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Notices Sunday 9 March Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 9 March 10:30am Morning Worship & Baptism led by Revd Frances Blood</p>	<p>Sunday 9 March 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 16 March 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd John Anderson</p>	<p>Sunday 16 March 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p>

Monday 17 March, The Tubb House Group will meet at 7.30pm at 36 The Warren. We will be discussing Part 2 of our Prayer Course, "Prayer as Rhythm."

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Tim and Ruth Coward would like to let friends at All Saints and Trinity know that at the end of January Ruth took up residence at Beaumont Care Community, Bayworth Lane, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5DF 01865 730 990. She would love to hear from or see you. She doesn't have a phone, but there is a cordless phone that can be taken to her.

We offer our sympathies to the family of longstanding All Saints member **Sue Harmsworth** who died recently. The funeral will be on **Friday 21 March** led by Revd. Georgina: 1pm South Oxfordshire Crematorium, 2.30pm All Saints and afterwards at Sue and David's house, 178 Oxford Road. Liz, Margaret's daughter, has asked that those attending her mum's funeral wear *bright colours*. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 12 February Just Women: 7.30pm Perry Room. Talk from friend who visited *Antarctica*. All women welcome.

As part of Trinity's 150 birthday celebrations, they would like information about how All Saints started out from them. If any of you have any information or photos about these early days of All Saints, please get in touch with me.

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Future Pillars Zambia - Our Skills Training Centre ~ Computer Course ~ is in need of *projectors, laptops and ipads*. If you have any of these to spare, and of course *green jumpers*, I will gladly take them when I go in July.

Easter Egg Hunt & Coffee Morning: Saturday 29 March, 10.30-12 noon. The Uniformed Organisations are organising this event as a new way of linking with the church. The leaders of the Squirrels, Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts invite you to join them for coffee and to watch the Easter Egg Hunt (or join in if you want!) Please note the date *JPB*

Knitting: our current project of 'Fish and Chip' jumpers for new born babies supported by the Nasio project is coming to an end towards Easter. Thank you for all your support. Perhaps then we can move to knitting green school jumpers for *Future Pillars Zambia*. I am hoping to get a pattern soon.

Eileen

NOTICES

Don't forget Keith Underhill's fundraising half marathon for the **Skye High**

Foundation: https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-underhill-1736248913715?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Foodbank: currently needs corned beef, squash (orange or blackcurrant) sunflower oil, honey, plain flour, tinned mac and cheese, tinned ravioli, tinned hotdogs and hot chocolate. Nappies size 5-8 and strong carrier bags also needed. *Thank you for all your donations. JPB*

TRINITY NEWS

Thursday Group Thursday 13 March 7.30pm in the Conduit Centre. Our Deacon, Selena will talk to about the *Joys and Sorrows* of her time at Trinity.

Margaret and Alwyn Langsford thank everyone for the plethora of cards and good wishes that they received for their 90th birthdays.

Do take a look at the copies of Onboard (News and stories from the *Mercy Ships* community) and the *Church Homeless Charity* 2024 Annual Report in the Welcome Area.

The next **Church Meeting will be after Service on Sunday 23 March.**

Papers will be issued soon

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Preparations are gathering apace regarding the celebration service for Trinity's 150th Birthday at **3.00pm Sunday 1st June 2025.**

The Trustees are asking the church as a whole, if those who feel able, would consider contributing to funds to support this venture? This will allow us to decorate the church with appropriate flowers, print invitations and flyers to be sent out within the neighboured and beyond, to have a special birthday cake made and to cater a celebratory tea after the service in the Conduit Centre (or on the lawn if the sun shines!) If you are able to Gift Aid your contribution that would be even better. Gift Aid envelopes will be at the back of the church as usual, please mark the envelope "150 Celebration". Alternatively, money could be transferred via BACS transfer, again please use the reference "150 celebration".

Further details will be shared as they are finalised. The service will be led by our own Ministers Rev. Georgina and Deacon Selina. Three of our past Ministers will be attending and hopefully participating in our act of worship and celebration - Reverends Ian Griffiths, Richard Bittleston and Malcolm Atherton. The circuit Superintendent Rev. Keith Underhill will preach the address, on what is likely to be his last visit to Trinity before he retires.

Neil Oastler

DATES

Monday 10th March - Saturday 15th March Abingdon Artists Spring Exhibition: at St Helen's Church. 10 - 4.30 daily

Tuesday evenings 11/3, 18/3, 1/4 & 8/4, Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church, Park Rd. 7 pm (for about 40 minutes) and lay led. Parking Permits available.

Friday 14 March: Coffee and cake at All Saints. 10:30-12noon. All welcome

Wednesday 19 March – Abingdon School Choirs Concert - Rutter and Mozart Requiems. Amey Theatre 7pm. Tickets (£8) from <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/school-choirs-evening-2025>

Saturday 22 March, URC Online Lenten Retreat. To book go to: <https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>

Sunday 23 March Abingdon School Concerto Concert Amey Hall 7pm. Tickets (£8) from <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/concerto-concert>

Tuesday 25 March, Agnostics Anonymous open discussion group: 6 - 7.30 pm on in the Abingdon Parish Centre, opposite St Helen's Church, "*Prayer for Agnostics*". FREE and EVERYONE WELCOME. For more information please contact Jill Gant (01235 528929)

Sunday 30 March, All Saints' Singers Concert; Ein Deutches Requiem, Brahms. All Saints, Sutton Courtenay, 7:30om Tickets £15 from The Bookstore, Bury Street or <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/76647?>

Tuesday 1 April, Abingdon Mothers' Union; 10:30 am, St Helen's Parish Centre. *History of Abingdon Abbey* by Anne Dodd, *Abingdon Area Archeology and History Society* All Welcome

Tuesday 1 April, 7.30pm via ZOOM: AGM for Churches Together in Oxfordshire. More details later.

Saturday 5 April, Concert in St. Helen's Church, 7.30 - 9.00pm. **Showcasing the work of local young organists,** interspersed with seasonal choral music by Tallis, Byrd and Purcell, performed by the Helenstowe Consort. £10 for Adults, free for accompanied U16's. Refreshments available in the interval. Proceeds to St. Helen's Church. Tickets available from the Bookstore in Abingdon or via the QR Code

Thursday 10 April, LAMPS Collective The Passion: 7.30pm Peachcroft Christian Centre. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are recreated in this moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter story. Told from the perspectives of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion named Marcus, this powerful contemporary drama leads us up to and through the events of Holy Week, to the cross and beyond. Tickets £10 (adult), £5 children (10-18) See more <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/the-passion>

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Look out for the Lent Pastoral Message from URC Wessex Synod Moderator, Michael Hopkins. Online or a copy on the Welcome Area Notice Board

<https://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Lent-message-2025.pdf>

Saturday 3 May, Rejoice and Sing Live: A hymn-filled, songful celebration of the URC's hymn book, Rejoice and Sing, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary. As well as lots of hymn singing, there will be talks, a panel discussion with those involved with the creation of Rejoice and Sing, an exhibition, a scratch choir is also being created for the event. *Tickets are free* and are available from www.bit.ly/reform-live. The café at the hall will be open for lunch, which can be pre-ordered.

New Beginnings



URC Spirituality is offering a FREE online one-day retreat via Zoom, based over three short sessions during the day – on Saturday 22 March 2025.

We will be thinking about Lent using a variety of approaches.

The sessions are:

10.00am for around 45mins - led by Jane Weedon

12.30am for around 45mins - led by Kathryn Price

3.30pm for around an hour - led by Ann Barton and concluded by Jane Weedon

There will be takeaways that you may like to do during the day and there will be the opportunity to share with each other in the final session.

Following our sharing of thoughts and experiences, Ann will then lead us in a short meditation based on two verses from the well-known hymn 'Now the green blade riseth', written by John Macleod Campbell Crum. It is sometimes known as 'Love is come again'.

We will then conclude with prayer.

Please book via the URC Spirituality website at:

<https://urc-spirituality.org.uk/events-and-retreats/>





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Dear knitters at All Saints church,
We at SSNAP would like to thank you
all for the lovely knitted baby items
you so kindly sent, we appreciate the
time and effort that you have all put
in.

SSNAP and the neonatal unit thank
you all for your support.

Best wishes
Donna

FROM NEONATAL UNIT AT THE J.R. HOSPITAL

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