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Notices

Sunday 13 October

Worship

| All Saints | Trinity |
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| <p>Sunday 13 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p> | <p>Sunday 13 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by Church Meeting</p> |
| <p>Sunday 13 October Childrey Methodist Chapel - Thanksgiving and final service - 4pm Preacher: Rev Dr Sonia Hicks, the Chair of our District</p> | |
| <p>Sunday 20 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p> | <p>Sunday 20 October 10:30am Morning Worship with Baptism led by Deacon Selina</p> |

The deadline for the November 2024 Triangle is Friday 18th October
Please send contributions by email to BOTH Cynthia Bartlett
(cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk) AND Val Dalby (vadalby17@gmail.com)
OR via the Trinity Office.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Harvest Gifts an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who contributed to the foodbank at the Harvest Service last Sunday. There was a huge amount to transfer and all was gratefully received. There are of course, the usual ongoing needs: cooking oil, flour, honey, stir fry noodles, hot chocolate, pesto and soya milk. Also needed is 2in1 shampoo, toothpaste, men's deodorant, laundry tabs and size 5 nappies. *Very many thanks JPB*



Now that we have a new sound system, the old cabinet is redundant. It is still quite serviceable with five shelves inside and a lockable front. If anyone would like to have it please talk to one of the Stewards or Derek Pooley. It is heavy so it does require two people to lift it. If no one wants it, it will go to the wood recycling place. *Margaret Ellwood*



Church Family Committee are pleased to be hosting An Evening with the **Nasio Trust at All Saints on Saturday 2nd November**. We are delighted that Nasio's founder and CEO Nancy Hunt will be joining Sue Russell and her grandchildren, who will be talking about their recent experiences there, and the latest project developments. The evening will include a typical Kenyan meal! Donations to the Nasio Trust welcome on the night. Please sign up on the foyer sheet ASAP if you'd like to come. *Anne M*

Abingdon Marathon will take place on **Sunday 20 October**. Some road closures are planned for the start of the marathon and in other places stop/go boards will be used to ensure the runners can run in safety. This might affect journeys to church from some locations. Details can be found at:

<https://www.abingdonmarathon.org.uk/race-information>

TRINITY NEWS

Georgina and the Trustees wish to acknowledge their gratitude for the anonymous donation of money for the purchase a new chair to be used by the Presbyter leading services.

Don't forget: **Church Meeting, Sunday 13 October**,
after Service. Papers are available on line or in the Church.
The **Church ACM will be on Sunday 17 November**, after Service

Come and join the team on Christmas Day 2024

For a number of years churches in Abingdon have welcomed people who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. This year on Christmas Day we will be inviting 60 people to have a two course lunch for free with us at Peachcroft Christian Centre. We need a number of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please email Christmaslunch24@peachcroftcc.org as soon as possible.

Role includes:

Event Helpers (11:30-16:30) - A variety of roles, from greeting guests, table service of food and drink, talking and eating with guests

Cleaning crew - Arrive at 15:30 to wash up and tidy up the Church

Finance (Christmas Day attendance optional) Write the budget, keep records of income and expenditure.

Posters to invite guests will follow soon, however, if you know someone who would like to come, please send an email with details to Christmaslunch24@peachcroftcc.org and a member of the team will be in touch.

DATES

Sunday 13 October, Abbey Chamber Concert, 3pm St Nic's. Tickets £12 on the door Dvorak Piano Quartet no 2, Mozart Piano Trio in G major K.564. The Amalfi Piano Quartet Andrew Blankfield piano, Claire Parkin violin, Adam Clarke viola, Emma Chamberlain cello

Building the Church

This Autumn Selina is leading a series of conversations reflecting on our call to mission, evangelism and growth. The next 'conversation' on **Evangelism** is on **Monday 14 October**, 7:30pm at All Saints.

Monday 14 October, Lunchtime music hour at Abingdon Baptist Church from 12.30 to 1.30 pm in the church.

Tuesday 15 October, Agnostics Anonymous: Abingdon Parish Centre (entrance opposite St Helen's Church in West St Helen Street) from 6 to 7.30 pm. Keith Ward will give the introductory talk on '*Do Christians believe in three gods*'? For more information, please contact Jill Gant on 01235 528929.

Music at St Michael's: Sunday 20 October: *Pavlova Winds* will be performing music by Holst and Hindemith. Tickets £12/£10 Accompanied children under 16 free.

You are cordially invited to join

The Revd Dr Charles Miller

when he presides and preaches at his final service

as Vicar of St Helen's Church & Team Rector of Abingdon-on-Thames

on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd 2024

in St Helen's Church at 3 pm

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Simple refreshments will follow the service

Abingdon Church Twinning presents: DNAPQuiz (Definitely not a pub quiz) Join us for a fun evening on Saturday 23rd November from 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start at the Conduit Centre, Trinity Church. Quizmaster-extraordinaire Richard will test your general knowledge with 7 rounds of 10 questions. All questions are on the big screen with an answer booklet to help. Tickets are £15 per person which includes a welcome drink and a ploughman's supper in the interval. There will be a maximum of 6 people per table, prizes for the winning table, raffle and further refreshments available with donation For tickets please contact (at Trinity) Alastair Fear Tel 01235 203023 alastair.fear@gmail.com or Margaret Greaney Tel 01235 534900 margaret_greaney@hotmail.co.uk or (at All Saints) Maurice Tubb.

NEWS & NOTICES

The Northampton District Prayer Diary 2024/25 is now available from <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/lib/district-prayer-diary-northampton-2024-2025-F877492.pdf>

Or ask the Office for a hard copy.

Wednesday 27th November 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Spiritual Abuse Webinar, organised by the URC. For more information contact the Office. Seminar will be online – to book use <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-qjpngzd>

Black History Month 2024



October marks Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The event began in the US in the 1920s and was first celebrated in the UK in 1987.

It also takes place in Canada, Germany and Ireland.

It was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but all black people; and gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

As well as celebrating Black history and culture, the event also aims to reduce discrimination against Black people and foster racial equality.

Highlighting the outstanding contributions of Black people to society and the world helps to break down people's prejudices.

Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE writes,

“This year’s theme for Black History Month is “Reclaiming Narratives,” and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

This theme underscores a commitment to correcting historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories and the full complexity of Black heritage. It’s about taking control of our stories and honouring our heroes while challenging the narratives that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals both in the UK and globally.

The journey of reclaiming narratives is not just a theme for Black History Month; it's a movement towards acknowledging and appreciating the myriad contributions of Black individuals throughout history.’’

[Black History Month 2024](#)

A Prayer for Black History Month (2024)

God of justice and righteousness,
in whom is the home and hope of all nations, all people
We uphold before you the history and heritage of black people,
made in your image as are all people.

We light a candle before you in remembrance of all black people who have been
and are denied their humanity just because of the colour of their skin.

We hold before you the hurt of black people.

We light a candle before you in thanksgiving for all black people who have stood
up to and resisted racist structures, attitudes and actions.

We hold before you the hopes of black people.

We light a candle before you in celebration of all black people like Mary Seole,
Martin Luther King, and Sybil Phoenix who have set up and lit up pathways of
freedom and justice for all to walk, to bring us where you want us to be.

We hold before you all the heroes of black people.

We light before you a candle for us all that we all be symbol of your light and
life and love in our time and place.

We hold ourselves before you that we may be delivered from our distress and
find our strength in you.

In the Name of Christ.

Amen

Inderjit Bhogal

Former President of the British Methodist Conference

[A Prayer for Black History Month \(2024\) - Methodist Church](#)

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER – HOMELESS SUNDAY

“Homelessness ends with Communities”



Homelessness Sunday is held on the Sunday before World Homeless Day, and is hosted by the ecumenical charity Housing Justice. The theme in 2024 is ‘Homelessness ends with Communities’, reflecting the fact that the role churches and communities play in ending local homelessness is vital.

A Prayer

For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations outside high street shops and many other inappropriate places.
For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime.
For lives broken apart because they cannot afford to pay the rent.
For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.
For those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are.
For those who are afraid and hopeless.

For those who have been let down and cast out.
For all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope.
Help us not to fall into complacency and forgetfulness.
Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every person experiencing homelessness who we meet. So that we may be empowered through word and deed, and by your grace, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless.
Amen.

<https://housingjustice.org.uk/>
<https://housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/homelessness-sunday>



13th -19th OCTOBER 2024

For nearly 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. Please pray each day during Prisons Week but also ask yourself if there is one thing that you as an individual, or as a church, can do to help any of the people for whom you are praying.

MARK 10:21 JESUS LOOKED AT HIM AND LOVED HIM... (NIV)

The reading for 13th October 2024, Prisons Sunday Compassion sums up our prayers for this Prisons Week, from the Latin 'passio' to suffer, and 'com' together with. We stand alongside and with those impacted by the criminal justice system, as hearts and minds are opened to enter people's pain, struggles, fears and longings. Over these coming days, we pray not only for offenders and victims of crime (recognising that many people in prison are both) - we pray also for families, friends, prison staff, chaplains, police, probation and all who make decisions which impact people's lives.

We are all created in the image of God who came to earth to be with us and to enter into our pain and suffering as well as our joys and delight. So, in these days ahead we will pause to reflect on Jesus Christ's encounters with people when he walked on earth, and his compassion, always offering hope and the possibility of transformation even in places of suffering. Compassion is not a passive word but a word which implies a response. As we are moved by people's stories and circumstances of struggle and longing, may the Holy Spirit prompt us not only to pray but also stir us to act in practical ways, however large or small, as we offer to God who we are, our context, time, resources and voice.

The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek Bishop of Gloucester and Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons

For more information and for prayers for each day of the week go to www.prisonsworld.org

THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and
walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit,
now and every day. Amen.

(All Information from the Prisons Week Website: Prisons Week |)