaker is unable to visit Just Women this coming *Wednesday (11 February)*. Instead, she will be with us on Wednesday 22 April. Please note date. Just Women will meet as usual this week in the Perry Room at 7.30pm for a chat evening. All women welcome to attend.

**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.

**Thursday 12 February, 7pm:** St Ethelwold's **Conversations with.... Markus Reyani**. He will explore the spirit of St Eth's – found in its garden, its people and its shared values. It is a welcoming energy of unity, care and hope for a better world. This is a free event, but donations are welcome. Please text 07964 433720 to reserve your place.

**Tuesday 24th February, *Everyone an Evangelist*,** online – see p6 or notices in church.

**Friday February 27th "Jesus' Journey to the Cross"** - a 4 week joint All Saints/Trinity Lent course in the Perry Room at All Saints:

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 from *Rev Carol Foyn*

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May free for our Circuit Growth Day.

So, two key things to bear in mind: The Circuit Growth Day on 9<sup>th</sup> 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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