

# 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!*

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### 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

**29 November**, the delayed Parish [AGM](#) will be held at 4pm. To RSVP and receive a Zoom link for the meeting, please send an [email](#).

**30 November**, a virtual tour of St Nicholas of Myra (Bari, Italy) will be hosted by Fr Stephen at 7pm. Please see the OFSJB [website](#) to register and receive Zoom details.

**6 December**, liturgies will begin again — click [here](#) to sign up. Remember that we are limited to 20 people at each service, so please do not sign up for every date.

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## From Fr Ian

Dear Friends,

There are two important events coming up in the near future. The first is our Parish's Annual General Meeting on Sunday. Sadly this year we aren't able to meet in the flesh, and have to rely on Zoom, but we will still have the opportunity to review the life of our Community over the past year and to discuss our plans for the future. It will also be a time when our Parish finances are submitted for the scrutiny of our members, and although this may not be the most exciting of events, it is very important. As you will know, our Parish is legally registered as a charity, and one of the things that we are required to do by law is to submit our annual accounts for the approval of our members. Since we receive nothing from the state and nothing from the Archdiocese our Treasurer will be giving an account of what we have done with *your* money, and it is right that you should be given the chance to know this. Of course we do not require people to become members of the Parish in order to have their children baptised, their loved ones buried, their houses, businesses and cars blessed, or to receive any other of the services of the Church. But for those who are willing to give their regular support by taking on the commitment of membership the AGM gives you a chance to look back at, and forward to, the things that are being done with your assistance, to ask questions if necessary, and to endorse the course of our Community's activities.

The second important event is, of course, the end of our current national lockdown. As I write it is uncertain what exactly will happen in Oxford, but we *do* know that when lockdown rules are lifted we will be able to return to having services in the church. The system will be the same as before — we will have to take bookings for those who want to attend the Liturgy and we'll be doing this via the Eventbrite website. The Archbishop has told us that in Communities where there is more than one priest we should try to serve three Liturgies around Christmas: in the morning and evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> and on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Fr Seraphim and I are currently working out how best to fulfil this directive, and we will be letting you know the details as soon as we can. In the meantime we intend to restart our Sunday Liturgies on the feast of St Nicholas, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

May God direct and guide the work of our Parish and our plans for the future!

With my love to you all,

Fr Ian

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Dear All,

With such cold weather your donations to the many homeless people of Oxford are particularly needed and welcome, especially so this year.

[The Gatehouse](#) are continuing to collect items so as to share them out — please note that this year's collection is only for:

**NEW SOCKS  
NEW UNDERWEAR  
NEW GLOVES  
NEW HATS  
and chocolate bars.**

**New, good quality**, therefore, longer lasting, **sleeping bags** are also welcome.

I have placed a box for any of your donations in the church narthex, where items can be left when the church is open.

Donations, however small, can also be made via the [Gatehouse's JustGiving](#) page.

All contributions are appreciated and do make such a difference to the homeless.

Take care of yourselves too.

Anna (G-Thompson)



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**Please remember  
Holy Trinity Parish  
in your prayers!**

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