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Notices

Sunday 24 November

Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 24 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings</p>	<p>Sunday 24 November 10:30am Morning Worship led by Libby Hawkness-Smith</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 24 November 4pm Circuit Service at Wantage (see also p 6)</p>	
<p>Sunday 1 December 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p>	<p>Sunday 1 September 10:30am Morning Worship & Gift Service led by Deacon Selina</p>

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

ALL SAINTS NEWS

A big thank you from Abingdon food bank for the kind donation of **54 Real Meaning of Christmas Advent Calendars**. Our Sunday appeal for donations meant that over half the costs was generously covered. *Thank you. Joanne*

Future Pillars Appeal for Chandra: I am delighted to report with grateful thanks that the appeal for Chanda last Sunday reached the target of £205 but we are aware that others, who planned to donate, were not able to do so as yet. Rosemary has therefore suggested that any donations this second Sunday be used for the vital work of Future Pillars and its Feeding Programme.

Richard Matthews

Just Women: Wednesday 27 November Selina will lead an evening of Advent Reflections with audience participation 7.30pm in the Perry Room. All women 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.

Church Family Committee invite you to a **Christmas Tree Coffee Morning** in the church, **10am-12 noon on Saturday 30th November** at All Saints. The event will not only include freshly brewed coffee and seasonal cakes and biscuits, but there'll be a craft table where you can make a creative contribution to the Christmas Tree, this year decorated by the Stewards on the theme of Peace. Please note, this will coincide with the Gift Day initiative, so we hope many of you will be able to support either or both!

Advance Notice from the Finance Committee that following approval at the last Church Council, there will be a Gift Day to facilitate a boost to church funds, **10am-12 noon on Saturday 30th November** at All Saints. A letter will be distributed to everyone on our pastoral lists shortly giving further details. Please do give this event your prayerful consideration and support if you are able.

Christmas Tree Decorations: This year the Christmas Tree is being decorated with Doves as a symbol of PEACE and your help is needed to make these. There is a simple template available to pick up from the entrance if this would be helpful, although you may have your own design that you wish to use. There will also be a craft table at the forthcoming Coffee and Christmas Tree Decorating Morning on Saturday 30th November where materials will also be available for you to make a Peace Dove. A message or prayer for peace may

also be written on the dove. Finished doves may be left in the basket in the entrance or bring them along to the coffee morning.

TRINITY NEWS

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

At our **Gift Service** next 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.

This week we have sent 44 completed boxes and £102 to the **Christmas Shoe Box** appeal. Many thanks to all who have contributed. *Lindsay*

Commitment for Life: The Autumn Update and Nov/Dec Report on projects in Zimbabwe are on the notice-board at the back of the church, south side.

Ruth Dams

Plastering is taking a little longer than expected, particularly in the North Transept where drying out is significantly slower than in the nave. As a result, further work is now planned for Monday 24, Tuesday 26, and Thursday, 28 November. As usual, please have a word with Malcolm if you need more information. *Also please don't touch!*

Wanted

Do you have a (reasonably light) **wooden arm chair** you no longer need? TrinityLearning would love to hear from you. Contact: Nicola Williams - nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Available to good homes

The family of Margaret Long (a long-time member of All Saints) have an **upright piano** which belonged to Margaret. They say it is a lovely piano but would probably need a tune. If you are interested please contact an All Saints Steward or the Office.

Wheelchair: needs some work on the padding of an arm rest, otherwise good condition; self-propelled as well as pushed.

2.5L cans of paint: one each of *Kitchen magnolia* and *matt Valentine Rouge*. Please speak to Olive Vaughan if you're interested, who will give you a contact number. Thank you.

NOTICES

Will you, or someone you know **be on your own on Christmas Day?**
Peachcroft Christian Centre invite you to a Christmas Lunch. See page 7

The TRIANGLE DEADLINE for the December/January issue is **Saturday 23 November**

Don't forget to include your Christmas Greetings
contributions to Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com)
and Cynthia Bartlett (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) please

A message from Beryl Fudge: During my time in Abingdon I sometimes lent out a ***Crown of Thorns which was in an old, red collar box*** and as I couldn't find it when I moved house I'm wondering if anyone knows of its whereabouts as I would love to have it back. If you do come across it either at All Saints or Trinity could you please let Sue Butler know and she will get it back to me. Many thanks

Foodbank: Very many thanks for Christmas donations and continued regular donations. Please look at poster at the end of the notices for 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*

Christmas extras list! This year, the Foodbank Team are once again putting together some special extra bags for clients to receive the week before Christmas. Last year they made 300 bags for people struggling, and would love to do the same again in 2024.

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 p8 and contact Rev Bruce for more details. revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk / 01235 813242

DATES

Sunday 24 November: ECO lunch at The Barns, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd: 12:45 to 2:30. Bring a packed lunch (drinks provided) and meet Martin and Margot Hodson. Martin, a plant scientist, and Margot, a recently retired vicar, have an approach to environmental issues which combines science and faith. The theme is broadly around the inevitable times of crisis that we face, and the responses by church and community

Sunday 24 November, Arco Strings and guests offer '*An afternoon of Similarities and Differences*' – a concert featuring works by Mozart, Handel, Debussy and many others St Nicolas Church, 3pm. Free (donations invited for church funds). All Welcome

Friday 29 November Mothers' Union Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse: Abingdon Mothers' Union invites everyone to their service in St Helen's Parish Centre at 12 noon, led by the Revd. Rosalind Rutherford. Bring your own lunch – drinks provided. All welcome

Saturday 30 November: Open morning at St Nicolas. Raffle and Tombola, performances by Abingdon Music Centre Recorder Ensemble, Charity Christmas Cards.

Saturday 30 November 10am – 1pm, St Helen's Christmas Fair: Books, gifts, jewellery, baking, raffle, tombola and bacon butties. Handbells & carol singing

Sunday 1 December, Faith Forum: the last of the current series on *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.

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.

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.

'For a Time' exhibition and film

'For a time between the late winter of 2022 and early summer 2023 the Grand Hotel, on Ilfracombe's seafront was used by the Home Office as part of the Asylum Dispersal initiative. The Local Authority engaged the 'Pickwell Foundation', to coordinate a response to support the guests placed into the hotel. Along the way many local organisations, community groups and individuals responded by offering time and space and resources to make that support possible.'

Wantage Methodist Church is delighted to be hosting an inspirational exhibition that tells this story of what happened along with an accompanying short film (on the hour and half hour) on Saturday 23 November between 10 and 12 o'clock. Refreshments will be available. Please feel free to drop in anytime!

On Sunday 24 November the morning service (10:30am) and afternoon from 3:00pm prior to the Circuit Service at Wantage (4:00pm) will also include the film and the opportunity to look at the photos and explore the themes of the exhibition.

This exhibition and film firstly, celebrate and remember a moment in the community's history that exemplified compassion, welcome and kindness and secondly, demonstrate that this sort of response is possible in other communities.

Everyone welcome!



*Wantage Methodist Church -
20 Newbury Street, Wantage OX12 8DA*



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
revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk or 018235 813242**

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