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Notices Sunday 31 August Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 31 August 10:30am Morning Worship led by Local Worship Leaders	Sunday 31 August 10:30am Morning Worship led by Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 7 September 10:30am Morning Worship Led by Revd P Main	Sunday 7 September 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd G Bondzi-Simpson

A big thank you

To all who helped with Georgina's Welcome Service
particularly to those who set up, provided contributions for,
and washed / cleared up after, the lovely tea.

The next All Saints Coffee Morning
is on Friday 12 September, 10:30-12noon.
All welcome.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Future Pillars Zambia has been gifted a barrel to take equipment to Family Future Community School, on 8th September. There will be some small spaces to fill. ***Can we help to fill them?*** The requests are: non permanent whiteboard markers, tippex, pens, pencils etc., deflated footballs, volleyballs, netballs, ballpumps, megaphone/loudhailer, black toner cartridges HP12 and computer printing paper. I shall have a box on Sunday. FFCS is very grateful for the support given from All Saints. *Rosemary - Zambian name Muthunzi - Psalm 64:4.*

Quest will meet at 7:30 on Wednesday 3 September. At Valerie and Alan's. We will be continuing our study of John's Gospel.

Closure of the Abingdon Nat West Bank: The closure of the branch on 24th September is regretted and the finance team will thereafter be using the local post office for purposes of paying into our bank account with Nat West.

If anyone who currently contributes through the Sunday collection plate would prefer to donate by bank transfer this would be helpful and bank details can be provided by contacting Richard at church or by e mail to richardmatthews32@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for the continuing support of the church as the new Methodist year begins on 1st September. ***All Saints Finance Team***

Prayer meeting: Starting on Friday September 12th at 10am there will be an 'In person' prayer meeting at All Saints. This will be on the 2nd Friday of each month, taking place just before the regular monthly Friday Coffee mornings. Carol Foyn and Eileen Appleyard are convening the group which will meet in the Perry Room. We will start with a short reading and introduction and Carol and Eileen will begin and close the session. You do not have to pray out loud, though you are more than welcome to do so, and we will meet for about 30 minutes. All are welcome to join us and if you would like to know more please speak to Carol or Eileen.

All Saints now has a **WhatsApp Prayer group** with daily ideas to help focus your own praying. If you would like some more information about the group or would like to join us then please talk to Sue Russell who is the administrator. Many thanks.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust annual Stride will take place on **Saturday 13th September**, from 10am to 6pm, when All Saints will be open to welcome Striders. If you can spare an hour or more to greet visitors, please speak to me or phone 01235521300. *Thank you, Margaret Hoskins*

Just Women will start the new year with a meeting at St Ethelwold's, East St Helen Street. The Garden Room is booked for us on **Wednesday 10 September**, from 7-9pm and all women are welcome to join us. We shall start the year by looking backwards at what we have done and forwards, with excitement, to our programme for this term. We usually meet in the Perry Room on 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month; the programme is a mixture of chatting with a focus, or with someone leading an evening about a specific subject. We welcome new members, (women only of course). JPB

Knitting/shoe boxes! We are starting on our next project - and anyone can join in: male or female; knitters and non-knitters, even you! Before you start to fill the box it is good to cover it with attractive paper if you wish. Then choose: is it to be for a boy or a girl; and of which age group: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14? Please clearly label your box. There are a lot of stationary items at reasonable prices at the moment as our children return to school. Another idea is that those of you who are knitters could knit an angel to go in each box. Let me know if YOU have ideas to share. The boxes must be ready by about the middle of October. *Eileen* Read more:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

TRINITY NEWS

Proposed changes to **Parking in Conduit Road:** A Trinity Trustee will be attending the Cabinet Member for Transport Management meeting on Thursday 4th September 2025 and has requested permission to speak about the proposed parking changes.

SOFEA at Trinity (Friday mornings): you may be interested in this article on SOFEA – images taken at Trinity ☺

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cj3lz3l3de6o>

The August **URC Wessex Synod Sharing the Vision** is now available from <https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-august/> or hard copy from the Office.

Ride & Stride and Heritage Open Days – Welcomers Needed on Saturday 13th September & Sunday 14th September. Please sign up on the board at the back of church if you are available to be a welcomer. Your support will be much appreciated. *Alastair*

Lynnette and Jackie will be riding their mobility scooters around Abingdon's churches for Ride & Stride. You can sponsor them using the form on the board. 50% of the money comes to Trinity and 50% to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

NOTICES

Foodbank: All support welcome and the foodbank currently needs custard, pasta sauce, sweetcorn, tinned fruit, plain flour, tinned chicken, cooking oil, orange and apple juice, tinned tomatoes, green tea and deodorant for men and women. *Thank you so much for all you give. JPB.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24-7 PRAYER at Peachcroft Christian Centre: Prayer connects us all with God. As part of the Global Week of 24-7 Prayer PCC will be hosting a prayer room, with non-stop prayer happening day and night. ***Friday 5 September at 7.00 am to Sunday 7 September at 8.00 am.*** We invite you to join us praying for our world and our

community. There will be themed prayer stations set out in the main church hall. You can just drop in or sign up for one or more hour long slots. To find out more visit <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/prayer/24-7-prayer-september-2025>.

Saturday 6 September, Abingdon Healthfest 2025, 10am – 2pm; Meet many of the groups that help the people of Abingdon to enjoy life, improve wellbeing and stay healthy. <https://healthyabingdon.org.uk/healthfest2025.htm>

Saturday 13 / Sunday 14 September, Heritage Weekend. Lots going on in Abingdon this weekend see <https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/> Walks, talks, exhibitions, craft activities, open buildings, cake ...

On **Saturday** between 10am & 4pm , you can visit a special one day only radio station, with its own call sign, in the coffee lounge at Christ Church in Northcourt Road. This will be part of the CHOTA , "Churches on the air" organisation. Everyone welcome to see who they can contact. It should be fun.

Also on Saturday, paint a picture in a day competition:

<https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/landscape-in-a-day> Open to all over 16.

Sunday 14 September, St Michael's Church, 3 pm: **Huw Rhys James**, Viennese conductor and concert pianist is returning to for the 6th time to perform music by Haydn, Mozart, Liszt and Debussy. Tickets £12, accompanied children under 16 free, available at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FBGM> or by cash/card on the door.

FaithTalk: Everyday Evangelism in the URC, Tuesday 23 September 7pm,

FaithTalk at Christmas – Thinking Ahead! How do we make the most of wonderful opportunities to talk about our faith during Advent and Christmas... how can we talk about our faith personally at this time, and how can our church talk?

Join us online for a relaxed conversation to share ideas and experiences and find out about helpful resources. Register for the link at mission@urc.org.uk

Deacon Selina's welcome service

in her new Circuit will be on

Sunday 7th September at 4pm at

Salisbury Methodist Church

St. Edmund's Church Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 1EF

Followed by refreshments

The Service will be streamed on YouTube

<https://youtube.com/live/Z0RlJobdsRE>

Alastair and Judith Fear will be attending and have two spare seats in their car. *If you would like a lift*, please let Alastair know. Also, *if you are able to offer transport for others*, please let him know as well.

Parking: Salt Lane Car Park is a short walk to the church.

https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/carpark/salt_lane/sp1/salisbury/?arriving=202508141500&leaving=202508141700 (payment £1.90 on a Sunday)

Please note: the service is at SALISBURY METHODIST church and not at AMESBURY Methodist Church which is where she will be going!!!