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Notices Sunday 22 February 2026

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 22 February 10:30am Morning Worship led by Dr Graham Luscombe</p>	<p>Sunday 22 February 10:30am Morning Worship & Commissioning of Pastoral Elders led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 1 March 10:30am Morning Worship led by Libby Hawkness-Smith</p>	<p>Sunday 1 March 10:30am Morning Worship & Junior Church led by members of the congregation</p>

Lent Devotional

We thank Rev. Bruce for putting together our Lent Devotional
Copies available in church this week

The deadline for the **March Trinity Triangle** is this weekend
contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) AND
to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) please

Abingdon Lent Study Group 2026

Session 1 - The Temptations of Jesus: Matthew 3:13-17, 4: 1-11.

2-3.30pm on Friday February 27th in the Perry Room at All Saints.

Each session stands alone so come to any or all of them.

All are welcome. Please bring a Bible.

Growth Action Plan

Those of you on email should have received a copy of the Planning for Growth letter from CLT, and associated further reading. Some hard copies will also be made available in church. Please find time to read and consider these.

A **Circuit Away Day** to discuss these issues is planned for **Saturday 9 May** – please make a note of the date

Thank you

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Cards: There are some new cards and old favourites in stock on the card stand in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support. *Joanne*

All Saints would like to **donate** 18 Real Meaning of Easter chocolate Easter Eggs to the food bank. Inside the packaging is a booklet outlining the Easter story. If you would like to make a contribution towards this please donate in the separate plate in the foyer. For information each egg costs £5.50. Thank you for your support. *Joanne on behalf of Church Council.*

Just Women: Wednesday 25 February 7.30pm in the Perry Room. Come along and enjoy *“Flavours of Trinidad”* with Valerie. All women welcome.

Prayer Tree: Please feel free to put your **prayers and prayer requests** on the ‘Prayer Tree’ in the foyer. These are taken into the Prayer Corner each week. The **Prayer Corner** is there for your own quiet time before or after service.

Important Documents to read: It is important, especially in this day and age, that we are all aware of the policies that our church has adopted in recent months. You are urged, therefore, to take some time to appraise yourselves of these new policies. They can be found on the church website under the tab ‘our church’ and ‘policies’. The policies added so far are Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Lone Working.

News from Beryl Fudge (via Rosemary): I've been chatting to Beryl on email. She has post viral syndrome since Christmas and a nasty cough. She sends greetings to All Saints. Peter Bennett will be preaching at her church in March. Unfortunately, Christine is struggling with her health. Please pray for them all. *Rosemary*

Maggie Blake (Benson) is *collecting for Ukraine*. Now winter temperatures are reaching -20°C and with little electricity available, desperate needs are Strong waterproof boots, Medicines/bandages, Candles/candle wax for heating, Warm

clothing for indoor/outdoor use, especially warm socks, Electronic equipment to be broken down for parts to be reused. If you have any they can be dropped off at the Office. Many thanks

Foodbank: is short of custard, peanut butter, coffee, hot chocolate, hotdogs, tinned ham, squash, noodles, tinned fruit, sweetcorn, cooking oil and toothpaste. More carrier bags are needed too. Very many thanks for your continuing support.. *JPB*

TRINITY NEWS

The minutes of the **Church Meeting** on 8 February are now available online and some hard copies in church

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 24th February, *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 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

Interested or interested in knowing more? Please contact the Circuit Administrator – Jane Hawes - on: wantageabingdoncircuit@gmail.com

"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

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17 March, Stations of the Cross at St Michael and All Angels, at 7 pm (for about 40 minutes). These will be lay led. If you park in Park Road or Crescent, come in to get a parking permit, otherwise the parking is free in the surrounding streets.

Friday 6 March, World Day of Prayer at St Edmund's Church, 2.30 pm. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria and the theme is 'I will give you rest, come' from Matthew 11:28 - 30. The service shares the stories of four Nigerian women who inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, insecurity,

marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair. We will join a great wave of prayer that encircles the globe, all praying with and for the country and people of Nigeria. All welcome. Refreshments will follow the service. Limited parking at church for anyone with mobility issues.

Saturday 7 March, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold & Upthorpe Village Hall, Thorpe Street, Aston Upthorpe, Didcot OX11 2EQ, 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Josie Midwinter on a Lenten theme. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com in advance. All are welcome

Monday 9 to Saturday 14 March, Abingdon Artists' Spring Exhibition: St Helen's Church (S Aisle) 10 am to 4.30 pm each day. With over 100 pictures on display, it's well worth a look and it's also an opportunity to buy cards and unframed work.

Wednesday 22 April, Just Women Open Meeting: with a speaker from Reducing the Risk (<https://reducingtherisk.org.uk/>) All welcome. 7:30pm in the Perry Room

Save the Date, Saturday 18th April: bible study/retreat day to be led by the Rev'd Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, at Thornborough Methodist Church from 10am until 3pm. This is a district-wide event, and you will be very welcome to attend, in person or on Zoom. Further information to follow, but you are welcome to register your interest in attending office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk.

A prayer that God might bless our calling

To our calling, O God, grant your blessing,
to our souls your strength,
to our suffering your fortitude,
to our darkness your light,
to our faith your joy.
Amen.

Benjamin Rhodes, Methodist Itinerant (1743-1815), from the Methodist website

Living and loving God,
we know that we are your children.
Help us to listen to, and for, your call to us in the mundane and the exciting.
Open us to admit to ourselves and to others what you are asking of us.
Then give us the strength and determination to follow where you lead.
Thanks be to God,
Amen.

From the URC Website Daily Prayer for 20 February