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Notices

Sunday 12 May

Worship

All Saints

Sunday 12 May
10:30am
Morning Worship
led by Peter Hemmings

Sunday 19 May
10:30am
Morning Worship
led by Revd John Anderson

Trinity

Sunday 12 May
10:30am
Morning Worship
& Holy Communion
led by Revd Ian Griffiths

Sunday 19 May
10:30am
Morning Worship
led by Ian Sturt

CHURCH NEWS

Circuit Plus 3 Meeting, Saturday 18th May 9.30am - 12 noon, All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon: The Circuit Leadership Team invite you to the third and final Circuit Meeting Plus event. The focus for this gathering will be **“What should Presbyters be doing?”** as together we seek to discern what their priorities should be when the Circuit staff reduces in September 2025. Please contact Revd. Keith if you



would like to be added to the mailing list for the summary document, which will be circulated ahead of the meeting. keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk

Friday Coffee at All Saint's: 10.30 to 12pm. All welcome.

Come and enjoy time with friends. Volunteers to make coffee still gratefully received. Please talk to Dawn

Christian Aid Week: The Abingdon Christian Aid task group have also created our own e-envelope:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/christian-aid-task-group-abingdon>



Right now, the world is experiencing a distressing surge in hunger. With your help, we're playing our part to raise much needed funds to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.

Thank you for all you do, for your support, your prayers and for your giving.

As always – Give – Act – Pray!

Did you know: you can now recycle empty medical blister packs in Boots in Bury Street?

Foodbank: Many thanks for all your donations, at present the following are needed: Cuppa Soup, flour, hot dogs, instant noodles, jelly, tinned ham, Angel Delight, hot chocolate, deodorant and toothbrushes. JPB & KB.

In anticipation of the school holidays – when families lose the support of school dinners and breakfast clubs – the Foodbank has launched **Kids Summer Meals Campaign**. Can you help by donating breakfast and lunch items such as cereal and long life milk, chocolate spread, jam, peanut butter, raisins, dried fruit, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, tinned tuna, cereal bars, bottles of squash etc. Sun cream also appreciated.

The Abingdon Passion Play is coming up on **June 22nd**. *More people are urgently needed for the main actors and for the crowd scenes.* If you are interested please get in touch with Ralph Westby. (lowbassel@gmail.com)

Wanted: Local children and young people to sing three songs in a massed choir in The Abingdon Passion Play. Radley College has very kindly organised for any children who would like to learn three songs for the Abingdon Passion Play (two performances on Saturday June 22nd at midday and 5pm) to come along at 4.15pm - 5.30pm to the Silk Hall at Radley College on Monday May 20th, to work with choir leaders who lead The Big Sing. Please send names of young people interested to Sally Mears (smears@gmail.com) in advance of this workshop. Thank you.

Hosts needed for CiA Church Twinning visit for Abingdon's Passion Play:



Thursday 20 to Monday 24 June. We have invited Christians from three of our twin towns to attend the Passion Play on 22 June. A good number of people are coming from Sint Niklaas in Belgium and

possibly others from Argentan in Normandy and Schongau in Germany. They are invited to stay with host families to help forge personal friendships and live in our culture. We need people to offer to host them. A varied programme has been prepared for their time but most evenings and Sunday daytime are spent with you. For more detail please contact: Margaret Greaney Tel 534900 or Alastair Fear Tel 203023 (Trinity) or Maurice Tubb (All Saints)

All Saints:

12th May is Christian Aid Sunday, Envelopes will be placed in the Church for those who wish to contribute. Please give generously

The **Tubb House Group** will meet at 7.30p.m. at 36 The Warren on **Monday 20th May**. We will study chapters 7 and 8 of Revive us Again by Leslie Newton.

Trinity:

Housegroup/bible study: This group meets regularly at the Langsford's home for discussion and fellowship. Our next meeting will be on Weds 15th May at 3pm. We'll be thinking about aspects of our faith by looking at the URC's Statement of Faith. Please contact Pauline email revmain@gmail.com or phone 01235 531028 if you are interested in joining us.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 11 May, Christian Aid Market Place Sale, 9.00 am - 12.00 noon. Plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs and DVDs. There will also be a street (cash) collection on the day.

Sunday 12 May, Taizé prayer, St Helen's Church at 5.30pm

Wednesday 15 May, Christians and Muslims in a fractured world: FoSH meeting at 7.30pm in St Nic's church. It will be led by Dr Richard McCallum, Director of the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies in Oxford. All are welcome, and we look forward to a stimulating evening addressing this very topical issue.

Friday 17 May: Deadline for the **June Trinity Triangle**.

Mon 20 – Mon 27 May, Abbey Group Art Exhibition 10-5, St Nic's Church: 5 local artists showcasing: glass, collage, cyanotypes, painting, drawing and jewellery in beautiful surroundings. Fully accessible.

Thursday 23 May Abingdon School Music Awards Holders' Concert; St Michaels Church 7pm. Fre - see <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/music-award-holders-concert>

Monday 20 May, Trinity Evergreen Club: Recycling. 2:30pm.

Saturday 25 May 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Cream Tea St Michael’s Church, Park Road. Join us for an afternoon of live music. Tea/coffee with scone/cake £5. Proceeds to church funds. All welcome.

Thursday 6 June, The Abingdon Bridge AGM: 7pm in The Barn Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, OX14 1PL. RSVP by 30th May 2024 – kirsty@theabingdonbridge.org.uk

Saturday 8 June, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Philip Mader-Grayson. **Theme: *The Joy of Lament:*** exploring thoughts from Esther de Waal’s book ‘The White Stone’. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com in advance. All are welcome.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

God is **love**
Where there **is** **love** there is God
(1 John 4)

Come and join us at Oxford Pride on Saturday 8th June to celebrate the fabulous diversity of everyone.

We’re forming a small but growing group of Methodists from across our different churches and circuits in Oxfordshire to walk together in the procession that begins at 10.30am on Saturday 8th June at Radcliffe Square in Oxford, and would love to welcome you too.

Spread the news!

For further details, or to register interest to help us link up on the day, contact Libby (07874 339996, libby.hawkness-smith@oxfordmethodists.org.uk).

We can also tell you about our plans for goodie bags and church banners!

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