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Notices Sunday 1 March 2026

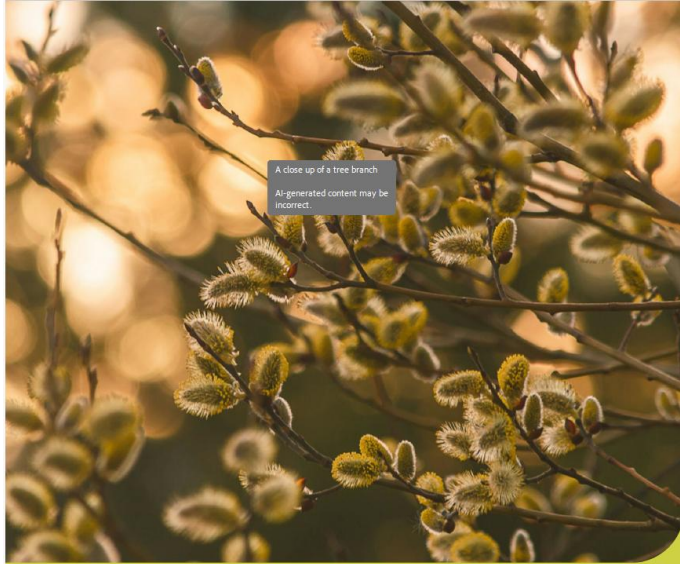
Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 1 March 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship led by Libby Hawkness-Smith</p>	<p>Sunday 1 March 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship & Junior Church led by members of the congregation</p>
<p>Sunday 8 March 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship & Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 8 March 10:30am</p> <p>Morning Worship & Communion led by Rev. Wayne Hawkins</p>

Prayer Group meets in the Perry Room, All Saints

10am Friday 10 March

All welcome



Coffee Morning

Friday 13th March
10.30 – 12.00

Coffee/tea, cake and
friendship

at
All Saints Methodist
Church, Appleford Drive

All Welcome

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Quest will meet at Valerie & Alan's on **Wednesday March 4th at 7:30**. We will be continuing our series of 'On The Road' and at this session we will be reflecting on Mountain Road (Transfiguration).

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.*

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.

TRINITY NEWS

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

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: currently needs custard, peanut butter, coffee, hot chocolate, hotdogs, tinned ham, squash, noodles, tinned fruit, sweetcorn and cooking oil. It also needs carrier bags and toothpaste. Very many thanks for all you donate to the foodbank. It is much appreciated. *JPB*

ECO NEWS

Plastics affect us all. We have been using plastics in quantity for over 70 years now. They break down only very slowly – into micro and nano plastics which then recirculate through our drinking water and food. Their remnants are found everywhere – in the deepest ocean trenches, on the top of Everest, in the Arctic and Antarctic, in birds, fish and animals – and most disturbingly in all our bodies, including in new-born babies. Research has not yet established what damage plastics in our bodies can do to our health, but in fish and animals it has been shown to cause problems for breeding and deterioration in health leading to disease and early death. Recycling plastic is not the answer – worldwide less than 10% of plastic is recycled. In the UK we do manage to recycle about 15%, but both here and across the world most plastic is dumped in landfill, rivers and seas or is burnt – so it stays and recirculates in water, soil and air pollution as very small particles.

What can we do? You cannot avoid all plastic, but you can reduce its use as much as you can. This booklet by Abingdon Cuts Plastic (part of Abingdon Carbon Cutters) – available [online](#) and some hard copies in church - will show you how. You can:

- Refuse to buy products wrapped in plastics, and buy alternatives
- Refill existing glass or plastic containers with loose produce or liquids
- Carry shopping bags with you rather than using plastic carrier bags
- Use a (metal) water bottle rather than drink bottled water – there is a water fountain in Abingdon near the Town Council Offices opposite the Lewis Baker shop, and many cafes and shops will refill your water bottle for free – see the Refill app at <https://www.citytosea.org.uk/campaign/refill/>
- At home use filtered water from the tap rather than bottled water
- Take Part in the Big Plastic Count (9-15 MARCH 2026) - see <https://thebigplasticcount.com/media/TBPC%20Count%20Sheet.pdf>

Useful Websites

- <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics>
- <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-pollution/>
- <https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/what/abingdon-cuts-plastic/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 23rd March 2026, *Everyone an Evangelist*, a new zoom based course from the Methodist Church designed to help local churches and circuits explore how we are each called to share our faith.

Also on Wednesday 29th April, Wednesday 8th July 7:30pm-9:30pm

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

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.

"Jesus' Journey to the Cross" - a joint All Saints/Trinity Lent course in the Perry Room at All Saints:

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*

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.