



**All Saints  
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## Notices Sunday 16 March Worship

<b>All Saints</b>	<b>Trinity</b>
<b>Sunday 16 March</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Revd John Anderson	<b>Sunday 16 March</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist
<b>Sunday 23 March</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	<b>Sunday 23 March</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Daphne Savage

### LENT GROUPS

**The Tubb House Group** will meet **Monday 17 March**, at 7.30pm at 36 The Warren. We will be discussing Part 2 of our Prayer Course, "Prayer as Rhythm."

The **Group meeting at Trinity** will meet on **Wednesdays 19 March, 2 April, 16 April**. In the Conduit Centre, 2.30pm

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

We offer our sympathies to the family of longstanding All Saints member **Sue Harmsworth** who died recently. The funeral will be on **Friday 21 March** led by Revd. Georgina: 1pm South Oxfordshire Crematorium, 2.30pm All Saints and afterwards at Sue and David's house, 178 Oxford Road. Liz, Sue's daughter, has asked that those attending her mum's funeral wear ***bright colours***. Everyone welcome.

**As part of Trinity's 150 birthday celebrations**, they would like information about how All Saints started out from them. If any of you have any information or photos about these early days of All Saints, please get in touch with me.

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**Future Pillars Zambia** - Our Skills Training Centre ~ Computer Course ~ is in need of ***projectors, laptops and ipads***. If you have any of these to spare, and of course ***green jumpers***, I will gladly take them when I go in July.

**Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Morning: Saturday 29 March**, 10.30-12 noon. The Uniformed Organisations are organising this event as a new way of linking with the church. The leaders of the Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts invite you to join them for coffee and to watch the Easter Egg Hunt (or join in if you want!) Please note the date *JPB*

**Knitting:** our current project of 'Fish and Chip' jumpers for new born babies supported by the Nasio project is coming to an end towards Easter. Thank you for all your support. Perhaps then we can move to knitting green school jumpers for ***Future Pillars Zambia***. I am hoping to get a pattern soon.

*Eileen*

## NOTICES

**Don't forget Keith Underhill's** fundraising half marathon on 6 April for **the Skye High Foundation**: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-underhill-1736248913715?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-underhill-1736248913715?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

**Foodbank:** currently needs corned beef, squash (orange or blackcurrant) sunflower oil, honey, plain flour, tinned mac and cheese, tinned ravioli, tinned hotdogs and hot chocolate. Nappies size 5-8 and strong carrier bags also needed. *Thank you for all your donations. JPB*

In **February** your donations helped Abingdon Foodbank to distribute 220 food parcels to people facing hardship in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. These parcels fed 550 people, of which 235 were children. Thank you so much for your support in February. Many thanks for all your support.

The **March Church in Abingdon News** is out now – online or some copies in church.

## TRINITY NEWS

The next **Church Meeting** will be after Service on **Sunday 23 March**.

Papers will be issued soon

**Trinity Evergreen Club - Monday 17th March:** This week we are having our usual Songs of Praise. We always make a joyful noise and we are delighted that Selina will lead the session. As usual there will be a raffle and refreshments and we start at 2.30.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Preparations are gathering apace regarding the celebration service for Trinity's 150th Birthday at **3.00pm Sunday 1st June 2025**.

The Trustees are asking the church as a whole, if those who feel able, would consider contributing to funds to support this venture? This will allow us to decorate the church with appropriate flowers, print invitations and flyers to be sent out within the neighbourhood and beyond, to have a special birthday cake made and to cater a celebratory tea after the service in the Conduit Centre (or on the lawn if the sun shines!) If you are able to Gift Aid your contribution that would be even better. Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of the church as usual, please mark the envelope "150 Celebration". Alternatively, money could be transferred via BACS transfer, again please use the reference "150 celebration".

Further details will be shared as they are finalised. The service will be led by our own Ministers Rev. Georgina and Deacon Selina. Three of our past Ministers will be attending and hopefully participating in our act of worship and celebration - Reverends Ian Griffiths, Richard Bittleston and Malcolm Atherton. The circuit Superintendent Rev. Keith Underhill will preach the address, on what is likely to be his last visit to Trinity before he retires.

*Neil Oastler*

## DATES

**Tuesday evenings 18/3, 1/4 & 8/4, Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church,** Park Rd. 7 pm (for about 40 minutes) and lay led. Parking Permits available.

**Wednesday 19 March – Abingdon School Choirs Concert** - Rutter and Mozart Requiems. Amey Theatre 7pm. Tickets (£8) from <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/school-choirs-evening-2025>

**Saturday 22 March, URC Online Lenten Retreat.** To book go to: <https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>

**Saturday 22 March, ADMS Choir & Orchestra Concert.** St Helen's Church, 7:30pm. Britten – Rejoice in the Lamb; Rutter – Gloria; Kodaly – Missa Brevis. Tickets £15 at the door / £13 buy early / £1 children from [www.wegotickets.com/ADMS](http://www.wegotickets.com/ADMS) ; [www.adms.org.uk](http://www.adms.org.uk) or on the door.

**Sunday 23 March Abingdon School Concerto Concert** Amey Hall 7pm. Tickets (£8) from <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/concerto-concert>

**Tuesday 25 March, Agnostics Anonymous** open discussion group: 6 - 7.30 pm on in the Abingdon Parish Centre, opposite St Helen's Church, *"Prayer for Agnostics"*. FREE and EVERYONE WELCOME. For more information please contact Jill Gant (01235 528929)

**Sunday 30 March, All Saints' Singers Concert;** Ein Deutches Requiem, Brahms. All Saints, Sutton Courtenay, 7:30pm Tickets £15 from The Bookstore, Bury Street or <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/76647?>

**Tuesday 1 April, Abingdon Mothers' Union;** 10:30 am, St Helen's Parish Centre. *History of Abingdon Abbey by Anne Dodd, Abingdon Area Archeology and History Society* All Welcome

**Tuesday 1 April, 7.30pm via ZOOM:** AGM for Churches Together in Oxfordshire. This will be County Ecumenical Officer David Hare's final meeting before he retires in April.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86551501412?pwd=oaZrJAT1zoLYa7VlpmbXeeI8hVe0Sr.1>

Meeting ID: 865 5150 1412 ; Passcode: 403540

Papers available from the Office

**Saturday 5 April, Concert in St. Helen's Church,** 7.30 - 9.00pm. **Showcasing the work of local young organists,** interspersed with seasonal choral music by Tallis, Byrd and Purcell, performed by the Helenstowe Consort. £10 for Adults, free for accompanied U16's. Refreshments available in the interval. Proceeds to St. Helen's Church. Tickets available from the Bookstore in Abingdon or via the QR Code

**Thursday 10 April, LAMPS Collective The Passion:** 7.30pm Peachcroft Christian Centre. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are recreated in this moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter story. Told from the perspectives of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion named Marcus, this powerful contemporary drama leads us up to and through the events of Holy Week, to the cross and beyond. Tickets £10 (adult), £5 children (10-18) See more

<https://www.peachcroftcc.org/the-passion>

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**Saturday 3 May, Rejoice and Sing Live:** A hymn-filled, songful celebration of the URC's hymn book, Rejoice and Sing, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary. As well as lots of hymn singing, there will be talks, a panel discussion with those involved with the creation of Rejoice and Sing, an exhibition, a scratch choir is also being created for the event. *Tickets are free* and are available from [www.bit.ly/reform-live](http://www.bit.ly/reform-live). The café at the hall will be open for lunch, which can be pre-ordered.