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NOTICES 28 January 2024

28 January - there will be **no Service** at All Saints.

We are invited to a **joint Service at 10:30am at Trinity Church**,
led by Revd Pauline Main.

4 February: 10:30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion
led by Revd Ian Griffiths

CHURCH NEWS

Quest will meet at Valerie and Alan's on Wednesday **7 February** at 7:45. We will be continuing our reflections on Holy Habits, Derek will introduce us to the ***Holy Habit of Gladness & Generosity***.

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

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*

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*

DIARY DATES

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 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.

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

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?"

Thursday 8 February: Author event at Abingdon Library. Local writer Peter Adamson, will be talking about his much-loved and highly successful book '**Landmarks in Time – The World of Wittenham Clumps**'. This promises to be a fascinating talk and includes an audience Q&A and a chance to purchase a signed copy of Peter's book. Tickets are limited, and early booking advised. Places may be reserved by email to Abingdon.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk or at the library counter. Tickets are £2 including a welcome drink, doors open at 6pm for a 6.15 start.

Tuesday 13 February, Holocaust Memorial Events in the Circuit:

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

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. They would also welcome strong carrier bags / bags for life for their clients' use *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

No Faith in Fossil Fuels Lent Vigil, organised by **Christian Climate Action**

This is a ten day event set to take place in Westminster – home of the UK Parliament. Christians from across the country will gather together from Ash Wednesday, holding vigil across ten days, day and night.

The vigil will be launched with an Ash Wednesday Church Service at St Johns Church, Waterloo and brought to a close with a service outside Downing Street.

When? Vigil starts Feb 14th at 2:30pm, Runs for 10 days, ending on the 24th Feb at 3pm.

Where? Carriage Gate, outside Parliament, Westminster, London.

Why? Around the world creation is crying out. Heatwaves, fires, droughts and floods are becoming more frequent, wrecking lives, land, and livelihoods.

Meanwhile, the biggest polluters who have caused this crisis make vast profits from fossil fuels. As creation groans, the poorest, who have done the least to cause the problem, are paying the price.

As the climate crisis wreaks havoc in our world, we are drawn to our most ancient of traditions – prayer. We have faith that our prayers are heard and can bring transformation, even in the midst of injustice. Lent offers us space to lament our failure to address the climate emergency, and as we approach the Easter season of renewal, we hope and strive for climate justice. We endeavour for our prayers to be participatory – moving us into action and calling on our politicians to make the changes needed.

Read more:

<https://christianclimateaction.org/2023/12/08/join-us-for-the-no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-lent-vigil-for-climate-justice-14-24-february-2024>

Or <https://christianclimateaction.org/>