



**All Saints  
Methodist Church**

Appleford Drive  
Abingdon

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**Trinity Church  
Methodist & United Reformed**

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## Notices

### Sunday 6 September 2026

| All Saints                                                                                                                                                                             | Trinity                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Sunday 6 September</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>Morning Worship & Communion<br>led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson                                                                      | <b>Sunday 6 September</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>Morning Worship<br>Local Arrangement<br>led by Junior Church        |
| <b>Sunday 13 September</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>Morning Worship<br>led by Rev. Katherine Pickering                                                                                     | <b>Sunday 13 September</b><br><b>10:30am</b><br>Morning Worship & Communion<br>led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson |
| <b>Sunday 13 September</b><br><b>Service of Holy Communion at Beaumont Care Home, 2:30pm</b><br><b>All Welcome</b><br>(Beaumont Care Home, Bayworth Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5DF) |                                                                                                                    |

**Monday 7 September** 10:30 Community coffee Morning @ All Saints. All welcome

**Friday 11 September** Face to face prayer meeting at All Saints at 10am. All invited.

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

The **Tubb House Group** will meet at 36 The Warren on *September 14th* at 7.30p.m. to commence the study of Philippians.

**Derek Kay**, Derek has now been transferred from the JR to Abingdon Community Hospital (Abbey Ward). *Diane*

**Just Women:** We are starting again on **Wednesday 9 September**. Just Women is All Saints women's group, and we meet on second and fourth Wednesday each month; all women are welcome. Programme includes chat evenings, with a focus for our conversations or a speaker or an activity of some sort. We are starting the new Methodist Year with a *visit to St Ethelwold's in East St Helen Street* to visit the garden and enjoy being together again after the summer holiday. We shall meet in The Garden Room from 7.30 – 9pm and all women are invited to join us.

**Ride and Stride for Churches 12 September**, Help preserve the history on your doorstep by raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. All funds raised go to OHCT and 50% can be passed on to a church of your choice.

If any member of All Saints would like to visit, on foot or cycle, as many churches as possible between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on 12 September, having obtained sponsorship, then please ask Maurice Tubb for a sponsorship form. Money collected should be returned to Maurice together with Sponsorship form he will then pay into the OHCT account.

**Help is also needed to greet and check-in** sponsored visitors to All Saints. It requires two people to be at the entrance to our church for two hour shifts between 10 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Please speak to Maurice who will allocate a suitable time for you.

**Lynette Seymour-Jackson of Trinity** is visiting churches for the Stride and Ride on her mobility scooter and is seeking sponsorship. If any All Saints members would like to sponsor her then please sign the Sponsor form at the rear of our Church.

**Global Harvest Supper.** On **Saturday September 19th @ 6pm**, All Saints hosts a Global Harvest Supper. All our members who have come to the UK from elsewhere have been invited to attend and if able, provide a main course dish from their home country! Book your place on the foyer sign-up sheet now, and perhaps tick the box if you can offer a British pud to round off what will be a world-class occasion.

*AS Church Family Committee*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Free electric blanket testing to all Oxfordshire residents.** Ensure your blanket is safe and warm for the upcoming season. Testing in Abingdon on Friday 25 September. See p6 or poster in church.

**Foodbank:** currently needs chickpeas, corned beef, kidney beans, tinned soup, tinned ham, hot chocolate, tinned fruit, fruit squash, sunflower oil, UHT whole milk, instant coffee and biscuits, as well as toilet rolls. Thank you. *JPB*

**11th September** – to raise funds for FPZ - Rosemary is offering the chance to enjoy a delicious meal at her house @ 6.30pm. This month '*Vegan is delicious – eat the Mediterranean Way*'. Booking required. See details on p5

**Messy Church Meeting: Wednesday 16 September**, Trinity Church. Come along and hear more about Messy Church, and see if you would like to get involved. All welcome.

**Raising Faith:** Thursdays, 7.30 - 9.30pm starting September 17th at Peachcroft Christian Centre. As Christian parents, grandparents and carers we want our children to grow up knowing God and developing a mature faith that will last, but sometimes we feel ill-equipped or just too busy to do much more than get them to church on a Sunday.

Raising Faith is a series of six evening sessions, exploring a variety of ways to create strong and healthy foundations of faith in our children, using the opportunities that come up in the everyday ups and downs of family life.

Find out more and book a place here:

<https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community/parenting-course>



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Sunday 6 September, Piano Recital by Huw Rhys James.** St Michael's Church, 3pm featuring works by Bach, Schumann and Debussy. Tickets £15. Refreshments available.

**Sunday 6 September, Abbey Brass & Acappella Harmonies Annual Concert** 2 pm, Trinity Church, Conduit Road. Doors open at 1.30pm. Tickets £5

**Sunday 6 September, Abbey Chamber Concert,** St Nicolas Church, 3pm. Brahms Quintet for clarinet and strings Op 115 Bernard Herrmann Clarinet Quintet 'Souvenirs de Voyage' Catriona Scott clarinet OXUS string quartet. Tickets £13.00

**Tuesday 8 September, In Conversation with** Monawar Hussain MBE, Imam Eton College, Founder Oxford Foundation. Wallingford Methodist Church, 12 noon till 1.00pm. Soup lunch to follow. Admission free, donations welcome

**Tuesday 15 September, launch of Abingdon against Domestic Abuse (AaDA).** AaDA is a new community initiative with a vision to create a town where all forms of domestic abuse are recognised early, challenged safely, and responded to with compassion, understanding, and with accessible local services. The evening will include a presentation on AaDA, contributions from key partners and local people with lived experience. Followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity for you to tell us about your thoughts on the plans. After the presentations, there will be a screening of *The Burning Bed*, the 1984 film that helped transform public understanding of domestic abuse and bring the issue into mainstream discussion.

Everyone is welcome, book tickets at -

<https://theabbey.ac/web?film=6a85b45a9ad4c4148e7a12f7>

Abingdon Town Council and the Abbey Cinema are kindly supporting this event.

**Wednesday 16th September, showing of *The People's Emergency Briefing*, 7.30pm** in the Baptist Church in Ock Street. Booking recommended

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/abingdoncarboncutters/2277189>

This is a short film showing reactions to National Emergency Briefing which took place in Westminster Hall in November 2025.

**Advanced Notice: Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Black History Month, Saturday 17 October 2.30 – 5.30, Trinity Church Abingdon.** Lord Paul Boateng, Rev Sonia Hicks, Chair Northampton Methodist District and others

## TRINITY NEWS

**Thursday 10 September, Thursday Group** meets in the Conduit Centre, 7pm when Malcolm Newton will give a talk on Superstitions.

**Margaret Butcher:** Margaret's ashes will be laid to rest in Trinity's garden on Friday 18 September, at 2pm. Congregation members are welcome to join family and friends on the day.

**Ride & Stride - Saturday 12th September:** Visit as many churches as possible on the day, with 50% of the money raised coming to Trinity and 50% to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust who gave a grant to Trinity for the recent Conduit Centre project. *Want to take part?* Get a sponsorship form and a list of open churches from Alastair.

*Can you help as a Welcomer?* We need volunteers to create a warm welcome for other Riders and Striders between 10am and 2pm. After 2pm a sign up sheet will be left outside the church. The rota is available at the back of the church.

*Best Wishes, Alastair*

**The Next Church Meeting** will be *Sunday 27th September* after church, and the Annual Church Meeting on *Sunday 22nd November* after church



# Future Pillars Zambia

**Hunger - Food - Brain Power ~ Hunger - Food - Brain Power**

A Message from Rosemary, 3 Kingston Close OX14 1ES

## **Future Pillars Zambia – Food and Farming Project.**

I am a Founding Trustee of this small charity in Zambia. We began when we saw a lady teaching children arithmetic and reading under a tree, writing in the sand. Based in Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Cornwall we have built a School, Skills Training Centre and MOST importantly a Feeding Programme. We are a Christian group, centred around 3 very poor shanty compounds. All our children are vulnerable and bought to us by Social Services.

I invite you to 4 meals at my house, over the summer, to raise funds for  
**Future Pillars Zambia - Food & Farming Project. ([futurepillarszambia.org.uk](http://futurepillarszambia.org.uk))**

Our feeding programme (*feed the stomach - feed the brain*) needs long term funding and to this end we are in negotiation with a local farmer to purchase land, in order to grow our own crops and sell some for ongoing expenses, ie fuel, plates, utensils, employing a manager. The Trustees in UK and the Leadership Team in Kabwe are, together, working on a business plan.

The updated dates are:

11 th September @ 6.30pm - Vegan is delicious – eat the Mediterranean Way

9 th October @ 6.30pm – Meat ‘n’ 2 veg – Mother’s 1960s Way

13 th November @ 6.30pm – {mild or hotter} Curry night – the Rajasthani Way

These will be yummy, full meals. Don’t be afraid!

Gift Aid envelopes available.

Please book - my table only accommodates max 10 – [rgstanbury@aol.com](mailto:rgstanbury@aol.com), 01235 537653 or by talking to me, and tell me any dietary/allergy requirements. Transport can be arranged.

Thank you. I’m looking forward to feeding you!

Rosemary/Mthunzi (Ps 64 v4).

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## SEPTEMBER 2026

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| Monday    | 21st | Thame             |
| Tuesday   | 22nd | Rose Hill, Oxford |
| Wednesday | 23rd | Banbury           |
| Thursday  | 24th | Chipping Norton   |
| Friday    | 25th | Abingdon          |

## OCTOBER 2026

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| Monday    | 5th | Didcot             |
| Tuesday   | 6th | Barton, Headington |
| Wednesday | 7th | Bicester           |
| Thursday  | 8th | Witney             |
| Friday    | 9th | Wantage            |



Collections from your home: This can be provided where travel to a test venue would be very difficult. Resources for collections are limited, please only ask for a collection if absolutely necessary.

### BOOKING INFORMATION.

To book your safety check appointment or if you have any enquiries:

Call: 01865 519800 (this line is automated) or Email: [duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Online Booking: <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/blankettesting>

On-site time slots available from 9:00 a.m.

