



**All Saints
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**Trinity Church
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Notices Sunday 6 July Worship

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 6 July 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 6 July 10:30am Morning Worship led by Deacon Selina
Sunday 13 July 10:30am Morning Worship Led by Revd Alan Grist	Sunday 13 July 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Keith Underhill

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

Toddler Summer Celebration – Trinity Church Thursday 10 July – see p5
We'd love to see you. All God's children from 0- 100+ are very welcome!

The next **Evening Service at Trinity** will be on
Sunday 13 July, 6:30pm

See p6 for details of Circuit Services

ALL SAINTS NEWS



Music by Chris Caddy and his ensemble.

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.

Saturday 12 July, House Clearance: 8:30am – 3:30pm. 178 Oxford Road (no parking on main road, please park on side road thank you). Everything must go – furniture, kitchen equipment, garden equipment, ornaments. This is the house of **Sue & David Harmsworth**.

Knitting: we are moving 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 Trinity Learning's Bereavement Packs. Thanks for all you knit *Eileen*

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.

MORE ALL SAINTS NEWS

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.

Richard Matthews' Annual Cycle Ride for Become: Jurassic Coast Tour 3 -6 July

This year Biking in Care are cycling 200 miles from Exeter, past Seaton, Weymouth, and Bournemouth to finish in Southampton.

Become is a national charity to support children and young people with experience of the care system. The charity presses for change and its latest focus has been to highlight the problems of multi short term placements in care at crucial stages of education and often a long way from family and friends. If you are able to donate to Richard's Just Giving page the link is at https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-matthews-15?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=019

This year Anne will be part of the support team for the 60 cyclists taking part.

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

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. This week's needs are sardines/mackerel, soup, coffee, coconut milk, cooking oil, flour, peanut butter, tinned ham and hot dogs, as well as deodorant (men & women) suncream and toothpaste.

Very 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.

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 need 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

The **July Church in Abingdon News** is out now – online or some hard copies in both churches.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

Saturday 5 July, Wantage Academy Brass; St Michael's Church, 7 pm, with Caritas 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).

Wednesday 9 July, Climate Crisis Mass Lobby at Westminster. Read more: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/act-now-change-forever>

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

COME TO OUR TODDLER SUMMER CELEBRATION and hear about Cecil, the lost sheep!

On Thursday 10th July @ 10am- 11am
In Trinity Church



You will

- Hear the story
- Sing some songs
- Do some craft
- Go on a sheep hunt
- Eat some snacks
- Have fun!



**Do come along and join in the fun and the activities. We'd love to see you.
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FROM CONFERENCE

The President, the Revd Richard Andrew (currently chair of the Darlington District), and **the Vice-President**, Mr Matt Forsyth (local preacher and steward, and Mission Team Leader in the Northampton Methodist District) were elected and inducted. [Find out more.](#)

Revising The Methodist Worship Book: The Conference voted to revise the Church's authorised liturgies. This decision sets in motion a major project to equip the Church with new and revised liturgical resources, available in a wide variety of formats, including digital and printed versions. [Read more](#)

President & Vice President Designate: Conference has elected the Revd Mark Slaney (currently serving as Chair of the Scotland District and the Shetland District) to serve as President and Caroline Stead (a local preacher and Synod Secretary in the Yorkshire West District) to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office when the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference opens in Telford in June 2026. [Read more](#)

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**

Farewell Service for Revd Keith Underhill & Deacon Selina Nisbett

As you are aware Revd Keith & Deacon Selina will be leaving us in July
Their Circuit farewell service will take place at

Wantage on Sunday 27 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



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
<p>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.</p>

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.	

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For further information see the
'Property Stewards Handbook' on the Methodist Church Website
[Property Stewards - The Methodist Church](#)