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Notices

Sunday 1 December

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 1 December 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist	Sunday 1 September 10:30am Morning Worship & Gift Service led by Deacon Selina
Sunday 8 December 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 8 December 10:30am Morning Worship led by Elizabeth Wood

The Circuit Advent Devotional is out now.
Hard copies available from the Office

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Quest will meet at Valerie & Alan's on **Wednesday December 4th at 7:30** for our Advent Evening.

Friday Coffee 13th December: Come, bring friends and enjoy fresh brewed coffee, fellowship and homemade cakes. *All Welcome*

Carol Service December 15th 3.30pm: Following the Service refreshments will be served in the Hall. We would be grateful for gifts of *mince pies* and it would be lovely if some were home made. Please bring the pies to the kitchen before the Service.

TRINITY NEWS

At our **Gift Service on Sunday** we are invited to bring gifts (unwrapped, please) for **Asylum Welcome**. Suggested donations include boxes of biscuits and hygiene products such as soap, shower gel, toothpaste, etc.

House Group will meet at 4 Aston Close on **Wednesday 4th December** at 3.30pm. *Ruth Sillitoe*

Amnesty International: Amnesty's *"Write for Rights 2024"* letter-writing campaign has begun. You are invited to send a card/s to someone being unjustly treated and a letter/s to those responsible for the unjust treatment. Details of this year's nine cases are in a rack in the Welcome Area. Please take a copy, write your letter/s and card/s and return the booklet. *Ruth Dams*

Many thanks to the Thursday Group who raised £280.00 for Mercy Ships after Rachel's talk last week. *Scilla Fellows*

Plastering: the nave is finished; there is just some tidying up to do, which the plasterer will do at the beginning of January, when he comes in to put the final coat on in the NT. Painting is planned for early February, to give the plaster time to dry completely; and re-attaching the trunking in the nave for shortly after that. In the meantime, the request remains the same: please don't touch! Any questions to Malcolm, please. Thank you. *Malcolm Newton*

CAN YOU HELP TRINITYLEARNING?

TrinityLearning are looking for a **straight backed chair with arms** to enable one of our volunteers to continue volunteering in a school. If you have a chair you are happy to donate, please could you email Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com or drop a note into the Conduit Centre with your contact details and we will arrange to collect it and take it to the school.

Experience Easter Volunteers - We are looking for people to help with making up packs, and crafts and with storytelling. If you are interested in volunteering to

help with Experience Easter 2025, please email Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com as soon as possible, as some roles require Safeguarding training and DBS checks in line with our Safer Recruitment policy.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Will you be on your own this Christmas? Peachcroft Christian Centre invite you to join them for lunch on Christmas Day. If you or someone you know would like to come then please get in touch with Kay Davies via email: christmaslunch24@peachcroftcc.org or phone 07787 629198. See page 7.

Foodbank: Very many thanks for Christmas donations and continued regular donations. Please look at poster on page 7 details of what is needed for Christmas Boxes. As usual, routine items are always needed: trifle mix, oat milk, hotdogs, tinned ham, stir fry noodles and cooking oil as well as sanitary pads, nappies size 4-8, razors and toothpaste. Thank you. *JPB*

Christian Forum is published monthly in the free booklet Round and About which goes to every house in Abingdon and the nearby villages. If you feel you could write a short article of no more than 300 words on a Christian topic that could be published it would be much appreciated. Send it to Debra Mcknight at dhmcknight@aol.com.

Calling all potential Local Leaders: following the online meeting last week there will be an In Person Local Arrangement Training Morning on Saturday 1 February, Milton Methodist Church. See p5 and contact Rev Bruce for more details. revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk / 01235 813242. See also page 8

Albert Park Singers are seeking to appoint a *new accompanist* from January 2025. APS is an enthusiastic and friendly community choir of 45/50 members, who rehearse at St. Michael's on Monday evenings. They are directed by Glynne Butt (glynnebutt@btinternet.com) who will be very happy to chat to anyone who would like to know more. This is a paid position and might possibly be a good opportunity for a competent student, looking to gain experience.

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon currently has a vacancy in one of their **almshouses**. Applicants should be single, able to live independently, preferably at least 60 years old with a strong local connection, and of modest means. Please see p6 for more details.

DATES

Sunday 1 December, Faith Forum: *Ways of Engaging with the Bible*. Karen Laister from BRF Ministries will be speaking about using Bible Study notes, either as individuals or in a small group, as a way of engaging with scripture. Faith Forum meets in the Parish Centre, with a light buffet lunch served from 12.30pm and the talk beginning at 12.45.

Sunday 1 December A Child is Born: An informal Christmas concert for all ages by Abingdon Chorale in aid of *The Abingdon Bridge (TAB)*. St Michael's Church at 4 pm. Tickets £10 (£2.50 under 16s) from <https://bit.ly/AbChorale>

Tuesday 3, 10 and 17 December, Advent Labyrinth Walks at St Michael's: The church will be open on between 11 am and noon. There will 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.

Friday 13 December, Albert Park Singers Christmas Concert: 7 pm St Michael's, including carols and music by Bach, John Lennon, Mendelssohn and Vivaldi. Free admission, donations to St Michael's Church and Crisis at Christmas.

Monday December 16, Oxfordshire County Council Chair's Carol Service: Councillor Alison Rooke, Chair of Oxfordshire County Council, and The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester, invite us to join them for this carol service. Seasonal refreshments will be served following the service. St Michael's and All Angels Church 6:30-7:30pm. All welcome.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Be a charity Secret Santa: Three million UK children now live in poverty. That's almost 1 in 3 children. It's relentless. And it doesn't stop because it's Christmas. **Action for Children** are inviting you to help a vulnerable child feel the magic of Christmas with a virtual gift. [Read more](#)

Methodist Diaconal Order: Michelle Legumi was welcomed as the new Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order in a service held at Methodist Church House on Wednesday 20 November. In this [blog](#), she shares a little of the journey that led to taking on the new role.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Public consultation on new 'Garden Village' on the Dalton Barracks site. Several opportunities to find out more 'in person' or via the website: www.daltonbarracks.com.

Advent Arrives at Trinity



With thanks to those pictured and all who helped decorate the tree and church.
We will soon be welcoming many schools, and other groups, into Trinity.



Christ's Hospital of Abingdon

Almshouses - Education - Relief in Need - Albert Park



Almshouse Accommodation

Would you like to live in our almshouse community?

We invite applications from interested local residents. We currently have a vacancy in Tomkins, and others occur from time to time.

What makes us special?

Our self-contained accommodation is safe and secure in historic buildings in the centre of Abingdon-on-Thames, close to all amenities.

There is office-hours support to help with property maintenance and general well-being. Residents can choose to join in with regular coffee mornings and other activities.

Would it suit you, or someone you know?

Applicants should be single, able to live independently, preferably at least 60 years old with a strong local connection, and of modest means.

Find out more by:

Looking on our website: <http://www.ch-of-abingdon.org>

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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

Christmas pudding, mince pies, custard, tinned fruit, trifle mix, crackers for cheese

TREATS

Chocolate, shortbread, nuts
Family size chocolate / biscuit box

Please NO ALCOHOL



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

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 lunch, entertainment and the company of others all free of charge.

If you or someone you know would like to come then please get in touch with Kay Davies via email: christmaslunch24@peachcroftcc.org

Or phone: 07787 629198

Venue:

Peachcroft Christian Centre

Lindsay Drive, Abingdon, OX14 2RT



LOCAL ARRANGEMENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit

Why God needs Local Arrangement Leaders

What makes an effective act of worship

Structuring the service

Formulating the prayers

Choosing the music



Milton Methodist Church

High Street, OX14 4EW

9.30 am—1.00 pm

Saturday 1st February 2025

Further details from Rev Bruce on

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