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Notices Sunday 3 May 2026 Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 3 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Belinda Kaur</p>	<p>Sunday 3 May 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion with Junior Church led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p>Sunday 10 May 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 10 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Pauline Main</p>

Please join in the
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit
Week of Prayer (4 May – 8 May)
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The next All Saints **Coffee Morning** is in **Friday 8 May 10:30-12noon** in the Hall
There will be **NO All Saints Prayer Meeting in May**, the next will be on 12 June.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

I visited **Sue Gill** last week - 6 years since she left us to go to Grange-over-Sands in Cumbria. She sends greetings to everyone. She has also sent photos of her garden. I shall have them on my laptop this Sunday. *Rosemary.*

Quest will meet on **Wednesday 6th May** at 7:30. We will conclude our studies in John's Gospel.

All Saint's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Sunday 17th May 2026** straight after the morning service. Following this there will be a '**Bring and Share**' **lunch**. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to stay for lunch and indicate the type of sweet or savoury dish you could provide. Jacket potatoes will be provided. *Church Family Committee*

Papers will be available in advance – via the website / email – with some hard copies in church.

TRINITY NEWS

Action for Children: thanks to your generosity we were able to send £360 to AfC, see the thankyou letter in the Welcome Area

The **April URC Sharing the Vision** is out now – see <https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-april-edition/>

Circuit Growth Day – Sign Up Sheet: You are warmly invited to the Circuit Growth Day on Saturday 9th May at Southmoor Village Hall. This will be a chance for people across the circuit to explore together how God is calling us forward. Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm (lunch provided) To help with catering and planning, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, including any dietary or access needs. *Alastair*

CHURCH NEWS

You are invited to **TrinityLearning's Volunteer Celebration Event** on **Tuesday 19th May** 4pm-6pm at the Conduit Centre Hall, Conduit Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DB. As always it will be very informal, with lots of cake!

This will be Nicola's last Volunteer Celebration Event before she leaves in the summer and we are hoping to introduce her replacement as Education Development Officer, Hannah Richards, at the event too.

All TrinityLearning **volunteers, supporters and those interested in finding out more** about our work supporting wellbeing in Abingdon's Schools are welcome!

Please RSVP to nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com so we know how much cake to get!

Accommodation sought: a visiting PhD student is seeking accommodation near Oxford for a few weeks (living with a host family a possibility). If you might be able to help email the Office for more details.

Foodbank: currently needs cooking oil, tinned peas, tinned spaghetti, rice, peanut butter, hotdogs, tinned meatballs, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), instant coffee and hot chocolate, as well as carrier bags and deodorant. Very many thanks for all you give. *JPB*

World Record Attempt! Duncan Bhaskaran Brown (son of Mike Brown & JPB) is planning to morris dance 200 miles along the Thames Path in May. He is doing this as a world record attempt to raise money for six charities in the Thames Valley. There is a celebration in Abingdon Market Place at **5pm on Tuesday 12 May** when you can cheer him on. Thank you everyone for your support.

The annual **Christian Aid Market Place, Saturday 9 May**, 9 am to 12 noon. There will be stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs and DVDs. We need volunteers to help run the sale, and items to sell. **Plants:** Gardeners, please can you save some garden plants in a saleable condition – either bedding plants, perennials or vegetable seedlings, and houseplants? Labelled please. **Preserves and cakes:** Cooks, we'd appreciate lots of homemade cakes and preserves for sale. Remember to put a list of allergens. **Books, CDs and vinyl records:** Please look out any items you no longer want that are in a saleable condition and you think would sell well. All donations can be brought to Abingdon Baptist Church before 9 May or to the Market Place on the day. **Volunteer helpers:** If you can spare an hour or two to help staff a stall, please contact Christine Hutt or Doug Bradshaw at ABC (01235 530080).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 2 May, World Labyrinth Day: St Michael's will be open from 12.00 pm – 2.30 pm for people to walk and pray the Labyrinth. In particular we hope to have a good number of participants at 1 pm to join in the worldwide 'Walk as One at 1'. All are welcome. Parking permits are available for Park Road.

Saturday 2 – Saturday 9 May, Oxfordshire Arts Weeks @ St Nic's: five local artists showcasing painting, glass art, cyanotype, printmaking, mixed media and much more. Open 10 am - 5 pm (Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm). Free to visit.

Saturday 9 May 6pm, Concert at St Michael's Church: Wantage Academy Brass, CARITAS Children's Choir and Wantage Youth Brass. Fund-raising concert for The Abingdon Bridge, TARIRO – Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe and the church. Tickets are available on-line, <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FYLI>, and at the door (credit card payments accepted). Adults £12, concessions £10, 16 & under free.

Saturday 16 May: Cakes & Ale Festival to Commemorate St Edmund of Abingdon: Events all day in our town centre and town centre churches. Talks, concerts etc – pick up a programme from the back of Church [or read on line](#)

Saturday 16 May, Concert, Trinity Church 7:30pm. Handel: Dixit Dominus, Zadok the Priest; Vivaldi: Gloria. Tickets £15/£12/£4 www.ticketsoxford.com/events/dixit-dominus or on the door

Tuesday 19 May, In Conversation with Music Journalist Penny Kiley. Author of ATYPICAL GIRL Punk Rock, Liverpool and trying to be normal. **Wallingford**

Methodist Church 12 noon—1.00 pm. Admission free. *In partnership with Wallingford Bookshop*

ECO THOUGHTS

Eco-Tip for May: Avoid Helium Balloons Please

What goes up must come down! So all those helium balloons that are released at fairs, birthdays and weddings all fall back to earth or into rivers and seas where they can cause damage by being eaten by farm and domestic animals or ingested at sea by seabirds or mammals. Additionally, helium is a gas which is in short supply - both today because of the Gulf War, but also in nature - it is a finite supply and demand is exceeding supply. A third of helium is used in medical contexts, and more is used in scientific research. It is a valuable resource, and should not be wasted in party balloon releases. In the UK there is no national ban on helium balloons, but over 100 local authorities have banned them (and sky lanterns) - including Oxford City Council which bans both their sale and release. We can help by not buying such balloons and encouraging our family and friends to do likewise

Useful Links

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/apr/02/the-dark-side-of-the-balloon-boom-is-it-time-they-were-banned>

<https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/ocean-friendly-living/dontletgo/>

<https://greenwithless.com/eco-friendly-alternatives-balloons/>

Please join in the
Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Week of Prayer (4 May – 8 May)

Praying for our Circuit and Churches:

Monday 4 May	All Saints & Wallingford
Tuesday 5 May	Peachcroft & Wantage
Wednesday 6 May	Grove & Didcot
Thursday 7 May	Trinity & Milton
Friday 8 May	The Circuit / The Growth Day

An example of a prayer you could use:

God of new life, whose Spirit is poured out on those who believe in you, we pray for the members and friends of (local church or Circuit) grant that our confidence grows and our courage deepens, as we explore new ways of responding to the world about us. Amen



**Join us for our
Volunteer Celebration**
All volunteers and supporters
are invited to come and
celebrate our work over tea
and a nice slice of cake!
RSVP nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com



**MAY
19TH
4 – 6
PM**



**CONDUIT
CENTRE HALL,
CONDUIT
ROAD**

Coffee Morning

Friday 8th May

10.30 - 12.00

Coffee/tea, cake and friendship

at

All Saints Methodist Church,

Appleford Drive

All welcome



WANTAGE & ABINGDON METHODIST CIRCUIT
INVITES YOU TO JOIN WITH OTHERS FROM CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

Going for Growth

a day to explore how our churches may grow
spiritually, numerically, in confidence and in faith



SATURDAY 9 MAY

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL, OX13 5BY

10– 3

ATTENDANCE IS FREE

LUNCH PROVIDED

FURTHER DETAILS FROM YOUR MINISTER

200 MILES | 7 DAYS | 1 WORLD RECORD



200 MILES OF MORRIS

LONDON TO ABINGDON AND BACK. ON FOOT. IN BELLS.

Most people train for a marathon. Duncan is morris dancing 200 miles. He's taking on one of the more gloriously absurd challenges in living memory – a week-long dance-out from London to Abingdon and back. He's set to smash the current record of 146.25 miles and raise money for six incredible causes along the way.

Sunday 10th May

7:00 pm

Hall & Woodhouse, Taplow

Monday 11th May

7:30 pm

The Three Guineas, Reading

Tuesday 12th May

5:00 pm

Abingdon Market Place

Thursday 14th May

7:30 pm

Windsor and Eton Bridge

Friday 15th May

7:00 pm

Eagle Brewery Wharf, Kingston upon Thames

Saturday 16th May

3:00 pm

Tate Modern, Bankside



COME AND JOIN HIM AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

RAISING MONEY FOR SIX INCREDIBLE CAUSES

- The Rowan Trust
- Maidenhead Alzheimer's Dementia Support
- The Brain Tumour Charity
- Thames Valley Adventure Playground
- The Sherwood Foundation
- The Listening Post

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