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## Notices Sunday 27 April

### Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<b>Sunday 27 April</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Daphne Savage & Sarah Ifill	<b>Sunday 27 April</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Elizabeth Wood
<b>Sunday 4 May</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Helen Carter	<b>Sunday 4 May</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Revd John Anderson

**Church Twinning:** We will be hosting visitors from churches in our twin towns of St Niklaas, Schongau and Argentan from **Thursday 12 - Monday 16 June**. Church Twinning runs a programme of daily events, but we are **looking for hosts** who could offer accommodation, and also volunteers to host one or two visitors for an evening meal on the Saturday. Knowledge of French, German or Flemish is not required as all the guests speak good English. If you would like more information or if you are able to offer help for this weekend please speak to Alastair Fear or Margaret Greaney (Trinity) & Maurice Tubb at All Saints. It is always a very happy and enjoyable weekend.

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

### At the All Saints Eater Breakfast:



**Reception Into Membership:** As part of our service on 11 May, Georgina will be formally recognising a few people who will be transferring their membership to All Saints.

If you would like to become a member at All Saints on the 11th or at a later date, or would like a conversation about membership, please speak to Sue Butler or Georgina.

**The Tubb House Group** will meet at 36 The Warren at 7.30p.m. on **Monday 28th April** to discuss Section 4 of the Study on Prayer.

## NOTICES

**The Circuit is seeking to appoint a Circuit Administrator.** This is a part time post (15hrs / wk including some evening work) based flexibly between home and a Church based office space based in Abingdon. See p6.

**Graham and Sarah Ifill's** daughter Rose is planning to run her second half marathon in aid of **Great Ormond Street Hospital**, and hopes to raise £300. She'll be competing in the Hackney half in May. If you would like to sponsor her that would be great!

Links to Rose's just giving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rosehackneyhalf?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rosehackneyhalf?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

**Foodbank:** Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated. At the moment the foodbank needs fruit juice, custard, rice, plant based milk, tinned mince,

chickpeas, cooking oil and corned beef as well as deodorant (men and women), toilet rolls, toothpaste and strong carrier bags. Many thanks. *JPB*

**Knitting:** It made an impressive display when all the new baby jumpers were dedicated by Rev Georgina on Palm Sunday. They were all gladly taken home by Sue Russell and they will soon be on their way for the new born babies in Kenya. Thank you all so very very much for every single contribution.

Patterns for the new knitting scheme - green school jumpers for Zambian children - are now available at church or <https://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Jumper-Pattern.pdf>

FUTURE PILLARS ZAMBIA is a UK charity that empowers vulnerable children by supporting the family future school in Kibwe, Zambia. If you look at their website you will see images of the children wearing the green jumpers!

I decided to knit the second size jumper (size 28) and I bought 5 balls of wool. I have used less than half of the third ball so I should be able to knit two jumpers from the 5 balls. (Though at Masons if you decide on a different size you can be helped with advice on what quantity you may need!)

Although I am not an expert - I knit for fun not precision! - I have kept the pieces separate so that anyone who wishes can see the individual pieces at church this Sunday can see how they may look! It may give an idea of how the pieces are shaped. In any case perhaps we can arrange a get together on one of the Friday coffee mornings or on a Sunday any time after church I am usually around. Please feel free to ask if you have any queries or get stuck at all or just want to know if you've followed the pattern OK!  
*Eileen.*

## TRINITY NEWS

The **April edition of the URC Share the Vision** is now available from:  
<https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-april-edition/> or the Office.

**Anniversary Celebrations:** Preparations are gathering apace regarding the celebration service for Trinity's 150th Birthday at **3.00pm Sunday 1st June 2025**.

We are looking for a **host family to accommodate** Rev Malcolm Atherton and his new wife Gill, for the nights of Saturday 31 May and possibly 1 June as he will be participating in the Celebration Service. Offers to Neil Oastler please.

**CAKES FOR 150th TEA:** There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for folk who are able to offer some sort of cake for our 150th church Anniversary Tea after the afternoon service. Cup cakes, tray bakes would be most welcome.

Also, if anyone has any ***paper plates and/or paper napkins*** could you give them to Judith Fear or leave them in the office. Thank you!

***ANY Photographs related to life at Trinity*** over the last 150 years would be appreciated by Neil or Alastair please. Originals can be scanned and returned, or sent electronically. Thanks!

## DATES

**Tuesday 29 April, Silent Reflections;** 7.30 pm at St Michael and All Angels. Sue Scott will provide material for our reflections on the *theme: Forgive* and there will be the opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Final prayers will be at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be available. We meet initially in the church room. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

**Wednesday 30 April, Abingdon Cake Club:** A new fun informal space for baking enthusiasts. Meetings every 6-8 weeks from 7-9pm in a town centre café. Bring a cake to share and discuss baking. Free – drinks available to buy. All over 18's welcome. *Numbers limited, pre-booking essential-* contact [debbiegarrod21@gmail.com](mailto:debbiegarrod21@gmail.com) / 07939 260580

**Thursday 1 May, Moving into Stillness:** circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels from 9.45 – 10.45 am before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am (now on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month only). Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Saturday 10 May, Christian Aid Market Place Sale:** 9 am to 12 noon plants, books, CDs, DVDs, cakes and preserves. There will also be a street collection, as well as an online availability to make donations. For further information, contact Christine at [christine@thehutts.co.uk](mailto:christine@thehutts.co.uk). Donations welcome – on the day or speak to Eluned.

**Saturday 10 May, An Evening in Support of The Nasio Trust** – All Saints Church, 6pm. Organised by the All Saints Church Family Committee. Hear about the latest work at NASIO and experience a Nasio-style meal. To book your place email [annemattthews@hotmail.com](mailto:annemattthews@hotmail.com). Or see the sign up sheets in the Foyer at All Saints and the Welcome Area at Trinity. Donations on the night to NASIO warmly welcomed.

**Saturday 10 May, Labyrinth Day Retreat:** St Michael's, from 10.15 – 4 pm. The day will be led by Jim Bailey, a member of the Northumbria Community. He is a spiritual director, therapeutic art facilitator and retired church minister. Donations of £15 would be appreciated towards running costs and can be paid on the day. Further details and booking forms from Carol Bowman ([carol@manxcat.me.uk](mailto:carol@manxcat.me.uk)) and Sue Sheppy ([susan.sheppy@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.sheppy@btinternet.com)).

**Tuesday 13 May, Dementia – turning understanding into action;** Susan Williams, Secretary of Dementia Friendly Abingdon, will be giving a talk on dementia and the supportive strategies we can all take. 7.30 pm at St Helen's Church Parish Centre. All welcome. Admission free. Refreshments available.

**Saturday 17 May Saying Goodbye Service;** 1pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford This is a service for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any



stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. Babies and children welcome.

Organised by Saying Goodbye, (part of Mariposa International) see <https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/>

**St Ethelwold's:** You may have seen the repair works being undertaken to an outside wall at St Eth's. As St Eth's is a listed building you can imagine the cost and to raise some money for this there will be a Short Spring Walk on **Thursday 22 May** at 2pm ending with Tea in St Eth's garden. Please see attached poster for details, as places need to be booked to ensure there will be enough scones for us all.

### **A statement on the death of His Holiness Pope Francis**

The Methodist Church in Britain receives with deep sadness the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, and gives thanks for his life and Christian witness:

Almighty God,

we thank you that you continue to call disciples to represent you on earth.

We recognise this call in the life, faith and ministry of Pope Francis.

We give thanks for the unique gifts with which you blessed him for this task, and for his obedience in fulfilling all that you asked of him.

Thank you for receiving Francis into the eternal home that you have been preparing for him.

We pray that all who mourn his loss will be comforted and for the Conclave that will elect his successor.

We hold before you the Roman Catholic Church and pray that we might continue to work together for the unity of your Church and for peace, justice and compassion in your world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Read more:**

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/a-statement-on-the-death-of-his-holiness-pope-francis/>

<https://urc.org.uk/on-the-death-of-his-holiness-pope-francis/>



**Wantage & Abingdon**  
**METHODIST CIRCUIT**

[www.wantab.org.uk/](http://www.wantab.org.uk/)

## **Circuit Administrator Vacancy.**

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Circuit Administrator for the Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit. The Circuit is located to the South, Southwest and Southeast of the Historic City of Oxford. The Circuit delights in the worship of eight churches, each church faithfully seeking to serve their communities and glorify God.

We are looking for a person with excellent administration and communication skills. An ability to work as part of a team is essential and flexibility to work alongside the Circuit Leadership team and Circuit Stewards is required.

A full job description, terms and conditions and a personal specification is available on request in our application pack.

A satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service is mandatory

### **Outline of main T&Cs**

Hours of work: 15 hours per week worked over three days flexibly within the week with a pattern of work to be agreed with your Line Manager; some occasional evening work to attend circuit meetings will be necessary

Rate of pay: £15.00 per hour

Location: Flexible between home and a Church based office space based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire

For more information and an application pack, please contact

Neil Oastler, Circuit Steward  
[neiloastler@gmail.com](mailto:neiloastler@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: **25th May 2025**

Interviews to be held week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Post to commence 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**The Methodist Church is an inclusive Church committed to the Safeguarding of all.**



*Join us on...*

Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 | 2pm

# St Ethelwold's

## *Short Spring Walk!*

Historic House & Gardens | Abingdon on Thames

**Ending with Tea in St Ethelwolds Garden**

Meet in the garden

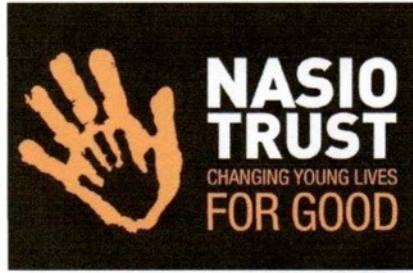
Accessible for wheelchair and pushchair users.

Dogs are welcome if on leads.

£10.00 each. Call and leave a message on 01235 550139 to book a place but pay on the day.

All monies go to St Ethelwold Fundraising Campaign to ensure the beautiful house and gardens remain part of the Abingdon community for future generations...



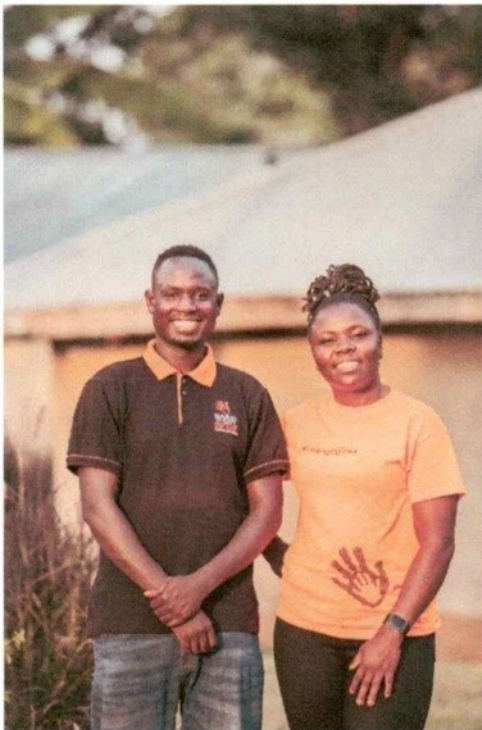


# AN EVENING IN SUPPORT OF THE NASIO TRUST

**Saturday May 10th 6pm**

**All Saints Methodist Church Hall  
Appleford Drive, Abingdon**

HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST WORK AT NASIO    EXPERIENCE A NASIO-STYLE MEAL



OPPORTUNITY TO MEET TWO NASIO WORKERS

**Rajab is a Doctor**

**Eunice is a Social Worker**

In the UK to receive a national award from the

**Egmont Trust**

**'Best Performing Organisation'**

DONATIONS ON THE NIGHT TO NASIO WARMLY WELCOMED

**To book your place**

[annemattthews@hotmail.com](mailto:annemattthews@hotmail.com)

The Nasio Trust is a registered charity based in the UK and Kenya working to support orphaned and vulnerable children and empower communities in Kakamega County, Kenya, to break the cycle of poverty by focusing on education, healthcare, and sustainable livelihoods.

