

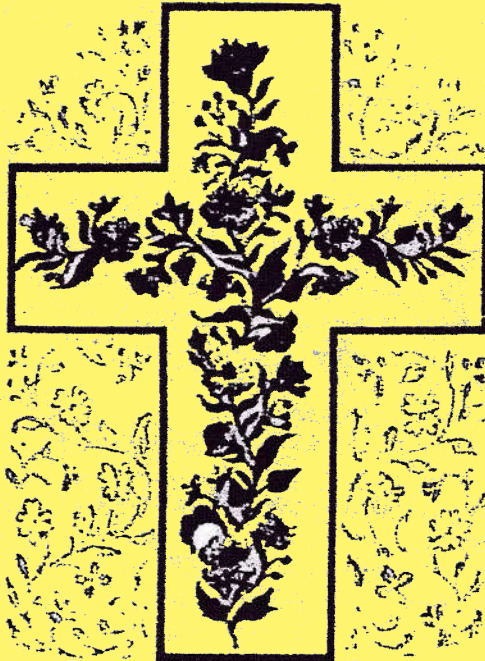


TRINITY TRIANGLE

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JOY TO YOU *At Easter*



'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

TRINITY CHURCH

Methodist/United Reformed/Church in Abingdon

Conduit Road, Abingdon

TRINITY'S WEEK

Sunday Services at 10.30 am, occasionally in the evening.

Junior Church meets on the first Sunday morning of the month during the Church Service. It is designed for children who are aged 3+ and parents may stay with their children if they wish. Holy Communion is normally celebrated at 10.30 within the morning service as announced in the Calendar.

Monday	2.30 pm Evergreen Club: 3rd Monday in month. 5.30 pm Beavers. 6.45 pm Cubs. 7.30 pm Scouts.
Tuesday	7.30 pm Abingdon Operatic Society.
Wednesday	5.15 pm Brownies. 7.00 pm Guides.
Thursday	9.30 am Toddler Group. 7.30 pm Thursday Group. 2nd Thursday in the month.
Friday	10.00 am Prayer Support Group (in their homes). 9.30am Coffee 10-10.45am. Abingdon Larder (SOFEA)
Monthly	7.30 pm Friendship Group - see calendar.

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An Easter Prayer



*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love and praise!*

Brian Wren



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Minister's Letter

“The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” (Luke 24: 13-35)

In the sixties and seventies, a wall hanging that adorned the walls of many homes read:

“Christ is the head of this house
The unseen guest at every meal
The silent listener to every conversation.”

The anonymous verse reminds me of Jesus' appearance to the two grieving and confused disciples, who were making their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus – the lectionary reading for the third Sunday of Easter. Cleopas and his companion were clearly miserable from the events of previous days that had led to Jesus' death. All hope seemed dead to them and they were evidently at a low point of their faith. Trapped by their doubts, fears, worries, guilt, hurts and confusion, the disciples' vision, and their understanding were so clouded, that they did not recognise that it was the risen Christ, their Lord and Master, that travelled with them. And so it is with us sometimes, when life paralyses us and leaves us frozen, and we cannot see or feel the presence of our God who promises never to leave us nor forsake us.

The journey to Emmaus is both a literal and a spiritual journey. On the one hand it recounts the story of two disciples and their seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to their village. On the other hand, it outlines for us the journey that is taken from not recognising Jesus, to understanding what the scripture says about him, to recognising him for who he is, and finally to giving witness of what has been experienced. Four things stand out in this heart-warming passage:

- Jesus seeks us
- Jesus opens our eyes
- Jesus reveals himself
- Jesus moves us to share

As Jesus draws alongside us on our individual life journeys, let us remember that Jesus seeks us because he loves us. Jesus opens our eyes to enable us to see that he is with us. Jesus reveals himself to us in various ways - through reading and reflecting on scriptures; when we partake of the Lord's Supper; through nature and in many diverse ways through the power of his Holy Spirit, so that we can trustingly put our hands in his; and Jesus moves us to share the love, comfort and peace he gives us, so that others may experience the risen Christ.

In Oscar Wilde's deeply moving essay, *De Profundis*, written in his last year in prison and which discussed his spiritual journey through his trials there, he wrote, "Once in his life every man walks with Christ to Emmaus."

The two disciples' journey moved from confusion and sorrow to joy and hope as they raced with frantic excitement back to Jerusalem; to spread the good news of the risen Christ - the risen Christ had always been with them, as he is always with us.

"Open our eyes, O Christ that we may discern you
in the people we meet,
the meals we share,
the words we read
and the solitude of our own hearts."
(Richard Harris)

May the joy, hope and peace that the risen Lord gives be ours during this Eastertide.

Easter blessings to you all,

Georgina



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We send our congratulations to Lynnette Seymour-Jackson whose deerhound, Gelert, won second prize in the Good Citizen Dog category at Crufts.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been unwell recently or have been unable to come to church.

"In You, Father, we are one family in earth and heaven"

Trinity Evergreen Club - Monday 20 April

Martin Wackenier is coming to The Club to give a talk on photography and of course he will be bringing lots of his cards for us to buy. This promises to be a most interesting afternoon. We meet at 2.30 and there will be the usual refreshments and raffle

Tricia Cook

*Be Thou a bright flame before me
Be Thou a guiding star above me
Be Thou a smooth path below me
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me
Today tonight and forever*

St Columba

The Story Of Gelert

The Welsh Prince Llywelyn the Great lived in a palace in Snowdonia in the thirteenth century. He was a keen huntsman who had many hunting hounds, but his favourite was Gelert. One day Llywelyn sounded his horn to summon his hounds to go hunting, but Gelert did not appear, so he went without him.

When Llywelyn returned, Gelert came bounding towards him, but Llywelyn could see blood on Gelert's jaws. Llywelyn panicked that the blood was that of his baby son, who he had left in his cradle. He rushed to the nursery, only to find, to his horror, the cradle upturned and empty and the walls splattered with blood. There was no sign of his son.

He panicked, supposing the blood was that of his son and that Gelert had killed the baby. Prince Llywelyn, maddened by grief, took his sword and killed Gelert. As Gelert lay dying Llywelyn heard the baby cry, unharmed, from underneath the upturned cradle. Beside him was the dead body of a huge wolf. Llywelyn then realised that Gelert had saved his son from the wolf.

Distraught, he carried Gelert outside the castle walls and sorrowfully buried him there. Beddgelert is now a village whose name means "The grave of Gelert".

Every year thousands of people visit Gelert's grave. The story may owe as much to legend and myth as historical truth, but we know there was certainly a 13th century Prince Llywelyn.

As a child growing up in Cardiff I well remember how upsetting this story was to us all every time we heard it.

Carolyn Hawkes.



Gelert's Grave in 2012



- Thurs 2nd **7.00pm** **Maundy Thursday United Service at All Saints**
led by Georgina
- Fri 3rd **10.00am** **Good Friday United Service at Trinity** led by
Georgina
Followed by the **Church in Abingdon Walk of
Witness** and Service in the town centre starting
at **11.45am**
Note: No SOFEA this week
- Sat 4th **8pm** Trinity invited to join with St Michael's Park Road
for their Easter Vigil Service
- Sun 5th **10.30am** **EASTER SUNDAY Morning Worship with
Communion** led by Georgina
- Thurs 9th 7.30pm Thursday Group: Bring a poem/recitation to
share- Pauline Main
- Fri 10th 10.30am Virtual Prayer Support Group
9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder
- Sun 12th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings
- Mon 13th 5.30pm Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
- Wed 15th 5.15pm Brownies 7.00pm Guides
- Thurs 16th 9.30am Trinity Toddler Group
- Fri 17th 10.30am Virtual Prayer Support Group
9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder
Deadline for May issue of Triangle
- Sun 19th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Carolyn Luscombe
- Mon 20th 2.30pm Evergreen: Martin Wackenier: A talk on
photography
5.30pm Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
- Wed 22nd 5.15pm Brownies 7.00pm Guides

Thurs 23rd	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group
Fri 24th	10.30am	Virtual Prayer Support Group
Sun 26th	10.30am	9.30am Coffee 10.00 – 10.45am SOFEA Larder Morning Worship led by Revd. Wayne Hawkins 6.30pm Evening Worship led by members of the congregation
Mon 27th	5.30pm	Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
Wed 29th	5.15pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 30th	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group



Sun 3rd May 10.30am Morning Worship led by Georgina

EVENING SERVICES

* 24 May (same day as collaborative local arrangement at All Saints)

* 28 June They will be at 6:30 pm in Trinity Church (usually about 45 minutes).

Led by members of the congregation

Deadline for May issue of the Triangle Friday 17th April

Please send contributions to Cynthia (cynbartlett@yahoo.co.uk)
AND to Val (vadalby17@gmail.com) or via the Office.

Experience Easter 2026 – off to a great start!

We are in the middle of our annual two-week Experience Easter event, and this year is proving to be a super busy one.



Many schools are bringing more than one class this year to the sessions at Trinity Church, while others are taking part online through our videos. In total seven schools will be bringing 271 children to church sessions and around 267 children from three schools will be taking part in their classrooms through our website. A record-breaking total of 538 for Experience Easter attendance!

We've been particularly excited about the involvement of one school, located some distance from Abingdon, who brought 20 children on the service bus to our live Experience Easter so that they could then return to school and deliver the workshops to another 88 children in their school.

Bringing the Easter Story to Life Through Hands-On Learning

Through activities like bead threading, hand washing, and making plasticine models, children are able to explore the Easter story in a hands-on way. These interactive moments help bring the story to life and allow children to engage with it in a fun and meaningful way.

Teacher feedback from the first week of the event has been extremely positive and is really valuable for ensuring we are on the right track: “The activities were really engaging and thought-provoking, allowing the children to reflect on each part of the story.

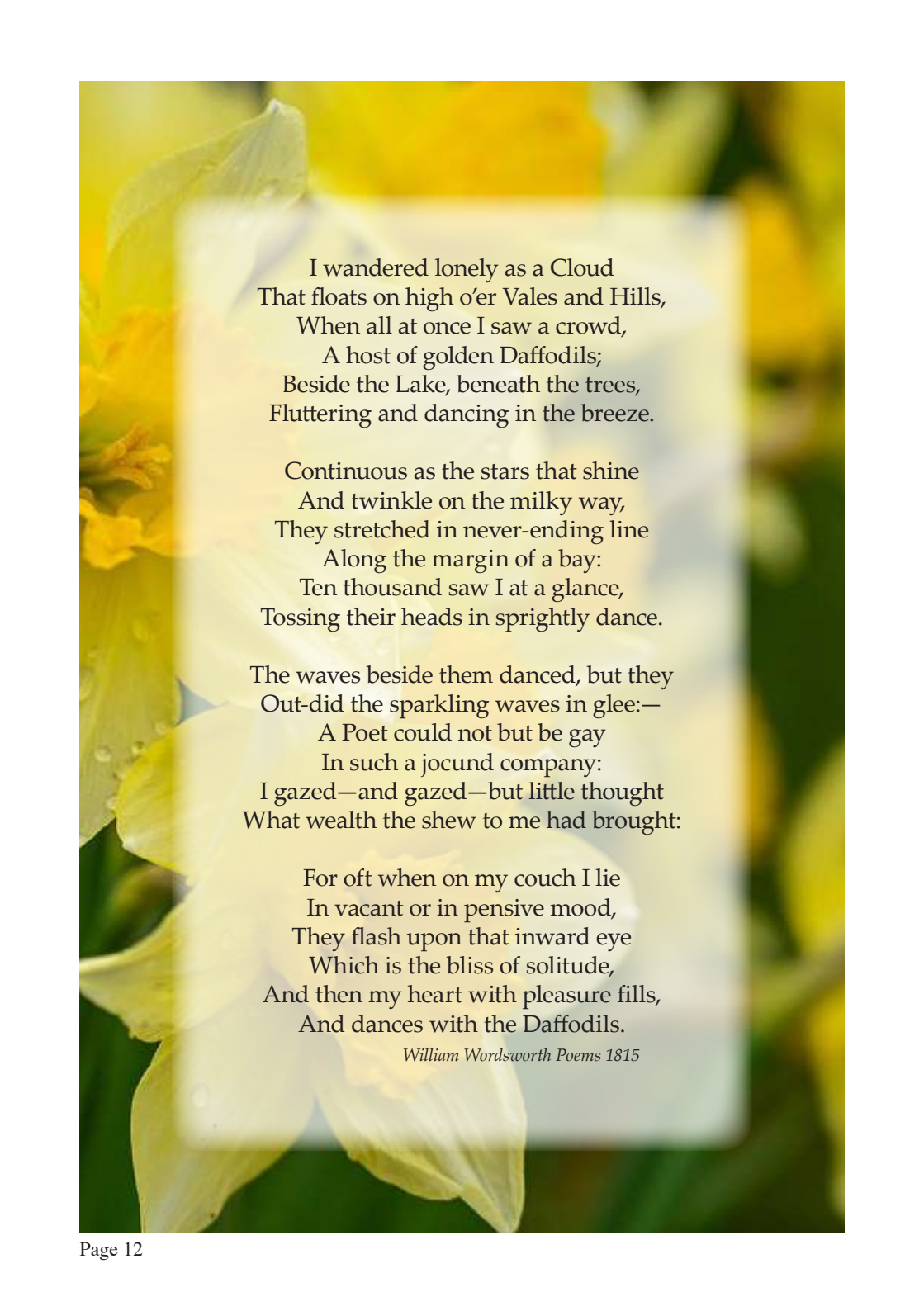


“A really peaceful experience. All of the children were able to access it and were engaged at all times. All leaders and volunteers were brilliant. It was pitched at the right level too. Thank you.”

As always, our volunteers have been amazing. In the run-up to the event they helped prepare resources for hundreds of activity packs for the children – including rolling plasticine and threading beads and making up the packs. They have also helped us to prepare the church and make and set up the beautiful tomb and during the sessions they’ve been supporting as fantastic storytellers and helpers.

We look forward to sharing a full round-up once the event finishes!





I wandered lonely as a Cloud
That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden Daffodils;
Beside the Lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:—
A Poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the shew to me had brought:

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the Daffodils.

William Wordsworth Poems 1815



The Church in Abingdon: Christian Aid



Ever since the establishment of the Church in Abingdon, there has been a local Christian Aid task group which has continued the work of the Christian Aid Committee in the town for well Over 50 years. Sadly, this task group is about to lose over half of its members and now needs new volunteers to join to enable the work of Christian Aid in Abingdon to continue as effectively as it has in the past. If you, or your church, are interested in finding out more about what being part of the task group involves, please contact Christine Hutt at christine@thehutts.co.uk.

Abingdon Street Pastors - helping to make the community a safe place

Street Pastors is a worldwide network of Christian volunteers from local churches who have concern for the community and provide help as needed in neutral and reassuring ways at the point of need. Abingdon Street Pastors has been part of the night-time economy in the town centre on Saturday nights since 2011, going out from about 10 pm till everyone is safely on their way home. We work in close collaboration with the police, the local council and other local groups and bodies. We would love to have more volunteers working with us - either as Street Pastors out on the street or as Prayer Pastors who stay and pray at our base during a shift. If you feel that this is something close to your heart and would like to give it a try, please contact the Coordinator Debra Mcknight at abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk.

To contact Abingdon Street Pastors,
please ring the Coordinator
on 07896 860381.

For help on a shift night between 10 pm and 2 am,
please ring the team on 07521 463802.



EASTER

*COME EASTER, with your golden key,
unlock the winter's mystery.
Such treasures wait upon your will,
reveal the golden daffodil.
Unlock the tulip's hard green case and
set the jonquil in her place.
For Spring is dancing at your side,
and when the door is open wide,
we shall discover hope anew where frosts
of grief have changed to dew.
And we shall know in joy sublime that God
was with us all the time,
guiding us through
frost and storm to
Easter days and sunshine warm.*





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