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## NOTICES 21 January 2024

**21 January** 10:30am Morning Worship led by Ian Sturt

On **28 January** we are invited to a joint Service at Trinity Church, to be led by Revd Pauline Main. There will be no Service at All Saints.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Rota:** the composite rota for the first half of the year is now on the notice board. If you need to make any changes please also inform the Office.  
*Thank you*

**Just Women Wednesday 24 January.** We have borrowed the Indoor Curling set from Christ Church and shall meet in the hall at **7.45pm** to attempt to play the game. Any woman who would like a bit of exercise and a lot of laughter is welcome to join us. *JPB.*

### Accreditation Service 18th February

Libby Hawkness-Smith invites us to join in her Service of Accreditation as a Local Preacher at 3pm on Sunday 18th February. This will take place at Wantage Methodist Church, 20 Newbury Street, Wantage, OX12 8DA

**Trinity Triangle:** The deadline for the February Trinity Triangle is Friday 19th January. Please send contributions to both Cynthia ([cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)) and Val Dalby ([vadalby17@gmail.com](mailto:vadalby17@gmail.com)) or via the Office

### Decoration of the hall:

As you may be aware, now that Pre-School have moved to their new premises, we are planning to get the hall decorated.

We are looking for 1 or maybe 2 people to lead this project. This would involve seeking quotes, discussing these with Stewards/ Finance, then liaising with the chosen company and ensuring the work is carried out to the standard expected. Stewards would be always available for support if required.

If you feel you would be able to help in this role, please talk to one of the stewarding team.

*Thank you for your support, The Stewards*

**Marmalade:** Margaret Greaney (Trinity) is making new season's Seville Orange Marmalade. The first batch is made and is available at £3 per jar. Telephone Margaret Greaney 01235 534900 to order. Order now and collect next week.

**Candles:** Wallingford Church are once again appealing for used candles to be melted down and sent to Ukraine for heating and lighting. If you'd like to bring any you have to church I will co-ordinate delivery. Eluned

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 2024**

### **Caring for the Planet**

**Sunday 21 January, United Service, 4 pm, Our Lady and St Edmund's Church.** Speakers: Martin and Margot Hodson, from the John Ray Initiative (JRI), an educational charity with a vision to bring together scientific and Christian understandings of the environment in a way that can be widely communicated and lead to effective action.

**Midday prayers, Monday 22 to Friday 26 January, 12 pm, St Nics Church:**

Monday 22 January: EcoChurch - a way of mobilising congregations to care for creation:

Tuesday 23 January: Plastic pollution and what we can do about it

Wednesday 24 January: Reducing your transport footprint

Thursday 25 January: The effect of climate change on biodiversity

Friday 26 January: For their futures: One Planet Abingdon Climate Emergency Centre and the work they are doing with young people

Clergy will lead each day and each talk will be followed by a Q&A session  
Refreshments will be served after each service. All welcome.

## **DIARY DATES**

**Saturday 27 January 2024, St Michael's Church, 3pm;** Crown Singers will be presenting 'Here is the Little Door', a concert of music and readings for Epiphany and Candlemas. This is a rare opportunity to hear a varied programme including music by Poulenc, Byrd and Howells. Kindly sponsored by Taylor-Made Mobility. Tickets: adults £10/accompanied children free, available from the Bookstore, Bury Street, Abingdon, or on the door. Proceeds to Crown Singers/church funds. Refreshments available and free parking.

**Saturday 27 January, Burns Night Supper and Dancing:** fundraising for the Abingdon Passion Play. Venue: Trinity Conduit Centre, start time 7:30pm. Tickets £20 from the Bookstore and [www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk](http://www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk)

**Saturday 3 February Chamber concert, St Helens Church;** 7.30pm, Adults £12 under 16s free. Programme to include Schumann's piano quintet and Ravel's Introduction & Allegro for harp, flute, clarinet and strings. Proceeds to Abingdon Bridge & St. Helen's Church.

**Sunday 4 February, Let's Talk!** I'd like to invite you to meet me, the director, and the rest of the team for the Abingdon Passion Play 2024 at an open evening at the Trinity Conduit Centre, Abingdon, OX14 1DB, commencing at 7.45 pm.

Find out how you can get involved in next Summer's fabulous community event - as a performer, backstage, in makeup, props, costumes and front of house or as a steward: We still need more actors. We need lots of people to make this a successful venture, communicating God's message to the people of Abingdon.

For catering purposes, please let me know if you are coming on 4 February, if bringing others, how many people will be in your party. The Abingdon Passion Play will take place in the Abbey Gardens on 22nd June 2024. Watch out for more publicity over the coming months.

*Ralph Westby Producer/Director APP 2024 [lowbasse1@gmail.com](mailto:lowbasse1@gmail.com)*

**Tuesday 6 February, Agnostics Anonymous:** 6-7.30pm, Parish Centre, John Barton talking on "Do you have to believe everything in the Bible to be a Christian?"

**Wednesday 14 February, Just Women Visit to foodbank:** Meet at Christ Church Coffee Lounge at 7.30pm for talk from Ruth, manager, followed by visit to the foodbank stores. If you like to bring a donation for the foodbank with you, that would be most welcome. ***Visit arranged by Just Women for everyone, men included.*** JPB

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Foodbank** currently needs cooking oil, chocolate spread, hot chocolate, nappies (size 4 or larger) deodorant, but definitely no baked beans or pasta. *Thank you. JPB*

**Consultation:** *the South and Vale District Councils* are consulting on the ***Joint Local Plan Preferred Options*** and would like to hear your views. They are inviting views on their proposed approaches and asking for thoughts across a range of topics. There will also be drop-in events

across both districts. Find out more via

<https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp/>

The consultation will run until 21 February 2024 at 11.59pm.

Nearest drop in event: Pablo Lounge, Abbey Shopping Centre, Abingdon, OX14 3QY on 03/02/2024, 11am-4pm

## **DENOMINATIONAL NEWS**

### **Saturday 27 January is Holocaust Memorial Day**

#### **In the Circuit:**

**Holocaust Memorial Day Saturday 27th January** 10am - 12 noon at Wantage Methodist Church a **Time for Reflection** with a 15 minute act of commemoration at 12 noon. You are welcome to drop in for as brief or as long a time as you wish. Refreshments will be available

#### **Holocaust Memorial Events Tuesday 13th February**

Holocaust Survivor Dr Agnes Kaposi MBE, FREng and Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich will be present at both events which will include survivor testimony, music and reflections:

**12 noon - 1pm In conversation with Rev Bruce Thompson** at Wallingford Methodist Church

**7:30 - 8:30pm An Evening of Remembrance** at Wantage Methodist Church

The Revd Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer, shares this prayer.

God, source of all freedom,  
on this Holocaust Memorial Day we pray to you.

We remember the freedoms stolen from millions of Jewish, Sinti, black, gay, disabled people and other groups despised by the Nazis in the lead up to and during the Second World War.

We remember the lives lost in that War and in genocides since, in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

We remember that today, in the UK and around the world, millions of people face prejudice, discrimination and hostility simply because of their identity.

God, source of all freedom, help us to find courage to challenge attitudes of hate and intolerance, help us to work for the protection of fragile freedoms that we often take for granted. help us to see in others your image and to love our neighbours, that all might live in peace.

In the name of Christ.

Amen