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Notices
Sunday 29 November 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 29 November **10:30am** Morning Worship & Communion with Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors & Reception into Membership led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	**Sunday 29 November** **10:30am** Morning Worship led by members of the congregation
Sunday 6 December **No 10:30am Service** We are invited to join Trinity this morning **3:30pm** **Christingle Service** led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	**Sunday 6 December** **10:30am** **United Service of** Morning Worship & Communion with Junior Church led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson

Advent Bible Study Session 2 -- 4 December 2pm in the Perry Room
Mark writes….”The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” but has no account of Jesus’ birth. So this week, as it coincides with the Singing Group, we will be exploring that Good News through the familiar carols that we sing at Christmas - and, of course, singing them! **All are welcome.**

Advent Devotional Booklets
which follow the themes used in our Sunday Service Advent Liturgy
are available in Church. Do take a copy.
Call the Office if you would like one delivered to you.

CHURCH NEWS

Safeguarding: The Northampton District has arranged a ***Responding Well to Survivors webinar*** for anyone in the district to attend. It will raise awareness of the work of the Methodist Church with survivors and the support that may be available to them. It will be led by Kate Little (Connexion Safeguarding Survivor Lead Officer) with some input from two survivors supported by Sally Wan (Regional Officer for Safeguarding) and Revd Derek Mclean (Chair of the District Safeguarding Committee). It will support the work of churches and circuits to inform them how they can respond well to survivors and promote the support that is available. It is open to anyone in the district who would like to attend and find out more but will be particularly useful to those in safeguarding roles and leadership positions in the church or circuit. The webinar will be held on **Monday 30th November from 7pm to 8.15pm**. Please use the link below to book a place Booking Link Survivor Awareness Webinar A zoom link to the session will be sent a few days before the webinar to those that have booked.

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.

All Saints/Trinity Advent Bible study. Our joint Bible studies will continue on ***Friday December 11th and Friday December 18th***. Week 3 (11th) Luke Chapter 1 and verses 1-7 of chapter 2, and Week 4 (18th) - John Chapter 1 v. 1-14.
All are welcome to come to one or more of the studies as they all 'stand alone'.

Foodbank*:* the following items are needed at present – tinned ham, hotdogs, meatballs, UHT milk (whole & semi-skimmed), instant coffee, fruit squash, hot chocolate, jam, tinned macaroni cheese, tinned custard and tinned fruit, as well as deodorant and bleach. See p5 / posters in church for details of their Christmas appeal Very many thanks *JPB*
Church in Abingdon, Carols in the Market Place; Saturday 12 December 10 am – 12 noon. All singers and players welcome.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Quest will meet on Wednesday December 3rd. Afternoon group at 2:00 and the evening, group at 7:30. The theme is Advent and Christmas.

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.

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 and support this initiative for our community.

TRINITY NEWS



We give thanks for the life of
Ernest Draper
who died on Wednesday 18 November
His funeral will take place in Trinity on Monday 21 December at 11am
Followed by the Committal at South Oxford Crematorium at 1pm

The Christmas Shoe boxes have now been blessed and collected. The final number was 38 boxes and £70 in cash plus another donation on line for 3 boxes. Thanks to everyone who have supported this good cause . Lindsay

Gift Service: our Christmas Gift Service will be on 13 December when we will be collecting donations for the Abingdon Foodbank. Please see p6 or poster in church for suggested donations. Many thanks

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

Tuesday 1 December: morning (11:30am-12:30pm) and afternoon (2pm-3pm) **'Moving Music Concerts'** in All Saints. All welcome but particularly those living with dementia along with their family, friends and carers.

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.

Wednesday 9 December Hanukkah & Advent – Celebrating each other's Festival. Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Oxford Just drop in: 12.30 to 2.30pm A Lunchtime Lite-bite with Chanukah & Advent foods, sharing, learning & Interfaith Conversation for the season.

Friday 11 December, Albert Park Singers Christmas Concert: St Michael's Church, 7 pm Bring in the festival season with your local community choir. Free entry and refreshments. Donations to Homeless Oxfordshire and St Michael's Church.

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.

Sunday 13 December, The Snowman Live, Amey Theatre 1:30pm & 4pm, Wantage Band. The Snowman will be shown on the big screen while the soundtrack is performed live plus the a mix of festive family favourites, Christmas classics and popular hits that will appeal to children, parents and grandparents alike. Tickets are available at https://www.wantageband.org/events.

Wednesday 16th December, 7.00pm, Christmas by LAMPS Light: Peachcroft Christian Centre. Christmas by LAMPS Light is a unique Christmas experience featuring powerful spoken word and contemporary worship songs together with some beautiful original music and traditional carols. Inspired by the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the Anglican tradition, this highly accessible and contemporary blend of music and performance poetry puts the first Christmas in a broader biblical context and sets out to help people experience its wonder afresh. Tickets £12 adult, £8 under 16 (plus booking fee) Booking link: https://www.ticketsource.com/lamps-collective/christmas-by-lamps-light/2026-12-16/19:00/t-jxvlmvg

CCJ DIALOGUE SOCIAL ACTION EDUCATION

The Council of Christians & Jews: Oxford

Hanukkah and Advent. Celebrating each other's Festival



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.

Abingdon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Christmas Food Donations

Please help us by donating long-life food items this festive season

ROAST DINNER ITEMS

Tinned ham, peas, carrots, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, sage & onion stuffing

PUDDINGS

Xmas pudding, mince pies, Xmas cake, custard, tinned fruit

TREATS & SNACKS

Chocolate, shortbread, nuts, crisps, chutneys, pickles, crackers, chocolate / biscuit boxes



Please NO ALCOHOL

Please drop all items at Christ Church, Northcourt Road or your nearest Abingdon collection point by the start of December

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