

#### An important date for your diary...Saturday 31 August at All Saints 3pm

Circuit Welcome Service for Revd. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Please make every effort to attend this important service, marking a new chapter in the life of both All Saints and Trinity. As a Circuit event attended by those in the wider community, present also will be our new Chair of District, Revd. Dr. Sonia Hicks. Tea and cakes afterwards in the church hall.

# **ALL SAINTS NEWS**



We look forward to welcoming you on Friday 11th August, due to holidays!

**Oxford Historic Churches Trust** annual *Ride and Stride* will take place on *Saturday 14th September* from 10am to 6pm. I am asking for Welcomers who can spare a few hours at All Saints to greet Striders. Please contact me if you can help on 01235 521300. *Thank you, Margaret Hoskins* 

**Who is missing? Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training:** Keith will be leading an EDI training session at All Saints (for All Saints and Trinity) on Tuesday 13th August at 7:30pm. All welcome.

For more information see <u>http://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/wp-</u> content/uploads/2024/07/EDI-Training-13-August-24.pdf

#### Foodbank:

*Foodbank Kids Summer Meals Campaign* needs cereals, long life milk, chocolate spread, jam, peanut butter, raisins, dried fruit, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, tinned tuna, cereal bars, bottles of squash, and suncream. Thank you for your contributions. This project will help families who rely on school dinners each day for their children.

*Current needs:* flour, gluten free items, honey, Pot Noodles, Stir Fry Noodles, longlife skimmed milk, cooking oil and lentils + gluten free items. Also welcome are baby wipes, deodorant and razors.

Many thanks for your continued support. JPB

**Future Pillars Zambia**: £310 including gift aid has been raised from the kind donations for Chanda Mumba and Future Pillars. Thank you for the support. *Rosemary*.

### **TRINITY NEWS**

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We give thanks for the life of Claire Hann

who died on Friday 18 July and hold Andrew, Lucy and Emma and Heather & Stuart in our prayers.

Claire's funeral will be at Trinity on *Thursday 15 August at 12 noon*,

followed by refreshments in the Conduit Centre. Heather and Stuart thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy at this time

#### The Circuit Farewell to Ian and Tabitha last Sunday

Many people from different churches attended the lovely service at Trinity followed by a splendid tea in the Conduit Centre. Very many thanks to all who contributed to give Ian and Tabitha a great Circuit 'Goodbye'. So many people were involved in many different ways such as preparing and serving Communion, and arranging flowers. Thank you to those who brought delicious cakes, served tea and washed up afterwards, and to those who put the tables away at the end. A big thank you to everyone.

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The July edition of the <u>URC Sharing the Vision</u> is now available online or in hard copy from the Office.

## DATES

**Tuesday 6 August**: Come and join Abingdon *Mothers' Union* for a Cream Tea,  $\pounds 5$ , at St Nicolas' Church, 3.00 - 4.30 p.m. Bring and Buy, and Raffle. (Proceeds to "Away From It All" Holiday Fund which helps needy families have a break. Money is also made available for a parent or parents to have a day away, and for helping children to go on school visits.)



**Friday 9 August: Coffee and Cake Morning** at All Saints Church 10:30-12am All welcome

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**Sunday 11 August, Christian Aid:** Afternoon tea in the beautiful garden of St Ethelwold's, 30 East St Helen's St, OX14 5EB. Come and join us 2.30-4 pm

**Saturday 17 August, Open Garden & Plant Sale:** 53 Springfield Drive, Abingdon. 10am-5pm. Supporting Maggie's, Blue Cross and Hedgehog Cabin. Entrance by donation.



You may have heard of **Messy Church Goes Wild**, the movement within Messy Church which aims to encourage Messy Churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world and to be more eco-aware in all we do. Over the past couple of years we have been working on

some new session material called the 'Messy Adventures' which is now available and free to download from our website or buy as a book here. To enable Messy Church leaders and those interested in forest/outdoor church, to get hands on with the Messy Adventures, we are hosting a number of Roadshows. Thanks to a grant from the Vale of White Horse District Council, the next one of these will be at St. Swithun's Church, Kennington, Oxfordshire on **Sunday 29 September**, **2.00 to 4.00 pm.** 

Read more about <u>Messy Church Goes Wild</u> For further information and to book your free place, go to: <u>https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/latest/events/messy-church-goes-wild-roadshow/</u>