

All Saints Methodist Church

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NOTICES 21 November 2021

Future Services:

Sunday 21 November: 10:30am Morning Service led by Tabitha Griffiths

Sunday 28 November Advent Sunday: 10:30am

Morning Parade & Gift Service led by Esther Miller

CHURCH NEWS

Advent Sunday: 28 November 10.30am. The annual **Gift Service** will be led by Esther Miller and gifts will be donated to the Abingdon Foodbank. Please see separate list of gifts that can be used for the Christmas Boxes. The foodbank has recently completed an exercise to work out the cost of the basic boxes; a box for one person costs £25 and for a family of four, £80. These are the costs for basic items and do not include any toiletries or anything else other than the basics. Thank you for your continued support.

Please note The uniformed organisations have been invited to be part of this Service, so it is expected that the congregation will be bigger than usual. Judith PB

Just Women: Wednesday 24 November 7.30pm via zoom to discuss TV programmes. All women welcome and link is available from *Judith PB*

Quest will meet in the **Perry Room at 7:45 on December 1.** We will discuss the Circuit and All Saints Sustainability paper.

Reading at Morning Services: As you will know, we rely on members of our congregation to read the Bible or other selected material at Morning Services. I have contacted people who have done this in the past to ask them to continue but it occurs to me that there may be people who would like to join the list of readers. If you are such a person, please contact me and I will be delighted to add your name to the list. Readers usually get adequate notice of the passage to be read so there is time to prepare. I hope that this request will stimulate you to offer to be a reader. I will be drawing up the 2022 Readers Rota in the next month so please let me know as soon as possible (01235 524654, williamspaul819@gmail.com) if you want to be included. *Thank you Paul Williams*

Christmas Tree: As so many of you entered into the spirit of helping last year's Christmas tree look so good with all the Bethlehem dwellings, we are asking for your help again. The theme of this year's **Christmas tree decoration** is 'light'. If you would like to decorate either a lantern, star or a candle please either print out or

copy the templates attached to these Notices. Your decorated designs can either be left in the box in the church foyer, or better still please bring them to the All Saints' Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th November between 10 am and 12 noon (see p3) when you can hang your decoration on the tree yourself! Thank you for your help. *Rachel and Becky Batey*

The Church in Abingdon Christmas, have you got your diaries?

December 18th Carol Singing in the Market Square between 11 – 12 a.m. I know this means two days of carol singing but please come to enjoy singing with the Abingdon Churches. There will be no collection simply a distribution of leaflets about Christmas Services. Please let a steward or me know if you are able to come because of the strange times we live in. But above all – COME – Carol singing together is fun and gets the endorphins working!

Whilst you have your diaries out, watch out for exiting plans for:

18-25th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

4th March 2022 at 2.30 World Day of Prayer at the Salvation Army Citadel -again plans to be announced

Finally the latest Christian Focus is out. If you would like to learn more about the activities within the Churches in Abingdon Pam Guthrie has the copies.

Ruth Coward

The “**Young at Heart**” group of **Peachcroft Christian Centre** has invited us to join its annual **Carol Service and Tea on Monday 6th December at 2.00 pm**. In the past, this invitation has been sent to 'Thursday Friendship' but because our group is no longer meeting, the invitation is open to anyone who would like to go. While unfortunately face masks will have to be worn while singing they can be removed to eat and drink the refreshments which will be served at tables.

In order to comply with Covid regulations Peachcroft CC needs to know how many from All Saints will be joining them by 1st December. There will be a collection for Young at Heart's chosen charity. ***Please let Marion Williams know before 1st December if you would like to go.***

Christmas cards in aid of Church in Abingdon Twinning Group are now on sale at £4.50 for a pack of 10 cards. The 2 photographs of Abingdon in winter were taken by Alistair Fear. Cards can be bought from Maurice Tubb

Scout & Guide Christmas Post is back and there is a post box for your cards for Abingdon, Shippon and Radley in the foyer. Each card is 30p – less than half the cost of a 2nd class stamp. The box will be emptied on **Monday 13 December**.

The **Circuit Plan** for December – February is now available. Please contact the office if you would like a hard copy.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 20 November, Abingdon Baptist Church Christmas Fayre 10 am to 2pm: cakes, hand-made gifts and cards, jams and preserves, and gifts with Christmas in mind. Cafe@35 will be offering soup and roll, and bacon butties.

Saturday 20 November, St Michael's Christmas Fair 10.30 am – 2pm. Gift Stalls, Games, Tombola, Books, Cakes, Plants, Paintings, Prize Raffle, Refreshments.

Sunday 21 November: St Nicolas Church, 3pm, **Informal Concert** with retiring collection in aid of Church funds by Arco Strings. Featuring works by Haydn, Telemann, Handel, Vaughan-Williams, Gluck, Charpentier, Dvorak, Franck, Grieg, Radiohead, John Barry & Bach. All Welcome

Friday 26th November, 12noon Mothers' Union Activism Service: No More 1in3, St. Nicolas' Church. We hope to have the MU diocesan display and the 1,500 chains knitted by members. These chains are intended to focus on gender-based violence and modern-day slavery, not only nationally but also locally. Everyone is welcome. Attendees are asked to wear something purple.

Saturday 27 November 10am – 12 noon Advent Coffee Morning at All Saints. Come and have coffee and cakes in the church and watch the Christmas Tree being decorated. Masks on arrival please; no masks whilst seated for coffee. Donations on the morning will go to Christian Aid's Global Hunger Emergency Appeal. All welcome.

Saturday 27 November, Christmas Market at St. Helen's 10.00 to 2.30pm.

Saturday 27 November, 7pm, The Salvation Army Central Southern Area Fellowship Band **Christmas Concert**. 12 West St Helen Street, Abingdon, OX14 5BL. Limited tickets available, £5 per person, please book via phone 07435 075660 or email abingdon@salvationarmy.org.uk

Saturday 27 November, Abingdon Passion Play AGM 7 pm at Christ Church Barns. Please come along if you would like to find out about the plans for the next production. All welcome. There will be refreshments and light entertainment. For further info, please contact John Clare at johnclare.blunsdon@gmail.com.

27 November 7.30pm Warming Up for Christmas Quiz Night! - fundraising for Future Pillars, Zambia. See separate flier

Tuesday 30 November, Silent Reflections at 7.30 pm in St Michael and All Angels. Entry will be through the North door (opposite Albert Park). The wearing of masks is still recommended in areas of close contact. Final prayers will be at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be available. Sue Sheppy will introduce material on the theme: Light in our darkness. A copy will be emailed to all those on our list, and made available on St Michael's website. Paper copies will be available in church. (NB There will be no Silent Reflections in December.)

Thursday 2 December, Moving into Stillness: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes, St Michael and All Angels on from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided between the two sessions.

Saturday 4 December, St Leonard's Church, Sunningwell 3.30pm and 7pm: LAMPS Collective presents **Bread and Starlight** - the story of Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. In this one-woman show for Advent, the character of Elizabeth reflects on the months of her pregnancy and a very special Advent visitor. Motherhood, mystery and miracles are the themes of this grown-up pause for breath

before Christmas. Tickets £10.00

3.30pm performance: <https://buytickets.at/lampscollective1/604943>

7pm performance: <https://buytickets.at/lampscollective1/605062>

CIRCUIT NEWS

God in Love Unites Us:

Keith Underhill, the Circuit Superintendent, invites us all to a Circuit Update on
Wednesday 24 November.

Topic: Circuit "God in love unites us" update meeting

Time: Nov 24, 2021 07:30 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/93879777841?pwd=R0FHOCtTTVdCREJqK1NDemhBaGNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 938 7977 7841

Passcode: 193785

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRF, based in Abingdon, is looking for **Anna Chaplaincy church lead**: The focus of the role is on growing the Anna Chaplaincy network, working with denominations, individual churches and church groups to get Anna Chaplaincy started and established. If you have experience of working with different church denominations and structures and have an awareness of ageing and its challenges, then you could be the person we're looking for. Please see [website](#) for more information.

TrinityLearning: Calling all crocheters! Can you put your stitching skills to good use to make some pals for these lonely bears? One little bear is sent out

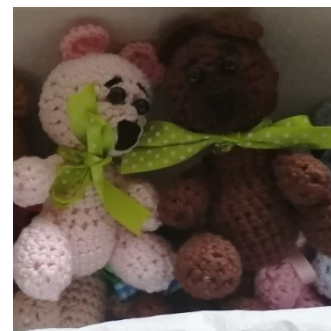


with each TrinityLearning Bereavement Pack, a pack designed for adults who are working with bereaved children in schools, and we know they are a very welcome addition. We'll supply the pattern, wool, stuffing, buttons etc. we just need

your crochet know-how! If you're interested, we would love to hear from you so please email nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

We are also looking for enthusiastic people to join our regular Kingfisher Singing Group. The group meets once a week to

sing nursery rhymes and action songs with children with a range of disabilities. It's a joyful, exciting and rewarding activity that takes just 1 hour per week! Email nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more. All our volunteers receive full training and ongoing support. To find out more about volunteering with us, visit <https://bit.ly/2SloZCJ>



WORSHIP in the Circuit

Orders of Service for Worship at Home are made available on-line or in hard copy. Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. To join or find out more please contact him - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

A short **Act of Worship** will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)



Abingdon Foodbank Christmas Collection 2021



Last Christmas we gave out Christmas hampers to over 200 local households. As well as Christmas goodies, the parcels contained gifts for children provided by Abingdon Community Events' Toy Drive.

This year, we are doing the same and so are asking for donations of the items below with best before dates of 26th Dec or later:

Tins of ham	Mince pies
Tins of salmon	Tins of fruit
Tins of potatoes	Jars of pickles/chutney
Tins of carrots	Crackers for cheese
Tins of peas	Sweet biscuits
Gravy granules	Seasonal cakes
Cranberry sauce	Sweets
Stuffing	Chocolates
Christmas puddings	Crisps and savoury snacks
Tins of custard	Toiletries

Small donations can be dropped off during normal Foodbank sessions but **for larger group donations please contact us on christmas@abingdon.foodbank.org.uk for a slot between 29/11 – 10/12** so we can be there to meet you. We do need to stagger receipt of donations to avoid a logjam!

Thank you for your support!

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Future Pillars Zambia Warming Up for Christmas Quiz Night! 27 November 7.30pm

On Saturday 27th November 2021, starting at 7.30pm, you are warmly invited to join our virtual quiz from the comfort and safety of your own home. Via ZOOM, you will face 6 rounds of differing subjects, with 10 questions in each round. This event is in aid of the **FPZ autumn SHOE appeal**. All donations will go towards the cost of shipping donated shoes to Zambia.

What do you have to do to take part?

- Think of a **team name** – no more than 6 adults in a team, but children can also take part.
- Make a **donation** to the appeal page [here](#). We ask that each team donates a minimum of £5.
- Assemble your team from family and friends, *adhering strictly to the COVID restrictions that will apply to you on the date of the quiz*. We suggest that, where possible, your team has a range of ages and interests
- Once you have donated and your team is organised, please **email** trustees@futurepillarszambia.org.uk and provide us with your team name and the phone number that can be used on the evening. We will contact you with all the details required to have a fun evening whilst having your grey cells challenged!
- Ensure you have **2 electronic devices** for the evening - one to access the quiz and one to send in your scores at the end of each round

Christmas is often a time for families to test each other's knowledge, playing games. Practise for that annual challenge by WARMING UP with us!