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Notices

Sunday 4 October 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 4 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Carol Hamilton-Foyn	Sunday 4 October A Rocha Service 10:30am Morning Worship led by Philip Nalpanis
Sunday 11 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson.	Sunday 11 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Rev. Wayne Hawkins
Sunday 11 October 2:30pm Communion Service at the Beaumont Care Home, Boars Hill All welcome	

**All Saints Prayer Meeting Friday October 9th at 10am in the Perry Room.
All Welcome.**

The Funeral of Ian Sturt: will take place at **South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 2pm on Monday 12th October.** If you are planning to attend please let the Circuit Administrator, Jane, know on wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com or visit <https://funeral.mchattie.net> for more details and to confirm your attendance
Thank you for holding Ian's family and friends in prayer.

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation Classes

are being planned for Spring 2027.

Anyone interested, of any age, should contact Georgina (contact details p1)

**Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Commemorate Black History Month,
Saturday 17 October 2.30 – 5.30**



Black History Month Celebration—Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Black History Month event

Saturday 17 October, from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm, at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd, Abingdon OX14 1DB

This afternoon event brings together voices from across the Methodist family and beyond, offering reflection, learning, worship, and shared fellowship:

- **Talk:** *The History of Black History Month* **Mr Bevan Powell MBE**
- **Act of Worship:** **Dr Sonia Hicks**, Chair of the Northampton Methodist District
 - **Storytelling:** **Mr Joseph Kingsley Nyinah**
 - **The Methodist Zimbabwe Fellowship Choir**

In Conversation: A twenty minute dialogue with **The Rt Hon. the Lord Boateng**

We will conclude with a **shared faith meal**, celebrating the rich culinary heritage of the African and Caribbean diaspora

To assist us in finalising arrangements, we would be most grateful if you could kindly indicate your availability for the event

We look forward to welcoming you.

RSVP: wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com

Parking restrictions on Park Road (west) and Park Crescent will be lifted from 1.30pm till 7pm. Please do not park on the grass verges, and respect resident's access.

For catering purposes it would be good to know who is coming

There should be a sign up sheet in both All Saints and Trinity

or email wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com

Foodbank currently needs: fruit squash, tinned peas, chocolate spread, cereal, hot chocolate, tinned macaroni cheese, jelly, oat milk, porridge oats, tinned custard, tinned salmon and tinned fruit.

Cafe@35, on Ock Street is now open for **lunches** as before – quiche, salad, jacket potatoes etc. Why not give it a try?

New at Abingdon Library! We're excited to launch **Baby Sensory Playtime** for non-mobile babies, starting Friday 2 October. Every Friday during term time 12noon - 1pm. Enjoy sensory play, songs and rhymes, lights, textures and sounds in a relaxed and welcoming space for babies, parents and carers. No need to book – just drop in!

TRINITY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child we are inviting donations to make up Christmas parcels for the shoe box appeal. There will be a box in church for the next few weeks.

Complete boxes also welcome. The boxes need to be ready by mid October. Suggested gifts: Pencils / Coloured Pencils; Sharpeners & Erasers; Little Notebook; Colouring Books (Which have to fit into a shoebox); Toothpaste and Toothbrushes; Hats, Scarves & Gloves; Small Toys (not war related); Soaps & Flannels; Sweets with a good date, but no chocolate. See leaflet in church or

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-09/Gift%20Suggestions%202026.pdf>

Many thanks, Lindsay

The Sept/Oct edition of **Ethical Consumer** is now available in the Church foyer to borrow/read. This issue's topics are: ethical deodorants, makeup, vitamins and supplements, and nappies

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Time Out for Parents - The Early Years: A course from Care for the Family **Thursdays 9.15 - 11.30am**, October 1st, 8th, 15th, November 5th, 12th, 19th at Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon.

This course of six sessions is designed to help you negotiate the early years with confidence and build strong family relationships for the future. The course will cover:

1. What being a parent is really like;
2. Understanding children's needs;
3. Play and listening;
4. Parenting styles and boundaries;
5. Discipline and safety
6. The wider family

Open to all parents of under fives. You are welcome to bring babies up to a year, but we are unable to offer a creche. Booking and more information:

<https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community/parenting-course>

Saturday 3 October, Oxford Gospel Choir Concert, St Helen's Church, 7.30 pm in aid of **Family of Hope**, a school in Uganda for children with special educational needs. Tickets £10 at the door.

Sunday 4 - Tuesday 6 October: Abingdon Fair there will be traffic disruptions.

Sunday 4 October, Samodiva Trio - Music of a Reborn Nation, St Nicolas' 3pm. Bulgarian Folk Inspirations in Classical Music. Experience Bulgarian folk music woven into classical works by Pancho Vladigerov, Dobri Hristov & Georgi Zlatev-

Cherkin. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-of-a-reborn-nation-bulgarian-folk-inspirations-in-classical-music-tickets-1998703241198> or on the door.

Thursday 8 October United Prayer Event; The Church in Abingdon invites you to an evening of worship, prayer and vision, as well as the CiA Annual General Meeting, at Abingdon Baptist Church, 7.30 pm.

Sunday 11 October, Abbey Chamber Concert, Cello's Angels – works by Handel, Bach, Schumann, Ravel & Granados for cello trio. 3.00 – 4.00pm @ St Nic's. Tickets £13, accompanied children free. Read more

Tuesday 13 October Abingdon Mothers' Union, 10.30am in the Parish Centre. The talk will be **Bee Keeping – by local bee keeper, David Busby**. All are welcome.

Sunday 18 October, Europe and Bach again! A musical concert by Christopher Brittan on Flute and Malcolm Pearce on Piano. 3pm at St Michael's. Tickets £15.00. Refreshments available.

Tuesday 20 October, Book Launch – *No Ordinary Neighbour* by Revd Bruce Thompson. Wallingford Methodist Church 12 noon. *No Ordinary Neighbour* is the record of a growing relationship that led to an astonishing admission. Through conversations over the last decades of his life, Erwin Stahlberg slowly disclosed his true identity in a protracted confession to the writer. He was, it transpires, one of the last surviving members of the Leibstandarte-SS Adolf Hitler. This is no conventional memoir, it is a deep examination of how one young man could so readily become immersed in a brutal military unit, one of the most feared of the Nazi regime, and explores the lessons we must learn afresh today. (*Amazon*)

ECO TIP

Any spare wood? Oxford Wood Recycling (<https://www.oxfordwoodrecycling.org.uk/>) on Suffolk Way in Abingdon accepts donations of wood and can collect. They also sell wood if you need to buy

Any surplus tools? Tools with a Mission (TWAM) <https://www.twam.uk/> collects surplus garden and DIY tools etc. and sends them to Africa. They can collect but if you can deliver there is a drop off person in Wallingford

Any old paint? Old paint is hard to dispose off. If you have fuller pots in good condition you can donate it to Community Repaint (<https://communityrepaint.org.uk/>) The nearest drop off point is in Newbury. If you have to throw old paint away then it needs to be done carefully using the instructions on the OCC website [recycling wizard](#)

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Thank you all for the kind messages of sympathy that we have received and for your prayers on the death of my Great Grandson on Monday. Keyton died, surrounded by his entire family at 2 am local time in Bennington, Nebraska. He was 16 years old. He rests in peace. *Paul Williams*

Estate Coffee Hub: As part of All Saints growth plan we initiated the Estate Coffee Hub. The second event will take place on **Monday 5th October**. This month Age UK will be back doing their Strength and Balance classes which means a take up of perhaps 30 people. People who came from the estate in September have said they will return so Gillian and I will be needing the support of All Saints to sit alongside and chat to our customers to make them feel welcome. Please do try to attend and show your support for this venture as we step out trusting God for success, any time from 10:15am. ***Please hold the event in prayer too.***

As I'll be in Kent this weekend I would be very grateful if anyone who feels able to move the chairs to the sides of the church ***at the end of the service*** could do so in readiness for a Monday set up. Many thanks

Quest will meet at Valerie and Alan's on **Wednesday October 7th**. The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 and the evening group at 7:30. We will be studying Philippians 2.

Fundraising for Future Pillars Zambia: Following the jolly Vegan Dinner ~ the next (penultimate) meal will be on **9th October, at 6.30pm. Dinner - Mother's 1950's Way**. Please book on 07709955189 or email rgstanbury@aol.com . I look forward to cooking for you. Returners welcome! Rosemary.

Thank you for the wonderful response for **Harvest Gifts** for the foodbank. I needed the car to take 10 bags weighing almost 40 kilos from All Saints to the foodbank at Christ Church. Life goes on however and the foodbank still needs donations weekly; at present it needs fruit squash, tinned peas, chocolate spread, cereal, hot chocolate, tinned macaroni cheese, jelly, oat milk, porridge oats, tinned custard, tinned salmon and tinned fruit. A BIG Thank You to you all. JPB

At the Dementia Friendly Service on 5th December we would like to give everyone who attends a **knitted / crochet angel**. Own patterns are great to bring variety and there are many patterns available on the internet (look up 'Knitted Christmas Angels – the Methodist Church'). Or see a selection [here](#) (ask the Office if you'd like a hard copy). *Sue Russell*

All Saints Brownies: I am extremely sad to discover that all three of our Brownie Leaders have to finish as Leaders at Christmas. The Brownie Pack is the oldest of our uniformed organisations and has been at All Saints for over 50 years. Do you know anyone we can approach about becoming part of the Brownie Leadership Team? I'd be very happy to chat about this. Please give this your prayerful consideration. *Thank you JPB*