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Notices Sunday 5 July 2026 Worship

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<p>Sunday 5 July 10:30am Morning Worship led by Elizabeth Bolton</p> <p>Following the terrible earthquake in Venezuela there will be an opportunity to donate to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal this week. <i>Envelopes will be available on Sunday,</i> or donate via the website <u><i>DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal</i></u></p>	<p>Sunday 5 July 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 12 July 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Pauline Main</p>	<p>Sunday 12 July 10:30am Action for Children Morning Worship led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>

Please note:

**The All Saints Prayer Meeting and Coffee Morning on Friday 10th July
have been cancelled.**

The next ones will be on Friday 14th August.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Derek Pooley: There will be to be a service of commemoration and thanksgiving at All Saints on the 7th July at 12:30pm where we will remember him and celebrate his life. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the church hall. Thank you for all the love I have been shown by my church family. *Jenny.*

Michael Appleyard: Many thanks from Eileen, Martin, Helen and family for your cards, flowers, messages, visits and prayers received. Michael's funeral will be on Friday 10th July. There will be a Crematorium committal at 11.00am for close family, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints at 12.30pm, with refreshments to follow in the Hall to which everyone is invited.

As part of our **Going for Growth** initiative agreed by the Church Council, from September the Church Family Committee (CFC) is extending its current twice-monthly coffee morning offer to the Appleford Drive Estate - to be known as the **Estate Coffee Hub**. There is currently no community setting available close to All Saints for meeting together, and we see this, following on from our campaign against loneliness, as an opportunity to reach out in friendship to our local neighbours as a Christian community. There will be fliers to distribute to the estate from mid-August, explaining our initiative. However, the volunteers of CFC cannot do this alone. We need everyone at All Saints, if able, to consider a commitment. Coffee mornings happen on the 1st Monday and the 2nd Friday of each month, 10.30-12noon. We need two volunteers for each session. Your commitment is as a helper to those already running these sessions - no lifting furniture if you're unable, just a willingness to assist with preparing the space, serving refreshments, and being a welcoming presence. On Sunday, Helen Appleyard will be in the foyer with the dates when help is needed. Please see her or Anne Matthews, even if at the moment you can't be sure of availability. We hope and pray that this initiative succeeds, but it can only happen at all with the involvement of everyone.

Fundraising for Future Pillars Zambia: Rosemary is offering a chance to share in four delicious meals over the summer, with donations towards FPZ. Further details and details of how to book on p5/insert.

Richard Matthews is cycling his annual ride for children in care through the charity **Become**, for 4 days starting on 24th June from Lincoln and concluding on 28th June in York. If you wish to donate the link is

https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-matthews-16?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thanks, Richard

☉ Thank you to Carol who has offered to run Friday Coffee on the 14th August.

Stewards: We thank Dawn for her services as a steward over the last few years. However, as Dawn has now stepped down from this role, we are looking for others to join the small Stewards team. Please do talk to one of the stewards (Sue B, Margaret E, Helen) or Georgina if you would like to know more about this role. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration. *The Steward Team*

TRINITY NEWS



Give thanks for the life of

John Hutton

who died peacefully at home on Tuesday 30 June

Many thanks to those who came along to our *Gift Day Afternoon Tea* last Saturday. We have had an excellent response to our appeal for donations towards the essential repairs needed to the Church and Conduit Centre roofs from those who have, so far, received the request letters. With pledges, donations and associated Gift Aid we are over half way to reaching the £23,000 needed. There is still time to make donations. If you wish to donate by bank transfer, please include 'roofs' in the reference.

The Trustees

CHURCH NEWS

Pianist Needed – can you help? We are starting a monthly Communion Service at *The Beaumont Care Home* (Boars Hill) on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30pm (the next two are on **12th July** and 9th August). All congregation members are welcome to attend. We would love to be able to sing – but need someone to play the piano. If you might be able to help occasionally please contact Eluned. (The Beaumont is located on Bayworth Lane, OX1 5DF.)

Dementia Friendly Church, Saturday 11th July 2026, 10am-12.30pm, workshop, training and discussion, guiding Ministers, Preachers and Worship Leaders and Stewards in creating a dementia-friendly environment within our churches, preaching and community. Presented by Adam Biddlestone, at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury. Free to attend, tea and coffee provided.

Interested in attending? Please let Georgina know by **Friday 3rd July** as she will collate numbers/book slots.

NASIO, Date for diary – Wednesday 22 July, 7.30pm in the hall. Everyone welcome to listen to Alfie who is in the UK for a short time. Alfie's journey with NASIO began over a decade ago when he first volunteered in Kenya at just 15 through a school trip. That experience had a lasting impact on him, opening his eyes to life in a very different community. Inspired by that early experience, he returned in 2022 to work with NASIO and has been based in Kenya ever since. There will be a plate for donations to NASIO, which can be gift aided.

Advanced Safeguarding Training: the Region is arranging online advanced training sessions (roughly 2hrs) for those who need this. There is some preparatory online personal e-training to complete. If you think you should attend Advanced Training please speak to one of our Church Safeguarding Officers: Helen Appleyard (All Saints) or Ian Brawn (Trinity). Some in person courses are also being arranged in Region later in the year

Foodbank current needs are: squash, biscuits, tinned mac'n'cheese, cereal and UHT milk, (whole or semi-skimmed), as well as deodorant, suncream, wet dogfood, empty egg boxes and carrier bags.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 4 July, Kennington Chorale present an *Evening of Nautical Fun*, St Swithun's Church, Kennington, 3pm. Music by Stanford & G&S. Free entry, donations (cash or card) for the RNLI. Dress up and bring your parrot!!

Saturday 4 July, One night of Gospel: Concert by Oxford Gospel Choir 7pm at St Peter & Paul, Botley. In support of Down Syndrome Oxfordshire. Tickets from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/112347>

Sunday 5 July, St James the Great, Radley, 7:30pm **An Art Song Recital**. Miles McHugh (bass) & Felix Kirby (piano). Repertoire including Finzi, Schubert, Schumann, Sullivan, Ireland & Michael Head. Retiring collection for church funds.

Sunday 12 July, Flute Concert by the Oxfordshire Flute Choir. Milton Methodist Church, concert from 3 -4 pm; tea will be served 4 -5 pm. No charge but we will be collecting donations for *Christian Aid*.

Thursday 9 July, 7 for 7.30pm at St Helen's church, **launch of Roger Thomas's new book on the archaeology of Abingdon**. Short talk, refreshments and the new book for sale. All welcome

JULY ECO TIPS

Join millions of people reducing their plastic waste.

Plastic Free July™ is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution. That way, we can enjoy cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you join Plastic Free July™ by choosing to refuse single-use plastics?

About the challenge

Plastic Free July™ shares resources and ideas to help individuals, workplaces, schools, and communities reduce single-use plastic waste every day at home, work, school, and even at your local café.

For ideas and how to Make Your Pledge to Reduce Your Plastic Use in July see: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>



Future Pillars Zambia

Hunger - Food - Brain Power ~ Hunger - Food - Brain Power

A Message from Rosemary

I invite you to 4 meals at my house, over the summer, to raise funds for

Future Pillars Zambia – Food & Farming Project.

futurepillarszambia.org.uk

Our feeding programme (feed the stomach - feed the brain) needs long term funding and to this end we are in negotiation with a local farmer to purchase land, in order to grow our own crops and sell some for ongoing expenses, ie fuel, plates, utensils, employing a manager. The Trustees in UK and the Leadership Team in Kabwe are, together, working on a business plan.

The dates are:

17th July @ 3pm - A Cream Tea - the Cornish Way

14th Aug. @ 6.30pm

- Vegan isn't just boiled veg. – eat the Mediterranean Way

11th September @ 6.30pm – A daily meal – the Future Pillars Way

9th October @ 6.30pm – Meat 'n' 2 veg – Mother's 1960s Way

These will be yummy meals. May I suggest a minimum donation of £10, a bit more with wine/beer.

Please book - my table only accommodates max 10 –

rgstanbury@aol.com, 01235 537653 or by talking to me, and tell me any dietary/allergy requirements. Transport can be arranged.

Thank you.

Rosemary/Mthunzi (Ps 64 v4).