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Notices

Sunday 3 November Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 3 November 10:30am Church Anniversary Morning Worship led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 3 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Elizabeth Bolton</p>
<p>Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance led by Revd Alan Grist</p>

The November Church in Abingdon News is now available

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Quest will meet at Valerie and Alan's on **Wednesday 6th at 7:30**. Our subject for discussion is "*Prayer is...*"

Advance Notice from the Finance Committee that following approval at the last Church Council, there will be a Gift Day to facilitate a boost to church funds, **10am-12 noon on Saturday 30th November** at All Saints. A letter will be distributed to everyone on our pastoral lists shortly giving further details. Please do give this event your prayerful consideration and support if you are able.

Church Family Committee invite you to a **Christmas Tree Coffee Morning** in the church, **10am-12 noon on Saturday 30th November** at All Saints. The event will not only include freshly brewed coffee and seasonal cakes and biscuits, but there'll be a craft table where you can make a creative contribution to the Christmas Tree, this year decorated by the Stewards on the theme of Peace. Please note, this will coincide with the Gift Day initiative, so we hope many of you will be able to support either or both!

At a recent Church Council meeting it was agreed to **donate 54 The Real meaning of Christmas Advent calendars** to the foodbank. The calendar includes a 24 page Christmas story activity book as well as 25 chocolates. Each calendar will have a sticker on the back saying they are a gift from All Saints. If you would like to pay for one of these calendars please donate £5 (or as you are able) in the collection plate in the foyer. *Thank you. Joanne*

Margaret Hoskins has now stood down from more than 25 years of dedicated service as a **Communion Steward**. The current team of two regular stewards and one backup are **seeking another steward for occasional duties**. The duties are not onerous. if you feel that this is a service you could offer, please talk to Larissa, or one of the Stewards.

Church Family Committee Church Family Committee are **postponing** the Nasio Evening which was to be held at All Saints on **Saturday November 2nd**. This is due to a sudden and serious hospitalisation for Sue Russell's mother. We send Sue, her mother, and all the family our love and prayers.. *Anne M*

A message from Beryl Fudge: During my time in Abingdon I sometimes lent out a **Crown of Thorns which was in an old, red collar box** and as I couldn't find it when I moved house I'm wondering if anyone knows of its whereabouts as I would love to have it back. If you do come across it either at All Saints or Trinity could you please let Sue Butler know and she will get it back to me. Many thanks

Foodbank: the urgent needs at present are hot dogs, tinned mac and cheese, tinned ham, stir fry noodles, cooking oil, soya milk and hot chocolate. These is also a need for sanitary pads, toothpaste, size 5 nappies and 2in1 shampoo. Very many thanks for all the donations from you. *Very many thanks JPB*

Cards for Good Causes is back in St Nicolas selling cards on behalf of a wide range of charities. Why not pop in? Monday – Saturday 10-4.

TRINITY NEWS

**The Annual Church Meeting will be on
Sunday 17 November
in Church after the morning service
Papers will be available soon**

Room Needed: My niece Harriet, who teaches at a local secondary school, is urgently looking for a new place to live and would like to rent a room in Abingdon. Should anyone know or hear of such a place, please would you get in touch with me? Many thanks, Rebecca Brawn 01235 528211 or 07500457059

The Front Door Courtesy Light & Lobby Lights are now on separate sensors.
Reg Williams

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: there is a box of poppies and a collection tin in the Welcome Area if you would like to make a donation.

Commitment for Life: The Autumn Update and Nov/Dec Report on projects in Zimbabwe are on the notice-board at the back of the church, south side.

Ruth Dams

Plastering you may notice that a first 'dubbing' coat was done over this last week at the top of the nave and in the North Transept *please don't touch!* Next week, the plan is to apply the first additional coat on Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th November. Have a word with Malcolm if you need any more information.

Thursday Group – see Dates, 14 November

The **Minutes of the Church Meeting** on 13 October are now available – online or some hard copies in church.

DATES

Monday 4 November: the next in the series of conversations reflecting on our call to mission, evangelism and growth. Topic: **Reflection** 7:30pm at All Saints.

Saturday 9 November St Michael's Christmas Fair from 10am until 2 pm.

November 14 Trinity Thursday Group: 7.30pm Conduit Centre

Mercy Ships. Rachel Buckingham will be telling us about her visits this year to Sierra Leone on the *Global Mercy* and Madagascar on the *Africa Mercy*. This will be an *open meeting so all are welcome*. There will be Mercy Ships Christmas cards on sale and also a “bring and buy” table so please bring some cash!

Tuesday 19 November, 12 noon to 1pm: In Conversation with Professor Beverley Clack at Wallingford Methodist Church. Bev Clack is Professor Emerita in Philosophy of Religion at Oxford Brookes University and Senior Research Fellow at the Farmington Institute, Harris Manchester College, Oxford.

Saturday 23 November Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, Spring Lane, Oxon OX12 9EJ 10 am - 4 pm. **Leader: Abi Perrow.** **Theme: Exploring the Nature of Completeness.** Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com in advance. All are welcome.

Abingdon Church Twinning presents: DNAPQuiz (Definitely not a pub quiz) Join us for a fun evening on **Saturday 23rd November** from 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start at the Conduit Centre, Trinity Church. Quizmaster-extraordinaire Richard will test your general knowledge with 7 rounds of 10 questions. All questions are on the big screen with an answer booklet to help. Tickets are £15 per person which includes a welcome drink and a ploughman’s supper in the interval. There will be a maximum of 6 people per table, prizes for the winning table, raffle and further refreshments available with donation. For tickets please contact (at Trinity) Alastair Fear Tel 01235 203023 alastair.fear@gmail.com or Margaret Greaney Tel 01235 534900 margaret_greaney@hotmail.co.uk or (at All Saints) Maurice Tubb.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

The Church of England and Methodist Church Covenant turns 21

The Anglican-Methodist Covenant was signed by leaders of the Church of England and the Methodist Church on 1 November, 2003. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, will join the President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, and the Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey, to reaffirm the two churches’ commitment to the Covenant at a service of celebration at Methodist Central Hall Westminster followed by evensong at Westminster Abbey on Monday 4 November. [Read more](#)