

# Trinity Learning Volunteer Newsletter

April 2022

**Spring term is turning out to be a varied one for Trinity Learning – whilst some of our work stays online, other projects are slowly moving back to being school-based. This term we've also held our second AGM, gained a new Trustee, and have new volunteering opportunities to offer!**



**Experience Easter 2022 – we're live!** Our Experience Easter 2022 is now online with new look re-recorded videos from in and around Trinity Church and 384 children's resource packs delivered to six schools across Abingdon. This will be the third year that we've been unable to welcome schools into Trinity Church, but we're thrilled to still be able to 'virtually' welcome

hundreds of school children to this year's event.

**Experience Easter – what's new?** Last year, due to lockdown, our intrepid volunteers had to film their Experience Easter workshops from home, with very little support. This year, we have been able to offer more technical support to volunteers and a snazzy new clip-on microphone for better sound quality! Many volunteers have re-filmed their workshops in and around Trinity Church, which we hope will give a flavour of the 'live' Experience Easter event.



**Thank you:** Experience Easter wouldn't happen without the hard work of Trinity Learning volunteers who have been busy rolling out balls of plasticine and threading beads for us for our children's resource packs. A huge thank you to all for your help.

Read all about Experience Easter 2022 on our website at: <https://bit.ly/3Di1s9d>



**Trinity Learning's AGM** – our second AGM was held online on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Trustees welcomed volunteers, church representatives, and supporters as we launched our 2020 - 2021 Annual Report, and shared news and project updates. Despite being another 'virtual' AGM it was great to be able to get together! If you couldn't make it, you can find our latest Annual Report online at <https://bit.ly/3lfZebG>

**Welcoming a new Trustee** – we were delighted to welcome Katie Doney as a new Trustee in January. Some of you may already know Katie as she has been a long-term Trinity Learning volunteer involved in a variety of projects, and we're looking forward to working with her as a Trustee.

**Thinking Books** - Thinking Books involves volunteer mentors sharing a carefully chosen book with a child or small group of children over 10 sessions. The focus is on discussing characters' feelings to help children think about the feelings of others and develop empathy. There are notes to accompany each of the books and volunteers receive initial training and regular follow up sessions. We are now recruiting for Thinking Books Volunteers to start in September 2022.

## **New volunteering opportunities—volunteer with us in school or from home!**



**Trustees** – We're currently looking for new Trustees from a range of backgrounds to join our current Board of Trustees. We welcome Trustees from a wide range of backgrounds with an equally wide variety of skills and experiences, and we support all our new Trustees with a thorough induction and relevant ongoing learning opportunities. To find out more about what Trustees do and our Trustee roles visit

our website: <https://trinitylearning.org.uk/trustees/>

## **Ongoing volunteering opportunities**

We have volunteering opportunities which are more socially distanced, such as helping to tidy up school gardens, or can be done from home, such as crocheting tiny teddy bears to include in our child bereavement packs for adults working with bereaved children. The school-based volunteer activities we have managed to restart, such as the Kingfisher Singing Group, are being met with huge enthusiasm and appreciation from both children and staff.



If you are interested in volunteering for TrinityLearning, either in a socially distanced capacity, or in a school-based role, such as through the Kingfisher Singing Group, please email Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com). TrinityLearning is committed to Safeguarding. We provide full training and support volunteers through the application process and DBS checks.

**Dates for your diary:** It is time for all child-facing volunteers to update their Safeguarding Training ready for the next school year. We will be running Safeguarding Training on 16<sup>th</sup> June 12:30-3:30pm, 27<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 -12:30am and 15<sup>th</sup> September 3:30-6:30pm. Please email Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com) to let us know which session you would prefer.

**Stay in the know:** Our TrinityLearning Facebook page has new posts added regularly, so it's a great place to keep up to date with news in between our volunteer newsletters. Join us at [www.facebook.com/TrinityLearning-108933674177652/](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLearning-108933674177652/)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes, Nicola W, Taz, and Nicola S