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Notices Sunday 2 March Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 2 March 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Pauline Main</p>	<p>Sunday 2 March 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson & Deacon Selina</p>
<p>Ash Wednesday Wednesday 5 March Holy Communion at All Saint's Church 7:30pm led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson & Deacon Selina</p>	
<p>Sunday 9 March 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Revd Frances Blood</p>	<p>Sunday 9 March 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>

LENT STUDY GROUPS

The **Tubb House Group** will re- convene on **Monday March 3rd** at 7.30p.m. at 36 The Warren when we hope to be joined by friends from Trinity. We will follow a study on prayer entitled "*Prayer's Beautiful Messiness.*"

A **Lent Group** will be meeting on *Wednesday afternoons* at 2:30 in the Garden Room at Trinity, running fortnightly from **5th March**. The theme will be prayer, with different people leading each session, and we will conclude with a time of prayer together. All are welcome – whether from All Saints, Trinity, or beyond – to join us in this time of reflection and fellowship. This group is an alternative for those who prefer a daytime meeting.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a family at Trinity Abingdon who have been flooded 4 times in a year, and are now seeking some **URGENT accommodation** as the landlord is taking back possession of the property. They have 2 lovely girls at local schools, who need to have continuity in their education. If you can help or know of someone who can help please get in touch with Georgina or Selina at Trinity church.

NOTICES

Foodbank: current needs are corned beef, oat milk, honey, plain flour, tinned mac and cheese, tinned ravioli, tinned hotdogs, kidney beans and hot chocolate. Also needed are nappies size 5-8 and strong carrier bags. *As usual, thank you very much.*
JPB.

Don't forget Keith Underhill's fundraising half marathon for **the Skye High Foundation:** https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-underhill-1736248913715?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Tim and Ruth Coward would like to let friends at All Saints and Trinity know that at the end of January Ruth took up residence at Beaumont Care Community, Bayworth Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5DF 01865 730 990. She would love to hear from or see you. She doesn't have a phone, but there is a cordless phone that can be taken to her.

We offer our sympathies to the family of longstanding All Saints member **Sue Harmsworth** who died recently. The funeral will be on Friday March 21st led by Revd. Georgina: 1pm South Oxfordshire Crematorium, 2.30pm All Saints and afterwards at Sue and David's house, 178 Oxford Road. Everyone welcome.

Many thanks to everyone who came to the recent *All Saints 'Share the Love' Coffee Morning*. Lovely to see friends from Trinity and others from our pilates groups. Brilliant atmosphere, including an exuberant message from Revd. Georgina to go out and share love! *Church Family Committee*

Foodbank: You may have seen a letter from Abingdon Foodbank to Trinity Church in last week's notices and wondered why All Saints was not included. We were, and the letter is now on notice board for you to read.

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*

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! Matching bonnets, if possible, also welcome. The brighter the colours from your wool stash the better, but please **NO WHITE** as this colour is used at funerals. Ask me for a pattern.

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*

Do read the **thank you from SSNAP** (p7) for all our little knits ☺

TRINITY NEWS

Margaret and Alwyn Langsford thank everyone for the plethora of cards and good wishes that they received for their 90th birthdays.

Revd John Dolling RIP members who remember Revd Dolling's Ministry at Trinity (1976-85) will be saddened to hear of his death on 8 February.

Mission Boxes: Would those people who have Mission Boxes please let me have them for emptying. *Many thanks Ruth Sillitoe*

Do take a look at the copies of Onboard (News and stories from the *Mercy Ships* community) and the *Church Homeless Charity* 2024 Annual Report in the Welcome Area.

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

Papers will be issued soon

Church - 3 March: a reminder that painting the new plaster at the top of the nave and in the north transept will take place on Monday. More info if wanted from Malcolm.

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 neighboured 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

Saturday 1 March, Abingdon Clubs and Societies Day: 10:30am - 2:00pm in the **Market Place and Guildhall**. Explore local clubs, societies, and activities that bring the community together. Whether you're seeking new hobbies, meeting like-minded people, or finding ways to get involved, there's something for everyone!
Discover, Connect, and Join In

Sunday 2 March, Faith Forum: St Helen's Church 12:30 for 12:45 *Incararnation – The Word became flesh... What does the incarnation mean for our faith and understanding of God?* by the Revd Dr AKMA Adam.

Tuesday, 4 March Pancake Tuesday! plus - 'Kings of the Saxons and the Bishopric of Dorchester', a talk by archaeologist Anne Dodd. This Friends of St Helen event will take place in the Parish Centre on, with pancakes served at 6.30pm, followed by Anne's talk at 7.30pm. All are welcome to the talk. Suggested donation £5. If you would like pancakes, please RSVP to Mary Anderson at Friends@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk by Friday 28th February.

Friday 7 March, World Day of Prayer: 2.30pm St Helen's Church. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands and is entitled *I made you wonderful*. All welcome. Any questions to Helen Appleyard or JPB (at All Saints), Scilla Fellows (at Trinity)

Saturday 8 March, ADMS Orchestral Concert; St Helen's Church 7:30pm. Beethoven, Dvorak, Suk & Brahms. Tickets £15 at the door / £13 buy early (from <https://wegottickets.com/adms>) / £1 children

Monday 10th March - Saturday 15th March Abingdon Artists Spring Exhibition: at St Helen's Church. 10 - 4.30 daily

Saturday 22 March, URC Online Lenten Retreat, see poster p6.
To book go to: <https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>

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

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>

New Beginnings



URC Spirituality is offering a FREE online one-day retreat via Zoom, based over three short sessions during the day – on Saturday 22 March 2025.

We will be thinking about Lent using a variety of approaches.

The sessions are:

10.00am for around 45mins - led by Jane Weedon

12.30am for around 45mins - led by Kathryn Price

3.30pm for around an hour - led by Ann Barton and concluded by Jane Weedon



There will be takeaways that you may like to do during the day and there will be the opportunity to share with each other in the final session.

Following our sharing of thoughts and experiences, Ann will then lead us in a short meditation based on two verses from the well-known hymn 'Now the green blade riseth', written by John Macleod Campbell Crum. It is sometimes known as 'Love is come again'.

We will then conclude with prayer.

Please book via the URC Spirituality website at:

<https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>





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Support for the sick newborn and their parents

Dear knitters at All Saints Church,
We at SSNAP would like to thank you
all for the lovely knitted baby items
you so kindly sent, we appreciate the
time and effort that you have all put
in.

SSNAP and the neonatal unit thank
you all for your support.

Best wishes
Donna

FROM NEONATAL UNIT AT THE J.R. HOSPITAL

SSNAP supports sick newborn, their parents and those that care for them; by providing emotional, medical, financial and informational support, lifesaving equipment and staff training. See www.ssnap.org.uk

All Saints Methodist and Trinity



ASH Wednesday Service

5th March 2025, 7.30pm

at

All Saints Methodist Church

Abingdon, OX14 2AQ

Join us for a special Ash Wednesday joint service to mark the start of Lent.

All

**from the circuit and community
are very welcome**