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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES 2 May 2021

During Ian's sabbatical (1st May - 9th August inclusive) please contact:
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CHURCH NEWS

This week's rhyme

May Day ! May Day ! Someone's drowning !
Not in Abingdon, even where the rain is downpouring.
In fact, we're all looking forward to 17th May
That's the date in our diaries with lines underneath
Testing the waters for the end of Lockdown.
Dreaming of meeting in gardens or town,
And even in Church with no limit on numbers.
Hurrah, Hurrah, we're waking up from our slumbers.

Margaret Langsford



Evangelism Service and Growth

Selina has written up her presentation on Evangelism, Service and Growth made to the April Church Meeting – a copy is attached.

Dates for the Diary

As we look forward (Covid permitting) to being able to worship together as a full congregation, the Trustees have suggested some special events in the autumn. Please put these dates in your diary:

Sunday September 5, 10:30am - Welcome Back Service - Ian to lead
Followed by Lunch in the Conduit Centre

Saturday September 11 - a simple Open Day to coincide with Ride and Stride.

Sunday September 26, 10:30am – A Memorial Service

... for us, as a Trinity family, to remember and give thanks for the lives of those amongst us who have died during the months we've not been able to attend funerals and services of thanksgiving.

Sunday October 10, 10:30am - Harvest Festival

Thy Kingdom Come: May 13 - May 23 2021, a global wave of prayer calling

Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.



If you would like a prayer card, a leather band and / or a Prayer Journal please contact the office and these will be posted to you. Copies can also be provided in large print.

Further resources and information are also available from:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/>

Can you help? I am looking for people of faith over the age of 18 years to complete an online questionnaire, which will take approximately 10 mins as part of a study for my Psychology MSc At Oxford Brookes University. I am interested in the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's religious belief and practices. This study has been approved by the Psychology Department Research Ethics Committee at Oxford Brookes.

If you think you could help with this research, then please read the participant information sheet:

https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_et8nCRIqLQKZrL0

or email Katie Doney on 19043493@brookes.ac.uk

thank you, Katie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christian Aid: Due to Covid arrangements are necessarily different this year, but there will still be opportunities to support Christian Aid in Abingdon:



- 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday, 15th May: Publicity Stall in the Market Place Stall, able to receive donations
- Donate via the Abingdon e-envelope, which makes online donations very, very easy: just visit <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/abingdon-christian-aid-group>

The mantra for this year's Christian Aid Week is "Together we can stop the climate crisis." So let us:

- **Pray** Join in with our powerful prayer movement at caid.org.uk/prayerchain
- **Act** Take action at caid.org.uk/climatejusticepetition
- **Give** Regular giving helps Christian Aid to plan long-term support for more people, wherever the need is greatest.

For more information, visit the Christian Aid website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Are you looking to support children and young people and learn new skills?



TrinityLearning are planning to restart regular volunteering projects in Abingdon schools. Our **Thinking Books** project involves mentoring young children through shared reading and discussion of carefully chosen books. This project helps children to develop empathy by reflecting on their own and other people's feelings. Our **Kingfisher Singing Group** visit Kingfisher School one morning a week in term-time to sing simple songs and nursery rhymes. We hope to be able to restart both projects from September 2021, with training in the summer term to prepare volunteers.

How can I get involved?

Please pray for TrinityLearning, that we might find the right people to support children through these projects. If you are interested in helping out with either of these rewarding projects you need to be over 18, willing to volunteer regularly - usually on a weekly basis in term time, preferably have some experience of working with children and be willing to undertake a DBS. For more information or an informal chat, please contact Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

WORSHIP

At Trinity

In-Church Worship: has now resumed. Arrangements will be the same as previously – ie book in advance, masks to be worn, no singing. If you would like to attend please call the office - 01235 520282 - or book online.

Worship at Home Materials will also be produced, and circulated in the usual manner.

Sunday 9 May: Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings

Sunday 16 May: Morning Worship in Trinity led by Malcolm Newton

In the Circuit

Orders of Service for Worship at Home are made available on-line or in hard copy. Keith leads an on-line Zoom service, Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk.

A short *Act of Worship* will also be posted on the [Circuit YouTube channel](#)

By phone

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

or News: 0808 281 2478 or a

pastoral message from the President and Vice-President of Conference 0808 281 2695

More widely the Methodist and URC are making resources available on line:

Methodist or see <https://Methodist.org.uk>

Methodist Central Hall – weekly Service and catch up

Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission – daily Service and catch up

URC or see <https://urc.org.uk/>



Another of Alastair's lovely pictures:
Trinity in the Spring Sun