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Notices

Sunday 5 May

Worship

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10:30am

Morning Worship
& Holy Communion
led by Revd Alan Grist

Sunday 12 May

10:30am

Morning Worship
led by Peter Hemmings

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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 Market Place Sale, Saturday 11 May - 9.00 am - 12.00 noon.



There will be stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs and DVDs. There will also be a street (cash) collection on the day.

We need volunteers to help run the sale and collect money. We also need items ie plants, cakes and books to sell.

Plants: Gardeners! Please can you save some saleable garden plants – either bedding plants, perennials or veg. seedlings – and indeed houseplants, in a saleable condition. It would be helpful if these could be labelled.

Preserves and cakes: we'd appreciate home-made cakes and preserves to sell on the morning. Remember, to put a list of allergens with the cake.

Books, CDs and vinyl records: please look out any books etc you no longer want and that you consider would sell well.

Please bring any contributions to the Market Place on the day.

Volunteer helpers: Best of all, can you spare an hour or two to help staff our stalls?

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: This week the foodbank needs coffee, hot chocolate, Angel Delight, jelly, tinned ham, 3 sanitary pads, toothbrushes, deodorant and cat food.

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)

All Saints:

Bob Smith thanks everyone for the 80th birthday card. It is lovely to know that his friends are thinking of him. Do drop in if you are near Bridge House.

The Minutes of the **Annual Church Meeting** are now available on line, or some hard copies available in Church.

Trinity:

Alastair has joined the Through the Roof charity as a roofbreaker. **Through the Roof** offers a helpful church audit tool specifically designed to identify areas for improvement in accessibility. This sounds like a good starting point. If you'd like to join Alastair and Lynette in conducting a church accessibility audit, feel free to contact either of them!

DIARY DATES

World Labyrinth Day, Saturday 4 May: St Michael's Church will be open from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm for people to walk and pray the Labyrinth. In particular we hope to have a good number of participants at 1pm to join in the worldwide *'Walk as One at 1'*. This will be followed by prayers and a simple bread and cheese lunch. All are welcome.

Wednesday 8 May, Just Women: 7.30pm Perry Room, All Saints. *Childhood Memorabilia*. Have you anything still from your childhood? Clothes, toys, other things? Bring them and tell us the stories about them. All women welcome.

Thursday 9 May: Trinity Thursday Group meets at the Conduit Centre; when Ian will be displaying and talking about one of his hangings. **All warmly invited** Refreshments. Another opportunity to see one of Ian's beautiful creative hangings.

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.

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. The concert focuses on those musicians in 3rd, 4th and L6, with a range of solo and chamber items. Please come and support them. The concert is free. The link to this concert is <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/music-award-holders-concert>

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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