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A Message from Paul

Hello Everyone,

November is the month of reflection and preparation

We begin with **All Saints** then **All Souls**, followed by **Remembrance** and on to the beginning of **Advent**.

For many with Seasonal Adjustment Disorder it is both figuratively and literally SAD. Actually, it's sad for far more, remembering those they have loved and see no more and giving thanks for the love and the memories. We all give thanks for and remember those who have been examples to us of how to live the Christian life, both those formally "Saints" and those who have been special to us.

Together we gather to remember those who have died and been injured in the service of us all, both in the "world wars" and far too many who continue to die and be injured.

Please remember to be kind to all for whom these times of reflection are especially hard. Do you know someone who you could visit, call, pray for or be there for? Time is a very special gift to offer others at any time, for some, this month, having others spend time with them, listen, care, pray will be so welcome.

Then we move on to Advent, a whole "Season of reflection and preparation looking both to the first coming of Christ and to his return.

I do hope that all of us find time and space for God during November. May Psalm 46 be our constant companion and God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all

Every Blessing

Paul

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Worship in November

The first Sunday in November is when the great festival of All Saints is celebrated. For us it is extra special, as also being our Patronal Festival.

All the Sundays in November are special in some way. On 10 November is the solemn occasion of Remembrance Sunday, when the service will end at 11:00 for the national minutes silence. After the service we will gather, as usual, at the war memorial for wreath laying.

The last Sunday in November, the Sunday before Advent and the new church year, we celebrate the festival of Christ the King.

We will not have choral evensong on the last Sunday this month. The reason is that on 1 December we will have our Advent Carol Service, and we need to save musical energies for that!

Please note that as well as the wreath laying after the service on the morning of Sunday 10 November, there will be a short gathering for remembrance beginning at 10:55, for a minute's silence at 11am on Monday 11/11.

Time	Date	Sunday	Preacher/Celebrant
10:00 a.m	3 Nov.	All Saints	Paul Niemiec
10:00 a.m	10 Nov.	Remembrance	Paul Niemiec
10:00 a.m	17 Nov.	2 before Advent	Paul Niemiec
10:00 a.m	24 Nov.	Christ the King	Paul Niemiec

During the week there are services for prayer at **8:30 a.m.** as follows: -

Tuesdays, Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayer

Wednesdays and Thursdays, more informal prayer

Readers should be aware that different members of the 'All Saints Team' also take services in **McMaster House, St Luke's Hospital, and The Headington Care Home**, but these are only open to residents of these places.

Other services of note:

Friday 15 November, 10:30am, the funeral of Dr Robert Twycross. The church will be full for this service, which will be taken by Rev. Tom Honey, formerly vicar of Holy Trinity Headington Quarry.

Saturday 23 November, 2pm, the marriage of Esther Chang and Jack Wong, of the Oxford Chinese Christian Church, taken by Paul.

James

Armistice Day 2024



Remembrance Sunday is 10th November. Please support this event, Poppies will be on sale on 3rd November, thank you.

There will be short service outside the Church for the 2 minutes silence on 11th Nov which is Armistice Day

Harvest Festival Celebration on 6th October

Many thanks to Valerie and her team who achieved such a magnificent display. Thanks also to everyone who contributed produce .





Scenes from the Harvest Lunch



Paul thanking the Social Committee for the delicious lunch



Thanks to all who contributed harvest photos. It was a convivial and well-attended event.

Peter's Last Service

Here is Peter surrounded by friends after his Farewell service. We will all miss him very much.



What a privilege and pleasure it has been to have served with the congregation of All Saints over the past 15 or so years - with Jim for most of that time and then through two vacancies. I'm sure the parish will flourish under Paul's guidance and direction. I May God continue to bless you as you continue your journey in His service.

My new address is 9, Acreman Place, Sherborne, DT9 3PB.

Peter

We will be including a full tribute to Peter and what he has meant to All Saints' in the December issue. His unstinting support of our church has been a great blessing .

Catherine

Giving - In Any Way We Can

At our Holy Communion service on Sunday 27 October our readings from Scripture, our sermon, and our intercessions centred on two themes. As it was Bible Sunday we thanked the Lord for the gift of His Word, the Scriptures which the collect for the day bid us 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest'. We also heard of the Christian obligation to give 'not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7). As we were approaching our annual gift day (3 November) it was appropriate for Paul in his sermon to remind us that those who have gone before us in the congregation of All Saints gave of their resources to provide all that we now so appreciate about our beautiful church, and we can honour them by continuing their giving. As he said, we do not stand still, and every generation has its own expectations. We need to do what we can to make sure that at All Saints we spread the Word of the Lord in ways that engage the younger generation as well as providing for our obligations to support those in need in our society.

Like the two very small copper coins given by the widow (in traditional translations of the Bible called 'the widow's mite': Mark 12:42) every small gift can make a difference. Paul invited Christine to speak of the work of the Oxford Community Food Bank and Oxford Project Shoebox and she suggested that we could help them by buying just one extra item with our weekly shop to place in the boxes in church. Paul reminded us that giving is not just about money. We can give of ourselves, of our time and our talents. If you have a talent for singing, you might consider joining the choir to help enhance our music. Might you think about joining the welcome team or the coffee makers?

It was an inspiring service. Thanks to Paul and Christine, and to our wonderful Scripture readers.

Janet

Social Committee

All Saints Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 4 December at the Britannia Inn at 12pm for 12.30pm.

The price is £20.99 for 3 courses, £17.99 for 2 courses.

We have booked 20 places. There will be a list and menu at the back of the Church to sign and indicate menu choices. A deposit of £5 per person is required by 24 November to Carol or Susan, with full payment by 1 December. The Menu is also on the Britannia website.

Susan

Ride and Stride



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Oxfordshire Historic Trust, Annual Ride and Stride – 14th September 2024, 10am-6pm

The ride and stride this year was extremely successful. We had three riders – John Glasson, James Larminie and Michael Oberuohuru, and one strider – John McCauley. As well as getting lots of exercise they also raised lots of money. The cyclists visited 28 and 30 churches and John walked to 5 churches. We had a rota of five welcomers in church – myself, Valerie Boulter, Vivienne Larminie, Susan Newey and Paul Niemiec, and 18 ride and striders visited the church during the day.

I want to send a big thank you to all those who took part. Thanks also to all those who so generously sponsored them; we raised a magnificent £600, half of which goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to All Saints.

Thank you,

Carol

CD Review: Scottish Christmas Dance Party: Jim Lindsay and His Band



Well, it's already started, hasn't it? The supermarkets are already reducing the prices on mince pies whose sell-by date is long before Advent, never mind Christmas. I haven't heard any Yuletide muzak in the shops - yet – but perhaps I've not been to the "right" shops.

You need a change from the usual top 20 Christmas Pop tunes, mainly from the 1970s? Well, I may have just the thing...many years ago I was in the all-year-round Christmas Shop in Stratford on Avon. [Opposite the Shakespeare birthplace, if you're wondering...] It wasn't Christmas, it wasn't even nearly Christmas, but this gem was on the speakers.

Put simply, it's mainly the usual stuff put through the musical filtration system of a Scottish Country Dance Band. My son and I walked round the place cackling to ourselves at how seasonal fluff [Marshmallow World, anybody?] and more angst-laden numbers [Happy Christmas (War is over)] ended up sounding *exactly the same* as each other, and everything else on the CD come to that. This is not a criticism.

You will hear things done to these tunes here that you won't encounter anywhere else. Quirky phrase lengths chopped and obliged to fit the regular order of dance steps, whether they like it or not. All suffused with the jollity that so many plasticised versions lose in their dull conformity.

I should point out that Jim Lindsay & Co. are one of the top dance bands in my home country, much favoured by the Scottish Country Dance Society at their regular events. All the same this is not necessarily an easy CD to come by. Amazon have it at a scorching £20 a shot for used copies, which is way too much. Follow the link below and you can have it new for about half the price. It's worth the effort. But, failing that, if you really want a copy, let me know and I'll do the necessary electronic leg work for you.

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You will thank me. I know you will! Haste ye back,

Stuart

New Noticeboard

We have a new noticeboard at the east end of the church, on New High Street. The PCC agreed that we needed a more visible presence there, and I am pleased to say that several times when I have walked past there have been people reading the notices. Many thanks to James, Michael, and Mark for installing the board. Come Spring, we will be able to enjoy the flowers that will spring from the bulbs planted by Michael and James.



Janet

Project Shoebox Oxford 2024

Last year was low key due to my personal circumstances, this year we are back going strong to help people and their families who are clients of the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Services (ODAS); whether they are living in refuge or are part of their outreach services. Clients in refuge may arrive with nothing more than the clothes they stand up in as they leave an abusive relationship. Some are able to plan their departure and pack a bag.



If you don't know what we do, we collect unwanted and unused toiletries, cosmetics, and box them as gifts that will help them feel ready to start again. These are distributed through ODAS to refuges all over the county. We also collect non-perishable food items to help during the first few days in refuge.

However, as in the past we have had more donations than ODAS can use, we have also helped the homeless, people moving on from homelessness, and refugees and asylum seekers through the following organisations: O'Hanlon House, Matilda House, Refugee Resource, and Sanctuary Hosting / Asylum Welcome. The women, men, and families supported by these charities have all been very grateful and felt supported by the help we have given. Even so, the first call on the donations is the domestic abuse services.



So, what do we collect? The following lists give you a few tips:

Any toiletry / food items that are **unused and unopened and less than 500ml (500g) in size!**

Basic toiletries (male as well as female):

Shower gel, deodorant, flannel, soap.
Shampoo, conditioner, small hairbrush & comb.

Toothpaste & toothbrush.

Treats - cosmetics, perfume, mug

Other items: eg slippers, socks, notebook, pen

Women: Tampons or Towels, full packs only.

Men: Shaving items

Basic foods:

Tea bags, regular or herbal, 80 pack
Coffee, regular or decaffeinated, 100g

UHT milk 1l, sugar 500g

Tins of soup, vegetables, fruit, fish – 400g size

Breakfast cereal 500g, crispbreads

Jam/ marmalade - 340g

Pasta 500g & pasta sauce etc

Please: No candles, scissors, razors, medicines, mirrors, bath products.

As babies and children (both boys and girls) also live in refuge and some babies are born while their mums are living there, we also collect appropriate items for them.

It may be obvious, but we ask that all toiletry & cosmetic items are unused and unopened, otherwise we cannot guarantee the hygiene of the item. Any non-perishable food items, we ask that the 'best-before' date is at least 3 months in the future.

Please note, due to storage restrictions we do not collect second hand clothes and toys. Whatever you are able to give, it all helps to build a gift that will help a person and their family start again. We are not asking you to fill a box, even a bottle of shampoo or packet of tea bags is a great help.



Over the years, the numbers of people willing to help has grown, so this year's starting list of collection points besides All Saints is as follows:

Collection Points 1 - 30 November 2024

Oxford (Headington): Headington Fairtrade Shop

104 London Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 9AJ

Opening hours only: Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Oxford (Summertown): Classlist Office (above Pret a Manger)

228 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7BY - use entry phone.

It is on the Second floor, there is a lift! **Open:** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Thame: Thame Therapy Clinic

23 Upper High Street, Thame, OX9 3EX

Opening hours only: Monday to Saturday 9am to 6pm, 9pm Wednesday.

Abingdon: 5 Morland Court

53 Bath Street, Abingdon OX14 1EA

Open 24/7: plastic box outside the house guarded by Orinoco the Womble.

Other locations to be announced...!



At the end of November & beginning of December we will be announcing details of events where people can come and help us with the sorting of donations and packing of gift boxes - but that is enough from me for now.

If you want to see more details of what we have done over the years you can see our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/projectshoeboxoxford>

If you want to organise a collection at your place of work, contact us via [Email: shoeboxoxford@gmail.com](mailto:shoeboxoxford@gmail.com) or [Text/WhatsApp 07367 961 994](tel:07367961994) and we'll be happy to help you with a poster or two.

With many grateful thanks for your help and assistance over the past ten years,

Christine

Project Shoebox is a community giving project; it has been run locally in Oxfordshire since 2014 by volunteers, and is overseen and regulated by Bromley Women's Aid. Registered in England No. 03320296, Registered Charity No. 1068007

From the Editors

First of all a big apology for the lateness of this newsletter, which is due to illness and some technical problems. As ever we are very grateful to all of you who have contributed this month. There was a lot of material which means that some things have been held over until December.

In particular we have decided to include full coverage of Peter's leaving next month. Peter has been very significant in the life of All Saints' for the past fifteen years. We would welcome readers' tributes to him for inclusion in the newsletter. All Saints' will always be indebted to him for his wise influence and steadfast support during a period of rapid changes for our church. We will all wish him a long and happy retirement in Sherborne.

Our thoughts turn to our fellow members who are no longer well enough to join our worship in church; we ask you to remember Eve Vause, Sheila Fitzgerald, Joan Turner, Marian Loudon and Audrey and Derek Woodcock in your prayers. We have all been concerned to learn that Phyllis Bolt and her daughter Christine have been stricken by Covid and wish them a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing them back in church. Phyllis is an inspiration to us all.

We wish you all a blessed and peaceful month.

Catherine and Catherine

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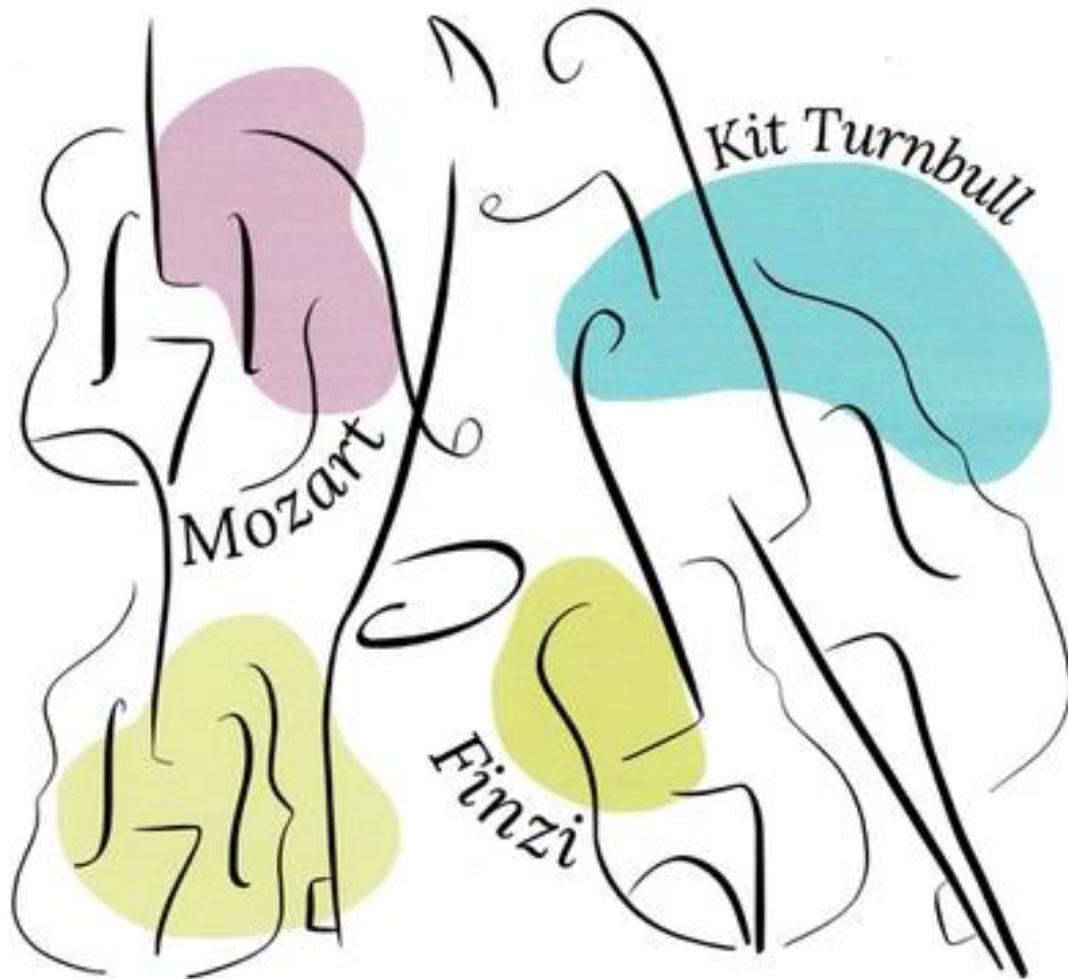
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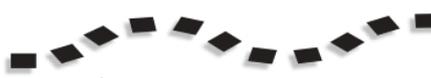
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