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Notices Sunday 29 June Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 29 June 10:30am	Sunday 29 June 10:30am
Morning Worship	Morning Worship
Led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Lay Led
Sunday 6 July	Sunday 6 July
10:30am	10:30am
Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Morning Worship
led by	led by
Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Deacon Selina

The next Evening Service at Trinity will be on

Sunday 11 August, 6:30pm

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Ed Peacock's funeral will take place on *Tuesday 1st July*. There will be a natural burial at 11.00am at Spring Road cemetery followed by a thanksgiving service at 12 noon at Christchurch, Northcourt Road. Dress as you wish. Afterwards there will be a reception in the Barns café. All are welcome, but, for catering purposes, if you intend to be at the reception please let Tricia Evans know or email Ed's daughter at: vivimclellan@gmail.com



Music by Chris Caddy and his ensemble.

Can you help? All Saints need people to volunteer for some roles to help our Church to continue to run smoothly for all those who use our premises. We require a *Bookings Liaison Officer* and a *Property Coordinator*. Full role descriptions can be found at the end of the weekly notices. If you would like to find out more about these roles, then please speak to one of the stewards. The Stewards team will be happy to support anyone who decides that they have been called to fulfil these vacancies as they carry out their roles.

All Saints Fire Safety: On Sunday 25th May 2025 our Stewards delivered a talk on the Fire Evacuation procedures that we all need to follow to ensure the safety of ourselves and those around us in the event of a fire occurring whilst we are in the building.

This is a requirement of our Fire Risk Assessment so it is important that we are all aware of what is expected of us in the unlikely event of a fire occurring. For those who were able to be present, please do speak to one of our Stewards if there was anything in that talk that you were not sure about, and which needs clarifying for you.

For those who were not able to be present and have either not previously heard an explanation of our Fire Evacuation procedures, or who have previously heard one but need a reminder of what should happen in the event of a fire occurring, then please speak to one of our Stewards as soon as possible and they will arrange to run through this procedure with you.

Knitting: Please bring me any *Green jumpers* whenever they are ready. After this week we move on to making *RED jumpers for the NASIO project* - the same pattern can be used but if you prefer to have a copy headed 'Nasio' I will have copies with me each week! For those among us that do not wish to knit a whole jumper - it is a large ask! - you might like to knit a small **Teddy Bear** for Trinity Learning. Ask me for a pack which contains the wool and instructions. The bears are

given to bereaved children as part of TrinityLearning's Bereavement Packs. Thanks for all you knit *Eileen*

The August Friday Coffee Morning will be all about Trains.

So if you have any layouts or children's train sets you'd like to bring and show / share speak to Gareth or Dawn. There will be an OO gauge track set up if you'd like to just bring some rolling stock. We look forward to seeing you then.

Selina's Farewell Service: Trinity would be pleased to receive offers of **cakes** for the Service on 20 July. Please contact the office. Thank you

TRINITY NEWS

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We give thanks for the life of **Enid Ann Evans Hawes**

who died on 1 June, aged 94

Her funeral will be held in Trinity Church, on Friday 4 July at 1:30pm

Wednesday 2nd July, House Group at the Langsford's house. All welcome. Please contact Pauline Main 531028 if you haven't been before.

Christine Hutchinson is now in Witney Community Hospital where she continues to make progress. Visitors are welcome. Please let her daughter Isobel know if you plan to visit Christine. She continues in our prayers and thoughts.

Selina's Farewell Service: we would be pleased to receive offers of scones, jam or cream for the Service on 20 July. Please see the sheet in the Welcome Area or contact Judith Fear. Thank you.

NOTICES

Thank you for all your support for the foodbank. It currently needs coffee, peanut butter, flour, cooking oil, tinned pineapple, tinned ham and hot dogs. Also needed is sun cream, deodorant (men & women) toothbrushes and toothpaste and cat biscuits. Many thanks JPB

The Foodbank has launched its **Kids Summer Meals Campaign** – to be able to offer breakfast and lunch items for families when children are not in school.

In May, your donations helped Abingdon Foodbank to distribute 195 food parcels to people facing hardship in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. These parcels fed 487 people, of which 194 were children.

Kingfisher School Sensory Garden - Plants Needed

The Kingfisher School Sensory Garden – created and supported by TrinityLearning – is in need of new plants to give it a refresh – Can you help out by donating any spare plants?

Since this is a sensory garden we needs plants with colour/scent/texture and since they

will be touched – and maybe eaten - they must not be toxic – so NOT on the RHS Plant exclusion list see https://www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/potentially-harmful-garden-plants

Herbs are obviously ideal – we could do with a range of thymes, for instance. Perennials preferred to annuals. Drought resistant plants would be good since the garden is in a sunny, dry spot

Plants can be collected (contact details below), or given directly to David Perrow, or left in the Trinity Church office after 1st July

With thanks, David Perrow, davidstday99:gmail.com, tel 07813985592

Wessex Synod Big Day In: Saturday 6 September, 10am-4pm High Cross Church, Camberley. Worskshops, Stands and Speakers to invigorate and energise. Something for everyone, every church, and for you. See poster on p8 or go to https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/wessex-synods-big-day-in-6-sept-2025/

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 28 June, 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm; St Michael's Church will be hosting the next **Cream Tea** in their popular summer series. Join us for an afternoon of live music. Tea/coffee with scone/cake £5. Proceeds to church funds. All welcome.

Sunday 29 June, National Garden Scheme Open Gardens in Dorchester. Two lovely gardens open 2-5pm. <u>Read more</u> Book in advance or just turn up. £5 joint ticket. Teas available

Saturday 5 July, Wantage Academy Brass; St Michael's Church, 7 pm, with Caritus Children's Choir. Raising funds for The Abingdon Bridge (TAB), TARIRO (Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe) and St Michael's Church. Tickets £12 adults, £10 concessions, 16 and under free, from https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EUPN and at the door (credit cards accepted).

Saturday 5 July, Trial by Jury: by Gilbert & Sullivan, a semi-staged production, plus selected Opera Choruses. 3pm St Swithun's Church, Kennington. Free entrance, with a collection for Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Refreshments.

Friday 11 July, Coffee Morning at All Saints: 10:30am-12 noon with live music. All Welcome

Saturday 12 July, House Clearance: 8:30am – 3:30pm. 198 Oxford Road (no parking on main road, please park on side road thank you). Everything must go – furniture, kitchen equipment, garden equipment, ornaments.

Saturday 12 July, Summer Soul with Oxford Gospel Choir: 2pm & 7:30pm at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot. Tickets from <u>www.tinyurl.com/ogcsummersoul25</u> In support of SeeSaw – grief support for children and young people in Oxfordshire.

CIRCUIT NEWS

Farewell Service for Deacon Selina

As you are aware Deacon Selina will be leaving us in July after ten years in our Circuit.

Her farewell service will take place at **Trinity on Sunday 20 July at 3:00 pm** This will be a circuit service which we hope you will be able to attend.

Welcome Service for Revd. Georgina

to welcome her as our new Superintendent This will take place on **Saturday 23 August at 3:00pm** at Trinity This is also a circuit service to welcome Georgina into this new role.

Local Arrangements:

We have agreed to deliberately include Local Arrangements on the Circuit Plan for a number of reasons, not least to ease plan making. Additionally, Local Arrangements provide a wonderful opportunity for those who are not Local Preachers to explore their vocation and for members of congregations to work together in reflecting on scripture and the conduct of worship.

We have now held several workshops for those who wish to consider the leading of Local Arrangements. So far almost 40 people from across the Circuit have attended at least one session. It is a joy to feel the Spirit moving amongst us as more people grow in confidence.

A number of services have already been led by Local Arrangement Leaders and have been greatly appreciated by many. The next workshop is on Saturday 27 September 9.30am for a 10.00 start and 1.00pm finish at Wantage Methodist Church. Workshops are open to anyone interested in developing their gifts in leading worship and those who are just wondering if this may be something they too can do.

As we develop further, it is a joy to see more people expressing their willingness to participate in the conduct of worship. Local Arrangement Leaders have been encouraged to invite others to participate in the leading of worship when a Local Arrangement is on the Plan, some who may have led worship in the past or those who cannot make the Saturday morning workshops. We are a Circuit open to the Spirit, keen to include and equip, nurture and encourage.

Revd Georgina and Revd Bruce

Abingdon	All Saints Methodist Church Role Description	
Role	Booking Liaison Officer	
Responsible to	The Stewards Team	
DBS Check	Enhanced DBS check	
Overall Responsibilities	To facilitate the booking secretary (Eluned – Church Administrator) by meeting with possible hirers and to maintain links with all those using the premises	

Role Description		
1.	Meet with possible hirers to show what rooms and facilities are available at All saints	
2.	Liaise with Eluned (Church Administrator) regarding any problems or queries that arise from hirers regarding the premises and report these to the Steward Team or the Property Coordinator (when appointed).	
3.	Maintain links with ongoing users as the 'face' of all Saints to create a positive relationship with all those using the premises.	
4.	Organise the changing of the Key Code from time to time.	

Safeguarding responsibilities

The Booking Liaison Officer is required to comply with all safeguarding requirements including completion of a DBS check, attendance at mandatory training i.e. the Creating Safer Space Foundation training and the reporting and record keeping of concerns as set out in the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Please speak to a member of the Stewards Team if you feel able to volunteer for this role



All Saints Methodist Church Role Description

Role	Property Coordinator	
Responsible to	The Stewards Team and the Church Council	
Overall Responsibilities	To take overall responsibility for the property of All Saints	

Role Description		
1.	Liaise with other members of the Property Committee regarding their roles.	
2.	Regular reporting on the condition of the property and facilitating any repairs and ensuring consent is obtained for the repairs, if required (SO 930).	
3.	Prepare and submit the Annual Property Schedules which include the accounts, investments and state of the property. This is done alongside a Steward and the Property Secretary.	
4.	Carefully reviewing the Quinquennial Inspection Report and making an action plan for recommendations. It is the responsibility of the circuit to arrange and cover the costs of the Quinquennial Inspection.	
5.	Ensure that the logbook (or dedicated filing system) includes Annual Property Schedules, Quinquennial Inspection Reports and other relevant repairs or alterations and is kept up to date.	
6.	Annually present a report about the property to the Church Council and to the Circuit Meeting, including how the recommendations of the Quinquennial Inspection Report are being implemented.	
7	Make sure the fire extinguishers are checked annually, and the annual fire evacuation takes place.	
8	Ensure the annual gas boiler check is carried out.	

Safeguarding responsibilities

The Property Coordinator is required to comply with all safeguarding requirements as set out in the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Please speak to a member of the Stewards Team if you feel able to volunteer for this role. For further information see the 'Property Stewards Handbook' on the Methodist Church Website <u>Property Stewards - The Methodist Church</u>

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The United Reformed Church Wessex Synod

6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10AM - 4PM HIGH CROSS CHURCH - CAMBERLEY

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