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Notices
Sunday 22 November 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 22 November **10:30am** Morning Worship led by members of the congregation	**Sunday 22 November** **10:30am** Morning Worship & Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by the **Annual Church Meeting**
Sunday 29 November **10:30am** Morning Worship & Communion led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	**Sunday 29 November** **10:30am** Morning Worship led by members of the congregation

Advent Bible Study - 2pm November 27th
Session 1 - Who is this Jesus?
We will be exploring the opening chapter of Matthew's Gospel and looking at the genealogy that Matthew offers us, as well as the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. All are welcome.

Note: *There is a warning of a road closure on November 27th for about 50m from the Boundary House traffic lights down Appleford Drive. Dorchester Crescent will still be accessible so if you are coming by car, enter Appleford Drive opposite North Avenue and drive the length of the road.*

The Deadline for the December / January Edition of the Triangle is Friday 20 November.

An opportunity to send a Christmas message to Trinity / All Saints friends. Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) AND to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office

CHURCH NEWS

TRIANGLE IS AT RISK! We urgently need new members of the Triangle Editorial Group, as some of the current group have had to step back for health or other reasons. We meet each month to look at the material for the next month's issue. One person takes responsibility for each issue, collating the material and liaising with Mike Coleman who sorts out the printing side of things. With a group of about six people, that "turn" comes up only a couple of times a year and is not too onerous, hence the need for new members. If you interested, and reasonably confident in using your computer (especially Word), please speak to Pauline Main or Cynthia Bartlett.

Circuit Showcase Day - 16th January 2027: Please see the letter (p7 or hard copy in church) from Revd Georgina regarding the Circuit day in January to which everyone is invited. For catering purposes please add your name to the sheet in the foyer / welcome area ***by Sunday 6 December*** if you are able to attend.

Christmas Day lunch 2026: Once again we are offering a Christmas Day lunch at Peachcroft Christian Centre. This is for people who are going to be alone this Christmas, for whatever reason, but who would like to celebrate in the company of others. Our catchment area is Abingdon and surrounding villages. Transport can be provided for those unable to make their own way. The lunch is always a joyous occasion, enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike.
If you know of anyone who might benefit from joining us as a guest this year, please get in touch on: 07503 178893 or via email: christmaslunch26@peachcroftcc.org

All Saints/Trinity Advent Bible study. Our joint Bible studies will continue on ***Friday December 4th, Friday December 11th and Friday December 18th***. We will meet in the Perry Room at All Saints from 2-3.30pm We will be looking at the opening chapter(s) of each of the Gospels, as they tell of the birth of Jesus. Week 2 (December 4th) coincides with the Singing group and, as Mark simply tells us of 'the beginning of the Good News about Jesus' , we will sing about that Good News and explore some of the themes of our well-known carols. Week 3 Luke Chapter 1 and verses 1-7 of chapter 2, and Week 4 - John Chapter 1 v. 1-14.
All are welcome to come to one or more of the studies as they all 'stand alone'.

Future Pillars Zambia: the latest newsletter is now out. See https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fTAdGGvsKtLYWIUo6HGeZcnTUsEoPVQN/view or ask Rosemary for a hard copy.



Advent Coffee Morning and Christmas Tree Decorating
Saturday 28th November 10:30 – 12.00

Come along to the Advent coffee morning
and help to decorate our Christmas Tree by making a star
(materials provided)
or bring your own home-made star

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Just Women: Wednesday 25 November 7.30pm Perry Room. Chat evening – come and tell us about your favourite book or music or something. All women welcome.

FPZ Indian meal is next **Friday 27th** at 6pm at Rosemary's. (rgstanbury@aol.com 537653)

Leaflet Delivery: Help is needed to deliver our Christmas Leaflets to our surrounding neighbours and to the new housing estates in the north of Abingdon. Please collect any you can deliver from the table in the foyer. They are bundled ready with the names of the streets attached. Leaflets do need to be delivered before the 5th December as this is the first date advertised. If you are delivering to our surrounding neighbours, there is also a Coffee Hubb leaflet that requires delivering alongside the Christmas leaflet - these are included in the bundles. Many thanks in advance.

Date for your Diary: Saturday 5th December at 2pm will be the initial **Dementia Friendly Service held at All Saints** as part of the Growth Plan agreed at the AGM. Please come yourselves and support this initiative for our community. There are flyers detailing information about this new venture so if you know of anyone who may like to attend with their carer please do give one to them - collect from Sue, Susan or Richard Matthews or take them from the bookstand in the foyer. Many thanks.

Do you cook for one and eat alone? Having this experience myself I would like to offer anyone in a similar position a 'one pot' meal on **30th November** at 6pm. Depending on numbers it maybe a bring your own tray! Please let me know if you would like to join me. ***Sue Russell & two friendly dogs*** 07801 015498

TRINITY NEWS

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We give thanks for the life of
Ernest Draper
who died on Wednesday 18 November

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Cards for Good Causes: are operating in St Nicolas' Monday – Saturday 10 am – 4 pm selling Christmas Cards from a range of charities, and a selection of wrapping, gifts etc. Why not pop in and take a look?

Sunday 22 November, Arco e Vento & Friends present ***From Baroque to Broadway: a Harvest of Harmony*.** Featuring works by Handel, Mozart, Telemann, Porter, Vivaldi. **St Nicolas, 3pm**. Retiring collection for BBOWT & St Nicolas' Church

Saturday 28 November St Helen's Christmas market, 10 to 3pm, in the church. There are lots of stalls, including books, jewellery, home baking, bric-a-brac, plants, accessories, tombola, along with refreshments, hand bells, bell tower tours, and a warm welcome.

Sunday 29 November, TAB Christmas Carol Concert, 2.00pm at St Michael's Church. An informal Christmas concert for all ages in support of The Abingdon Bridge. Hear and sing beautiful music and then join us for refreshments. Tickets £10 (£2.50 under 16s) from: https://www.ticketsource.com/the-abingdon-bridge

Sunday 29 November Advent Carol Service, 5.30pm at St Helen's Church, followed by mulled wine & mince pies. All welcome.

Tuesday 1 December: morning and afternoon **'Moving Music Concerts'** in All Saints. All welcome but particularly those living with dementia along with their family, friends and carers. See page 6

Advent Labyrinth Walks at St Michael and All Angels, Park Road: The church will be open on **Tuesday 1, 8 and 15 December** between 11 am and noon. There will be an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

Sunday 6 December, Community Christmas Joy – *a concert for the Community by the Community*. Kennington Chorale & Guests. St Swithun's Church, 6pm. Entrance Free – donations for local charities.

Saturday 12 December, 2pm. St. Helen's Church is delighted to warmly welcome nationally acclaimed theatre company **LAMPS** for their Christmas show ***"Heavenly Realms"***. Festive fun for all the family from age 8-800! A re-telling of the nativity. Tickets: £15 for adults, free for accompanied U16s, available, at the Bookstore in Abingdon, via Ticketsource or on the door.
Doors open 1.30pm, show start time 2.00pm. Interval with festive refreshments.

Foodbank*:* Foodbank: current needs are: UHT milk (whole and semi-skimmed) instant coffee, fruit squash, jam, chocolate spread, hot chocolate, tinned macaroni cheese, tinned custard, tinned fruit as well as anti-bac surface spray and bleach. Very many thanks. *JPB*

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A Lunchtime **Lite-bite** with Chanukah & Advent foods, sharing, learning & Interfaith Conversation for the season.



Wednesday 9th December
Just drop in:
12.30 midday to 2.30pm.

Venue: Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
New Inn Hall St, Oxford OX1 2DH

Candles at 1pm.

A free event with an opportunity for cash donations.

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Season's Greetings!

Christopher Redgate
(oboe, piano)
and
Celia Redgate
(flute, violin)
with sing-along songs
led by
Hannah Davey

01 TUESDAY DECEMBER 2026

11:30am - 12:30pm
entry and refreshments:
From 11:00am-11:30am

2:00pm - 3:00pm
entry and refreshments:
From 1:30pm -2:00pm

All Saints Church,
All Saints Church, Appleford Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2AQ (entrance and car park on Dorchester Crescent)

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Wantage & Abingdon
METHODIST CIRCUIT

Dear Friends,

Circuit Showcase Day
Saturday 16 January 2027
The Carmelite Centre for Spirituality, Carmelite Priory, Chilswell, Boars Hill, Oxfordshire OX1 5HB

We are delighted to invite you to our Circuit Showcase Day and hope that as many people as possible will be able to join us.

We have chosen to hold the event away from Circuit premises so that everyone can participate fully in what we hope will be an engaging, interactive, and enjoyable day.
Churches will be invited to share key developments arising from their Growth Action Plans (GAPs). The purpose of the day is to learn from one another, celebrate the progress made through last year's hard work, and encourage one another as we continue to respond to God's call in our shared mission and ministry.

One of the themes that has emerged from our Growth Action Plans is the need to strengthen digital communication across our churches. We are therefore delighted that Matt Forsyth, District Mission Enabler Team Leader, and Naomi Ensor, Digital Enabler, Mission Team, will be leading sessions on how we can share our stories more effectively, both in person and through digital platforms.

These sessions will also provide an opportunity for Matt and Naomi to see some of our Growth Action Plan initiatives first-hand and to hear directly from churches about their plans, experiences, and needs. Following the Showcase Day, Naomi will be in a better position to help us organise a Circuit-wide digital communications training day, which we hope to offer within six weeks of the event.

Please encourage as many people as possible to attend. For catering purposes, please let Jane know the number of people attending from your church, together with any dietary requirements or access needs, by Thursday 10 December.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and participation in this exciting opportunity to celebrate, learn, and grow together.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Georgina Bondzi-Simpson
Superintendent Minister, Wantage and Abingdon Circuit

Will you be on your own this Christmas?



Peachcroft Christian Centre
invite you to join us for lunch on
Christmas Day



Enjoy a 2 course meal of
roast turkey and all the trimmings (vegetarian option available),
and the company of others
all free of charge.

If you or someone you know would like to come
please get in touch as booking is essential.
via email: christmaslunch26@peachcroftcc.org
Or phone: 07503 178893



Venue:
Peachcroft Christian Centre
Lindsay Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2RT