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Notices Sunday 8 June

MHA Sunday Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 8 June 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by Annual Church Meeting</p>	<p>Sunday 8 June 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Deacon Selina</p>
<p>Sunday 15 June 10:30am Morning Worship Led by Revd John Anderson</p>	<p>6:30pm Lay Led Reflective Service</p> <p>Sunday 15 June 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson & Deacon Selina</p>

Evening Worship:

A lay-led reflective evening service will begin on **Sunday 8th June** at 6:30pm at Trinity Church. This quiet and thoughtful time of worship will take place monthly through the summer, offering space for reflection, prayer, music, and stillness.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

MHA Sunday 8 June: There will be a collection plate available on Sunday with gift aid envelopes for the support of MHA. Please support the work of this important charity. Thank you.

All Saint's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Sunday 8th June** straight after the morning service. Papers are available online or some hard copies in church.

The Nasio Evening at All Saints raised the sum of £693 including gift aid. Thank you to all who contributed and for all the hard work in preparing for this wonderful event.

Foodbank: All Saints' folk please look at new notices on the donation basket in the foyer. There is a QR code, so you can look up urgent needs yourself.

Just Women:

Wednesday 11 June at 7.30pm in the Perry Room. Jenny Pooley will lead a quiz on Phrase & Fable; it will be fun. All women welcome.

Wednesday 25 June: Age UK talk at 4pm. Everyone is invited. There will be a plate for donations; *tea and coffee will be served from 3.30pm*. There will be various handouts available to take away. Please join us. *JPB*.

Knitting

Green Jumpers: could you bring these in before the end of June so that Rosemary can take them out with her when she next visits FPZ.

Teddy bears: It occurs to me that if there are 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.

NOTICES

Foodbank currently needs oat milk, tinned pineapple, cooking oil, tinned ham, hot dogs and Angel Delight. Also needed is suncream, toothpaste, washing up liquid, cat food and strong carrier bags. As ever, your support is much appreciated. *JPB*

Rev Bruce Thompson (Wallingford) is proposing a trip to **Amsterdam** with a focus on Anne Frank, Art, and Tulips in April 2026 for 4 nights. If you would like to know more, please let Rev Bruce know on revbrucet@yahoo.co.uk – should there be sufficient interest he will approach a travel agent to estimate costs.

TRINITY NEWS

Christine Hutchinson is now in Bicester Community Hospital where she has her own room. Visitors are welcome and there is a car park. If you plan to visit Christine, her daughter, Isobel, would like you to phone her so she knows not to drive over there at the same time. Judith Payne, Lindsay Busby, Eve Newton and Eluned have Isobel's mobile number and will be pleased to give it to anyone who plans a visit.

Please continue to hold Christine and her family in prayer.

Vacancies: we are prayerfully seeking

- Jesus and Me leaders: to join a small team to prepare and lead our fortnightly JaM Sessions.
- A Baptism Coordinator: to take the lay lead in baptismal arrangements.
- A Pastoral Leader for the Elders Team.
- AV Operators (More details from Reg or Adam)

If you feel called to one of these roles – do speak to Revd Georgina or Deacon Selina. Support and training will be offered.

Please hold in your prayers all those taking on or considering new roles in the church.

The minutes from the **Church Meeting in May** are now available online or some hard copies in church.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 8 June, Abbey Chamber Concert: 3 pm St Nicolas. Jacqui Johnson cello, Dominic Piers-Smith piano - Saint-Saëns Sonata no 1 in C minor, op 32, Cesar Franck Sonata in A major. Tickets £12 on the door. More information and tickets from: <https://abbeychamberconcerts.org/event/jacqui-johnson-cello-and-dominic-piers-smith-piano-sains-saens-and-franck/>

Friday 13 June, All Saints strawberries & cream Coffee Morning; 10:30-12noon. All welcome

Saturday 14 June, Verdi Requiem; ADMS at the Amey Theatre, 7:30pm Tickets £13 (in advance) from boxoffice@abingdon.org.uk or £15 on the door. Under 16's £1. Online booking fees apply.

Wednesday 17 June, Abingdon Peace Group zoom meeting: From Tanks to Tearfund - one man's journey towards peace. We are delighted to welcome our speaker, Faringdon resident David Couzens, who gave a talk to Faringdon Peace Group recently entitled "Saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war". A tank commander for 30 years, he now heads up charity Tearfund's peacebuilding team. He also works with the "Rethinking Security" network to promote the idea that real security cannot be achieved through war, but through justice and co-operation. "None of us are secure until all of us are. Meeting ID: 882 5820 8710 Passcode: 481757 Please log in at least 10 minutes before 8pm.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258208710?wd=6hbEhisYoGkbGFjanQfpqcXVJQCNMG.1>

Friday 20 June Albert Park Singers Summer Concert, 7 pm St Michael's Church. An evening of classical and pop choral favourites from Mozart to ABBA. Free entry and refreshments. Donations to Enrych Oxfordshire and St Michael's Church. <https://albertparksingers.wordpress.com>

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Gaza: the Methodist Church and All We Can have issued an update to their November statement on the situation in Gaza – renewing the call for peace. [Read more](#)

TRINITY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards making the 150th Birthday Celebrations such a success , especially all the cake makers and flower arrangers. We hope every one had a chance to have a piece of the superb birthday cake made by Rebecca Brawn. If we can freeze what was left over successfully, we might able to enjoy with coffee on a coming Sunday morning. Please take a chance, especially if the sun is shining, to appreciate the garden which Heather and Stewart Townsend toiled over, so it looked its best for all our visitors.

Well over 200 people attended the services on Saturday and Sunday. It was especially nice to see Malcolm Atherton, Ian Griffiths and Richard Bittleston returning to Trinity alongside Georgina and Selina.

The collections across the two weekend services raised nearly £900 which might be boosted by some Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme monies in due course.

Please take an opportunity over the coming weeks to look at the extensive historical display which is in the Church. This will stay in place until September 14th. We are so grateful to Alistair Fear for the many hours he spent delving through the archives in order to produce this.

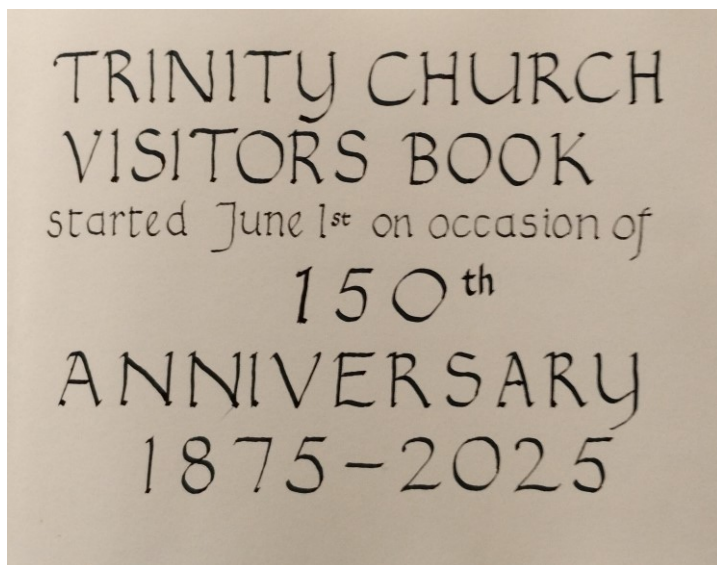
There is an audio recording of the service and transcripts of the history that was read out can be made available on request, as well as the accompanying slides. If you would like a reprint of the service booklet that can also be done. Please send a request to the office. It may take a couple of weeks to send these out. A donation towards production costs would be appreciated.

We received a Birthday Card from our friends at St Michael's and also a card from the Abingdon National Trust, both of which will be on display in the Welcome Area on Sunday.

Also in the Welcome area, over where the cards used to be located are two old prints of Trinity which were put up on Sunday.

Neil Oastler, On behalf of the Trustees

Image: Tony Brett, URC



Please sign the new visitors book which is in the Welcome Area if you didn't have a chance to sign last week.

Two Councils. One Better Future:

<https://twocouncils.org/>

Ridgeway <https://ridgewaycouncil.org/home>

Oxford and Shires : <https://oxfordandshires.org/>

The proposal for two unitary councils covering Oxfordshire and West Berkshire is a response to an announcement made by the Government in December 2024 which will see two-tier authorities, as seen in Oxfordshire, end and new unitary councils created. Unitary councils provide the same services as county and district councils - bringing them together under one roof.

This proposal is being developed by five of the seven current councils covering the area. Together all the councils involved believe this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape and strengthen the future of the public services we provide to our communities. It is the chance to design a new model of local government that delivers high-quality services, improves financial resilience and value for money, and ensures we are able to maintain truly local representation.

Vital to our ambitions, we recognise the importance of local identity and strong engagement with our communities, businesses and local public service providers. We will work closely with those most affected by these changes to hear their thoughts, ideas, and aspirations to shape a future that reflects what's important to them priorities.

Over the next few weeks we will be holding some drop-in sessions to give you a chance to find out more about the proposal and chat to councillors and officers about the plans: Café Aroma, Abingdon - Friday 13 June between 10am - 2pm

[Get Involved, Find out more, Respond to the Survey](#)

All Saints Church, Abingdon

Future Coffee Mornings:
11th July

Join us for a special
'Strawberries and cream'
coffee morning
on Friday 13th June
on 10.30 - 12.00
ALL WELCOME