

PARISH OF THE HOLY TRINITY



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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*We hope this new bulletin will encourage
our parish's spiritual life in disorienting times,
as well as communicating events & news —
Feedback and submissions welcome!*

Upcoming Week

- ❖ Sunday 10.30–12.30, Church open for private prayer
 - ❖ Sunday [Reader's Service](#) for home use
 - ❖ Archdiocesan [Sunday bulletin](#)
 - ❖ Saints' days in [Greek](#) and [English](#)
 - ❖ Online [9.30 Sunday Matins & Liturgy](#) at Holy Wisdom Cathedral, London
 - ❖ Online [10.30 Sunday Liturgy](#) at St Nicholas Parish, Oxford
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Events & Announcements

15 November, you are invited to join the Joint Parish Newcomers' Zoom at 4.30pm. Please email events1@holytrinityoxford.org.uk for log-in details.

15 November, deadline to formalise or renew Parish [membership](#) before AGM.

16 November, last day to nominate or second Council candidates. (Members who have not yet received information about the election process should [email](#).)

29 November, the [delayed Parish AGM](#) will be held at 4pm.

From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

Our Parish's Auxiliary Association of St Andrew was formally established almost 25 years ago. From the outset it was made very clear that we didn't want it to be viewed as the "women's" association (as is the case in many other parishes). Our Constitution specified that all Parish members could be full members of the Association, and we even included a provision for Associate Membership for those who were not members of the Holy Trinity Parish.

Over the years the Association's most visible function has been the organisation of Parish feasts and fundraisers, and I am very grateful to all the members who have given so much and supported us so well. But the Association has also worked in other areas which are less visible, arranging for the visitation of the sick, for example, and for the help of those in some kind of need or difficulty. One of its stated aims in the Constitution is "To cultivate the spirit of mutual friendship and brotherhood among its own members, among members of the younger generation and within the Orthodox community in Oxford as a whole."

In this difficult time we may want to ask ourselves how this can be done. One answer, surely, must be found in the original vision of membership. If you want to be a member of our Auxiliary Association then you *are* a member. The office holders are there to coordinate the work, not to carry it all out. So I would ask all to consider: How can I best help those I know in this spirit of mutual friendship? Are there people who need jobs doing? Are there people who need to be kept in touch with what is happening in our community? We may not be able at present to visit people indoors, but can we use a phone call or send a message in some other way to let them know that they are not forgotten? What we can do, let us do; and what we cannot do ourselves, let us let others know so that they can help. St Paul reminds us that each of us is an organ in the Body of Christ, and it is only when all the organs work together that the body is truly healthy.

May God bless us all,
Fr Ian

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Please remember our parish in your prayers!