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Notices

Sunday 18 October 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 18 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Carolyn Luscombe	Sunday 18 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Dr Graham Luscombe
Sunday 25 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings	Sunday 25 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

The Deadline for the **November Trinity Triangle** is Friday 23rd October. Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) AND to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office.

There will be a
Service of Remembrance
at Trinity Church
4pm on Sunday 1 November

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation Classes

are being planned for Spring 2027.

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

Smoke Alarm Reminder: please remember to check your smoke alarms are active. A few nights ago I was woken by a piercing tone. On investigation, my dishwasher was on fire. Fortunately I had an extinguisher, otherwise I might not be here to remind you. *Rosemary*

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone at All Saints & Trinity for your generous Harvest donations to Abingdon Foodbank.

Harvest donations are more significant than ever to us this year. We have seen a rise in requests for help and a decline in gifts of food this year, both perhaps reflecting the reality of the increasing cost of living. As a result, we have had to spend more on buying food.

So your Harvest gifts are especially welcome! It is a relief to be able to fill our shelves so that we can serve those who come to us for help.

Philip Bingham, Foodbank Manager

Current needs: at present the foodbank 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. *Thank you very much JPB*

Congratulations to our Brothers and Sisters at Didcot for making the Methodist News

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/once-struggling-church-is-now-booming>

ALL SAINTS NEWS

The Steering group for the Dementia Friendly Service at All Saints would like to say a **huge thank you** for all the knitted angels received. We have reached our 50 target now. If you still need to put finishing touches to yours please could you make sure that they reach SUSAN GARNER by the first Sunday in November. Many thanks *Sue Russell*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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*)

Wednesday 21 October, Eating Well for the Planet: *what needs to change – and who has to do what to make it happen*. Talk by Dr John Ingram (specialist in planning for food system sustainability and reliance). Abingdon Baptist Church, 7:30pm
Organised by Abingdon Carbon Cutters

Abingdon Artists Autumn Exhibition: Tuesday 27th October - Saturday 31st October 10am – 4:30pm. Free entry and affordable art for sale. Christchurch Barn, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1PL

TRINITY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child: Many thanks to all who contributed to the Shoebox appeal. We have filled 32 boxes and taken £50 towards transport costs. There are a few weeks left before they go off so there is *still time* left if you would like to contribute *Many thanks, Lindsay*

Ethical Consumer Magazine: The Nov/Dec issue is now available to read/borrow/return in the church foyer. This issue covers ethical clothing brands; fast fashion and trainers

Orders are now being taken for **Christmas Trees via Carswell School** – see end

Tools with a Mission (TWAM): If you have any surplus garden or DIY tools (including power tools), or sewing machines, I go over to Wallingford regularly now and can collect these from you (or you can deliver to me at my home) so that I can take them to the TWAM person who lives in Wallingford. Details of TWAM - who refurbish the tools and send them to Africa or provide them to those in need in the UK if not suitable for abroad - in leaflets in the church foyer or online at <https://www.twam.uk/> *David Perrow*

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

12 NOON - 1.00PM



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Christmas Tree Sale

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100% OF THE PROFITS GO TO
CARSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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with any queries



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PLEASE ORDER NO LATER THAN 8TH NOVEMBER - THE EARLIER THE BETTER!

FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE ON ORDER (DETAILS BELOW) . COLLECTION OF THE TREES WILL BE AT SCHOOL EITHER ON FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER BETWEEN 3.15PM - 3.30PM OR SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER BETWEEN 9.00AM - 9.30AM.

Size in feet	Total price £ inc. VAT & delivery	Quantity
3'-4'	33	
4'-5'	39	
5'-6'	45	
6'-7'	50	
7'-8'	60	

TO ORDER PLEASE EITHER:

USE THE QR CODE AND PAY VIA TRANSFER

OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PAY BY CASH, FILL IN THIS FORM WITH QUANTITY AND CONTACT DETAILS AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE/LETTERBOX IN A SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED "CHRISTMAS TREES".



NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I CONSENT TO MY DATA BEING STORED AND USED FOR FUTURE CONTACT FROM FOCS MEMBERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CAN OPT OUT AT ANYTIME BY CONTACTING FOCS.PTA.ABINGDON@GMAIL.COM
PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW:

YES
NO

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A Prayer for Black History Month

By Rev Dr Kennedy Gondongwe

God of our ancestors, God of liberation, God of freedom,
God of justice, God of the oppressed,
God who hears the cries of the oppressed
And walks with those who struggle for freedom.

Today and this hour and this minute We remember the generations who endured chains,
torture, segregation, violence, exclusion, and injustice,
and yet refused to surrender their dignity, their faith, their culture or their hope.

We give thanks for those who resisted For those who marched, organized, taught, plotted,
created,
Prayed, spoke truth and opened doors, that others might walk through.

We remember the names we know, and countless names history has chosen to forget,
We remember many pacifists who were beheaded and whose heads hung in world capitals'
museums displayed as trophies of war.

In the same token may you give us short memory sufficient to forget and forgive all violent
racists who destroyed lives, communities and engaged in primitive accumulation.

We also pray for holy anger that we may play our part in destroying symbols of slavery
colonialism, racism and modern-day slavery.

We remember individuals and communities of whatever colour and nationality who selflessly
paid the ultimate prize for their belief in the equality of all people. May their courage live not
only in our memories but in the choices we make today.

Liberating God free us from every system that diminishes human worth,
Give us courage to challenge racism, to confront injustice
to speak when silence seems the safer way
to engage when passivism protects oppression,
and to stand alongside those whose voices are too often unheard.

Where there is inequality make us agents of justice
where there is hatred, make us builders of communities
where there is exclusion, make us open doors
where there is despair make us keepers of hope

May black history never be confined to one month.
May it call us to remember, To learn, To resist injustice,
To celebrate black joy and creativity,
And to build a future where every person can live
With dignity, freedom, safety and belonging.

May we honour the ancestors By refusing to accept oppression as inevitable,
May we honour the present By standing together
And may we honour the future By leaving behind a world
More free, more just and more loving than the one we inherited.

Amen

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