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Notices Sunday 12 January

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 12 January 10:30am Covenant Service and Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 12 January 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p>
<p>Sunday 19 January 10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings</p>	<p>Sunday 19 January 10:30am Covenant Service and Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Next Knitting Project: Can I suggest that for our next knitting project, following our scheme to make dainty garments for pre-med babies at the JR Hospital in Britain, we now make some 'Fish and Chip' jumpers for new born babies supported by the Nasio project in Africa. The title is used because babies used to be sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper! As I am away for the next couple of Sundays I will leave some ready printed patterns with Helen and of course you can run off your own copies from the Nasio website. This may well be a useful occupation during these dark winter evenings! A big Thank You to all you knitters for your readiness to be involved in these various projects. *Eileen*

Change of email: **Tina Hearn** has changed her email address, please ask her, or contact the office, for her new details.

Against Breast Cancer collect used *stamps* for recycling. 1kg =£20. Please will you collect yours - snip 1cm round each stamp - and give to me, or put in S pigeonhole, by the end of January?

They also recycle *bras, clothes, printer cartridges, old & foreign currency & notes, and jewellery*. Any of these can be brought to 3 Kingston Close and left in the meter cupboard or bring to church by the end of January. I will deliver them to Napier Road.

For more info - againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling *Thank you, Rosemary.*

NOTICES

The deadline for submission for the
February Trinity Triangle is
Friday 17th January.

Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk AND to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office

The **January Church in Abingdon News** is out now. Read online or some hard copies in church.

Foodbank: Christmas parcels were distributed to 289 households across Abingdon and surrounding villages. Current needs are fruit squash, UHT milk, tea bags, fruit juice, pasta sauce, hot chocolate, pesto and plain flour, also needed washing up liquid, anti-bac cleaning spray and deodorant. Very many thanks for the contributions in 2024 and for your continuing support this year. JPB

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

TRINITY NEWS

Ena Mitchell RIP: Deacon Selina will inter Ena's ashes in the Trinity Garden on **Saturday 11 January**. There will be a short outdoor commemoration at 2:30pm, followed by tea in the Conduit Centre.

Thanks to all who helped to make **The Snowman Afternoon** such a success! It was well attended ... 45 people altogether with approximately 12 children. Some church and Toddler families and some less familiar faces from the Christingle congregation came along. It was great to see so many Dads joining us too! Crafts, Snowman film and cakes were enjoyed, but the artificial snowballs produced the most squeals of delight! And that was just Selina!!!

This year's **Church-in-Abingdon quiz** will take place on **Friday 24 January**, starting at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join a **Trinity Team**, please contact Ian Brawn (ian@ianbrawn.plus.com or 07717722895). There is an entry fee of £2 per person, with all proceeds donated to Helen and Douglas House.

A New Year Message from **URC Wessex Synod Moderator Michael Hopkins** is on the Notice Board in the Welcome Area

DATES

Tuesday 14 January, In Conversation with Dr Martin Stern MBE. Wallingford Methodist Church, 12noon-1pm. Martin will talk on his experiences in Amsterdam and concentration camps in WWII. More details from revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 14 January, A celebration of chaplaincy: 19:00 - 20:00 online. The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference are hosting an online event to celebrate and give thanks for the work of chaplains through prayer, music and conversation.

CiA - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18- 25 January 2025

This year the theme adopted by the CiA for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be ***Serving Others in our Local Community***.

Midday Prayers (St Nic's) will take place **Monday 20 - Friday 24**, 12 noon, with refreshments provided. Each day there will be talks by various local groups who will speak about the work they are doing and why, their connections with churches and other community groups, as well as shared witnesses from their users and volunteers.

- Monday 20 Jan – Serving the bereaved (AgeUK, Footprints, Local funeral director), led by Revd Paul Smith
- Tuesday 21 Jan – Serving those who have had to flee their home country (HOST Abingdon, International Welcome Café, St Ethelwold), led by Revd Keith Dunnett
- Wednesday 22 Jan – Serving homeless/abandoned children (Homes4Good), led by Revd Rachel Hughes

- Thursday 23 Jan – Serving the hungry (North and South Foodbanks), led by Pastor Ellie Ball
- Friday 24 Jan – Serving the lonely (Open Doors, Archway, Age UK, St Ethelwold), led by Revd Dr AKM Adam

The Inter-church quiz will take place on **Friday 24 January**, 7 for a 7.30 pm start, at Abingdon Baptist Church. Entry is £2 per person and all proceeds will go to Helen and Douglas House. Bring your own drinks and nibbles – teas and coffees provided.

Tuesday 28 January, Agnostics Anonymous; 6-7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, opposite the entrance to St Helen's Church. John Barton will give the introductory talk on *Is Christian language too male?* John Kerr and Jennifer Brown will answer questions and join the discussion. Free and Everyone Welcome. Contact Jill Gant (01235 528929).

Friday 31 January, concert by The Joint Chamber Choir of Abingdon School and St Helen and St Katharine School. St Michael's Church 7 pm, Free but tickets needed from <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/joint-chamber-choir-concert/>

Saturday 1st February Barn Dance at St. Helen's Church. Music by the Chameleons, 6:30-9:30pm to include Ploughman's supper. Tickets £15 Adults, £5 accompanied children under 16. Tickets available from The Bookstore, Abingdon or see St. Helen's Church website.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

This Saturday, 11 January, is **Human Trafficking Awareness Day**. Deacon Kerry Scarlett, Ex-Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2023/2024, has shared this prayer.

God of justice and compassion,

We long for a world in which all are free; where no-one is trafficked, enslaved and controlled. We long to see your justice prevail, and for the crime of human trafficking to be eradicated. Liberating God, help us to commit today to stand in solidarity with adults and children who have been deceived, coerced, trafficked and exploited; to use our collective power to challenge those who can bring about change; to keep seeking justice, not just for the short term, but until we see true transformation that means all can flourish.

Amen.