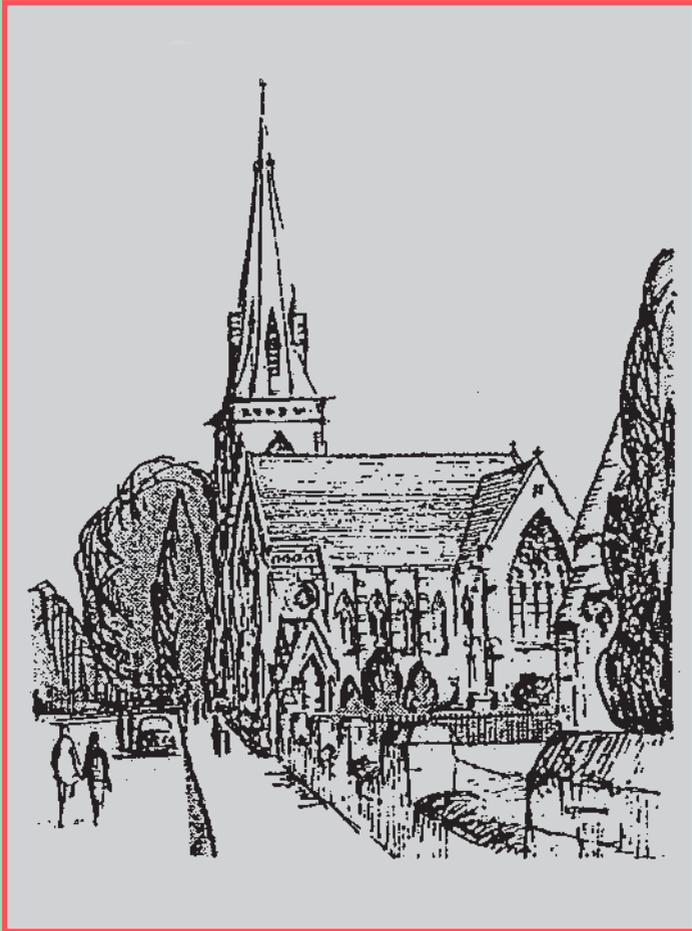


# TRINITY TRIANGLE

JUNE 2022



*'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 4.00pm.

JAM (Jesus and Me) normally meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday morning during the Church Service. It is designed for children who are aged 3+ and parents may stay with their children if they wish.

Communion is normally on third Sunday of the month at 10.30am and as announced in the Calendar.

<b>Monday</b>	2.00 pm Evergreen Club: 3rd Monday in month. 2.00 pm The Stroke Club: 4th Monday in month. 5.30 pm Beavers. 6.45 pm Cubs. 7.15 pm Scouts.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30 pm Abingdon Operatic Society.
<b>Wednesday</b>	5.00 pm Brownies. 7.00 pm Guides.
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am Toddler Group. 7.30 pm Thursday Group. Ladies' Monthly Meeting.
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am Prayer Support Group (in their homes).
<b>Monthly</b>	7.30 pm Friendship Group - see calendar.

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### *Loving Father*

*Grant us a vision of our world as your love would make it:*

*A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;*

*A world where the benefits of civilised life are shared,  
and everyone can enjoy them;*

*A world where different races and cultures live in tolerance and  
mutual respect;*

*A world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love.*

*And give us the inspiration and courage to build it:*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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## Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

'Seek ye first the kingdom of God' used to be a favourite hymn in the church I grew up in, partly because we used to like singing it in a round. That first line is often a wonderful reminder to us all of what God calls us to. We are called by God to become followers of Jesus, to reflect his love, joy and compassion in the world. We are also expected to call upon the wisdom of God in all things.

Seeking the wisdom of God is not always an easy thing to do. I remember so often parents and teachers saying something like, "God gave you a brain, use it!", which is, of course, true. But when do we learn to lean on the wisdom of God which may differ from our own ideas? When do we say, 'Not our way, but your will be done.'?

Just as the first line of that hymn serves as a constant reminder, so too does the task of seeking God's will in all things. In some, the choices before us may be simple and easy. Yet others are more complex and challenging. As we learn to live with Covid, many remain cautious and many are keen to get on with living as they did before. The questions we face, whether it is to mask or not to mask, or whether to meet in person or stay at home, are questions we can only answer for ourselves. The question we as Trinity Church ask, is how do we best love and care for each other?

This is one of the questions we will ask at our next Church Meeting on Thursday 16 June, 7:30 in Church. We will also be bringing a fuller update about all the work that has been going on behind the scenes on the questions of Sustainability. On the Sunday when Nicola from TrinityLearning told us of what they had been doing and how they had responded to Covid, she said to me something else. She said she was amazed at how our church family at Trinity reaches into the community, far and wide. It was lovely to hear. It was yet another affirmation that God calls us to minister and to mission from Trinity Church, and how often this is not always seen or noticed or celebrated. Yet God is at work in us and through us, and is seen by others.

Above all things, we seek to be faithful to the God who loves us beyond measure. My prayer is that as we do this, we may be filled with his love and his joy and become bold witnesses for Christ as we are confident that God is with us.

Wishing you all every blessing

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the name 'Iain', written in black ink.

## Church Family News

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Jenny Cadman who died in The John Radcliffe Hospital on Thursday, 12th May after a mercifully short illness. The Church family will miss Jenny but were thankful that she did not suffer a long illness. Jenny helped at Evergreen Club, Toddler Group and also worked with the Catering Committee for church events. We send our best wishes and sympathy to Jenny's sons and family.

Abigail Perrow, a member of Aston Tirrold URC Church, has been accepted by the URC for training for the ministry and we send her our best wishes and congratulations. Abigail is the daughter of David and Rosemary Perrow: Rosemary was instrumental in setting up Trinity Learning which has done and continues to do so much for the schools in Abingdon.

We look forward to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen with a special family service led by Selina on June 5th.

On 6th June, Jenny Cadman whose funeral is at 1pm at Trinity followed by tea in The Conduit Centre

*We remember all who mourn at this time.*

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

### **Evergreen Club - Monday 20th June**

We are going to have a talk about The Abingdon Bridge. This is a local charity that this Church has been supporting for many years. It aims to help local young people, and we will learn how they do this in many different ways.

As usual there will be the raffle and refreshments.

Normal start time at 2.0 pm.

Tricia Cook

# TRINITY JUNE FAIR

## Saturday June 18th 2022

Just a reminder that the June Fair will include cakes, socks, jewellery, toiletries, toys, books and plant stalls and a Bottle Raffle and a Hamper Raffle. All contributions to these stalls will be greatly appreciated.

We hope for Games from the Uniformed organisations, or other groups, as well as Ice Cream. If you can, please invite shops or your neighbours to donate. There will NOT be a Bric-a-Brac stall as people are getting rid of unwanted goods and so will not really want to buy any more.

If you have, at home, watches or jewellery, even if they are broken, be assured that they will be properly valued by a jeweller and the Church will then be offered a fair price for them. This has worked well for some years now.

WANTED Lots of NEW SOX! Not for a Giant Centipede with cold feet! But for our gift stall. New socks for adults, children, babies, toddlers, any colour or pattern, all will be gratefully received. Please pop them into the box in the vestibule in the Church or give them to Doreen Keaney or Eve Newton.

You will be delighted to know bacon butties can be tucked into when you're ready for something to eat!

**Note: Plant Stall: If you have any plants to donate to the stall, they will be most welcome.**

**If you wish, I could collect them from you the day before, Friday 17th, between 4-5pm  
Petronella 01865 340155**



# **make them count**

## **JUNE IS THE NATIONAL MONTH OF PRAYER FOR TODDLER GROUPS**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- **THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS WHO COME INTO OUR BUILDINGS EACH WEEK, THAT THEY MAY SEE THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH THOSE WHO SERVE.**
- **THE CHILDREN, THAT THEY MAY FEEL LOVED, NURTURED, VALUED AND ACCEPTED FOR WHO THEY ARE.**
- **THE TEAM WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THIS VALUABLE MINISTRY, THAT THEY MAY FEEL ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED IN ALL THAT THEY AIM TO BE AND DO IN GOD'S NAME.**
- **FOR THE CONTINUED VISION FOR OUR UNDER 5s MINISTRY, THAT WE MAY BE FAITHFUL TO GOD'S CALL, SO THAT LIVES MAY BE TRANSFORMED.**
- **FOR THE FAITHFUL AND LOVING WITNESS AND SERVICE, OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND HAVE GONE BEFORE US, WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD.**

**1,277 IS THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS A CHILD HAS FROM BIRTH,  
BEFORE THEY START SCHOOL.**

**WE WANT TO 'MAKE THEM COUNT' FOR THE CHILDREN, FOR THEIR FAMILIES  
AND FOR THE TODDLER GROUPS THAT THEY ATTEND.**

**THE PLATINUM JUBILEE**

**An invitation to  
TRINITY CHURCH, ABINGDON  
FOR A SPECIAL ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE  
to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!  
On Sunday 5th of June @ 10.30 am**



**Please bring along any  
memorabilia you may have.**

## **Sunday 5th June 2022 The Queen's Jubilee**

Dear Friends

On 5th June I will be leading an all age service at Trinity to celebratethe Queen's Jubilee.

If you have any items in connection with the Queen that you would like to bring along please, you are invited to bring them.

After the service we will have some cupcakes and bubbly (non alcoholic) to toast our magnificent Queen.

Deacon Selina

## CTE Presidents' Statement on the Jubilee

### The Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a joint press release for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

"We join the nation in its rejoicing at Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As we celebrate, we give thanks to God that her personal commitment to her role as monarch, and her service to the people of the United Kingdom, are grounded in a deep faith in Jesus Christ which is an inspiration to countless citizens of nation and Commonwealth. Her understanding of the wholeness and harmony of the nation is a crucial factor in strengthening our commitment to one another.

"There can be no better way for the Christian Churches to celebrate the Jubilee than to take the opportunity to dedicate themselves anew to the service of God, and to seek the common good through love for their neighbours near and far.

"We acknowledge gratefully Her Majesty's faith and her dedication to service, and assure her of the prayers and good wishes of her fellow Christians for the years of her reign yet to come. We pray that all may be inspired by Her Majesty's service: that together we may create a nation where all know they have the dignity and value of the children of God."

The Presidents of Churches Together in England are:

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

The Revd Michael Heaney, Moderator of the Free Churches Group

The Rt Revd Jana Jeruma-Grinberga of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain

HE Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain

We are delighted that our Orthodox President-Elect, HE Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain is able to join his Co-Presidents in making this statement.

## A prayer for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

God of Creation

Designer of sameness and diversity,  
of time and eternity,  
we give you thanks and praise.

Today we especially pray for Queen Elizabeth.

In this year of Jubilee, grant her your gifts of love, joy and peace  
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her God,  
and in devoted service to the people of these islands,  
and those of the Commonwealth.

Illuminate her path that she may walk in your way,  
now and all the days of her life.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*From the United Reformed Church*



You are warmly invited to  
**A Service of  
Thanksgiving  
and Celebration**

of the United Reformed Church's  
50th Anniversary

**Saturday 1 October, 2022  
3pm-5pm**

**Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH,  
where the Uniting Assembly and first General Assembly took place**

You are also invited to an Open Church House event on the same day: 10am-1pm  
at United Reformed Church House, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC 1H 9RT  
Book your free tickets: [www.bit.ly/urc50](http://www.bit.ly/urc50) 50th Anniversary website: [www.urc.org.ukl50](http://www.urc.org.ukl50)

### **October 1st 2022**

Free tickets are now available for the United Reformed Church's 50th Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving taking place on 1 October 2022, at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the United Reformed Church took place in 1972. This marked the joining together of the Congregational Church in England and Wales with the Presbyterian Church of England.

The day starts at United Reformed Church House at 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT with an Open Church House event, packed full of jubilee related talks and activities, as well as to meet the team that work at the office. There will be a Walk to Westminster with a guided tour before gathering for the service that starts at 2.30pm.

The intergenerational thanksgiving service is free and open to all in the URC. In addition to adult tickets, to ensure adequate provision is made, tickets for under 5s, 5-11s, 11-18s, and wheelchair users are available.

Book your tickets through the Eventbrite booking system here:  
[bit.ly/urc50](http://bit.ly/urc50).

## *A prayer of Thomas Merton*

*My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end,  
nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always though  
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

*Introduced to Trinity in a service by Selina some months ago.*

## **TRIANGLE**

We hope readers are enjoying reading the Triangle each month and we are very grateful to Mike Coleman for adding colour to the magazine. Many of our readers receive a copy online free of charge. Some of our readers have enjoyed a hard copy during the last year and some of these have been posted.

Please may we remind those who began their yearly subscription in March or April last year that the time has come to pay for next year's copies and the postage where appropriate?

We have kept the costs the same as last year:

Black and White copies: £10

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Many thanks for all your support for Trinity – it is greatly appreciated.

Triangle editors



# June



Thurs 2nd		Bank Holiday (No Toddler Group)
	7.00 pm	Celebration Service at St Helen's Church for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee See p 13
Sun 5th	10.30am	<b><i>Trinity event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.</i></b> All-age service with Baptism, led by Selina to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, followed by cup-cakes and non-alcoholic bubbly to toast the Queen. See p 8
Mon 6th		5.00pm Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts The Annual General Meeting of The Abingdon Bridge see p 13
Wed 8th	5.00pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 9th	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group
	7.00pm	Thursday Group walk with Bring & Share supper. See p 13
Fri 10th		Virtual Prayer Group
Sun 12th	10.30am	Morning Worship, with Communion, and JaM, led by Ian
Mon 13th	2.00pm	Evergreen Club: Talk about The Abingdon Bridge (TAB) by the manager, Gary.
	5.00pm	Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts
Wed 15th	5.00pm	Brownies 7.00pm Guides
Thurs 16th	9.30am	Trinity Toddler Group
	7.30pm	Church Meeting
Fri 17th		Virtual Prayer Group
Sat 18th		<i>Trinity June Fair</i> See p 6
Sun 19th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Malcolm Newton, with Water Aid presentation.

Mon 20th 5.00pm Beavers 6.45pm Cubs 7.30pm Scouts  
Wed 22nd 5.00pm Brownies 7.00pm Guides  
Thurs 23rd 9.30am Trinity Toddler Group  
Fri 24th June ***Deadline for July/ August Triangle***  
Sun 26th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Tabitha Griffiths and JaM

## **JULY**

Sun 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Selina with Baptism.

### **Thursday, July 2nd**

Celebration Service for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: There will be a Civic Service for the whole community of Abingdon to celebrate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Helen's Church at 7pm. We will be thanking God for her great sense of duty, her faith and her life of devotion and care for the Nation and the Commonwealth. All very welcome!

### **Monday June 6th**

The Annual General Meeting of The Abingdon Bridge (Registered Charity No 1160080) 19.00 at The Barns, Christchurch, Northcourt Road, Abingdon OX14 1PL

### **Thursday Group Walk on Thursday, June 9th**

There will be two different walks so that people may choose how far they would like to walk or they may stay at The Conduit Centre if they prefer.



# Trinity Learning

Almost half-way through the summer term and we're as busy as ever at TrinityLearning! Read on for an update about this year's online Experience Easter, what's coming up for us this term, and ask yourself whether you could be our new TrinityLearning Chair of Trustees?

## *Experience Easter Update*

Our 2022 online Experience Easter event proved to be popular, with 384 children's resource packs delivered to six schools across Abingdon. We also had some lovely feedback including,

"This is a lovely, well thought out workshop. Thank you for your generosity."  
"As a teacher with a Christian faith, I find the way you present the gospel uplifting and the reflection activities are accessible and spiritually valuable to children of no faith, or a non-Christian faith or who do have a Christian faith."

We always welcome feedback (good or bad!) on our projects but it's really encouraging to know that despite being online for a second year, Experience Easter is still a meaningful project for schools to be involved with. Thank you once again to all our volunteers who worked so hard with us to make this year's event happen.



## *Making a Difference week*

We're delighted to be involved in this year's 'Making a Difference' (MAD) week at Larkmead school. This event was planned pre-Covid but is just getting started this year and offers 6th form students a chance to work on a project with a local charity, group or not for profit organisation.

TrinityLearning's project is our Toolkit for Happiness Workshops which focus on improving children's feelings of well-being through nature, physical exercise, acts of kindness,



creativity, relaxation and reflection. The 13 Larkmead 6th form students who will work with us during MAD week in July will receive training to enable them to deliver the workshops to the current year 7 pupils at Larkmead school - about 150 pupils in all.

### *Ongoing volunteer opportunities*

We still have volunteering opportunities which are more socially distanced, such as helping to tidy up school gardens, or can be done from home, such as knitting or crocheting tiny teddy bears to include in our child bereavement packs for adults working with bereaved children (We'll supply the pattern, wool, stuffing, buttons etc.). The school-based volunteer activities we have managed to restart, such as the Kingfisher Singing Group, are being met with huge enthusiasm and appreciation from both children and staff. If you are interested in volunteering for TrinityLearning, either in a socially distanced capacity, or in a school-based role, such as through the Kingfisher Singing Group, please email Nicola at [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com). TrinityLearning is committed to Safeguarding. We provide full training and support volunteers through the application process and DBS checks.



### ***Could you be our new Chair?***

TrinityLearning is looking for a new Chair of Trustees for our small, church-funded charity which works to improve the wellbeing of students and staff in local schools. This is an interesting and varied role with the Chair providing inclusive, strategic leadership for the trustees (and staff) and ensuring all trustees fulfil their duties and responsibilities for the proper governance of TrinityLearning. As a charity working with volunteers and young people, TrinityLearning is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all those with whom it works. The Chair, alongside all the other trustees, is expected to hold DBS clearance and the relevant safeguarding training. A keen interest in children and enthusiasm for promoting their needs is essential. If you would like an informal chat about this voluntary role please email Nicola, our Education Development Officer on [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com)

## **St. Columba 521-597 AD    Feast Day June 9th**

St Columba was born in the north of Ireland, in what is now County Donegal. In the Irish language his name means 'dove' and columba' in Latin is a dove. He studied in a monastic school in Galloway and then became a student at Clonard Abbey on the River Boyne in modern County Meath. He was taught by some of the most notable Irish church figures of the time and founded several monasteries. He became a monk and later was ordained as a priest. In c. 540 he founded a monastic settlement in Derry and was later to become the patron saint of the city of Derry. He left Ireland under a cloud following a dispute concerning a copy of the Gospels which he had made illegally. This led to a pitched battle between two warrior families. Columba was full of remorse, aware that he had caused the death that had occurred. He decided to leave Ireland as a penance.

So in 563 AD, he left Ireland with twelve other men for Scotland, travelling, it is said, in a wicker currach covered with leather. Legend says that he alighted first on the Kintyre Peninsula, this land being part of an Ulster kingdom at the time, and then moved further north. One of his relatives offered him the island of Iona. He settled there and the island quickly became a centre of literacy. He developed a reputation as a holy man and as a mediator among local tribes. He is said to have performed many miracles; the most famous of



these involved in 565 AD banishing a fierce beast to the River Ness (which some have thought was in fact the Loch Ness Monster). He was a great missionary, establishing a number of churches, writing hymns and setting up a school for missionaries within the Abbey of Iona. This was intended

as a base for spreading Christianity amongst the Northern Picts. He returned to Ireland at least once, founding the monastery at Durrow in what is modern County Laois.

Columba died on Sunday 9th June 597 AD. He was buried in Iona Abbey by his monks. Some of Columba's relics were removed in 849

AD and it is thought they were buried in Downpatrick in County Down. Over some centuries, the monks of Iona produced many carvings, Celtic crosses and manuscripts, the most famous of these being the Book of Kells. This beautifully illuminated manuscript containing the Four Gospels, dates from 800 AD and is now in Trinity College, Dublin. Shortly after this however, the community was attacked by Vikings; many were killed and their work ceased. The Abbey has been rebuilt a number of times and the current building was built in the first half of the 20th Century. Iona is one of the oldest Christian centres in Western Europe and is a popular centre for Christian pilgrimage today. The Abbey is the spiritual centre of the Iona Community which is an ecumenical Christian religious order.



## **A Blessing of St Columba**

See that you be at peace among yourselves,  
my children, and love one another.

Follow the example of good men of old,  
and God will comfort you and help you,  
both in this world and in the  
world which is to come.

Amen.

# *A Recipe for Happiness*

*4 cups of love  
2 cups of loyalty  
3 cups of forgiveness  
2 spoons of hope  
2 spoons of tenderness  
4 quarts of faith  
1 barrel of laughter  
1 spoon of friendship  
4 cups of understanding*

*Take love and loyalty, mix thoroughly with faith  
Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding  
Add friendship and hope  
Sprinkle abundantly with laughter  
Bake it with sunshine and  
Serve daily in generous helpings.*

## *A Christian Cake*

*Take a generous amount of patience*

*And add a measure of grace*

*Then sprinkle with lots of hope and love*

*And stir in abundant faith.*

*Beat in goodness and trust into the mixture*

*Then knead well with temperance and peace.*

*Pour over loving kindness in service*

*With joys that never cease.*

*Mix all these ingredients together*

*Then whisk in meekness too*

*And place in the heart to slowly impart*

*The qualities God looks for in you.*

Note: These recipes were included in a book of recipes which people at Trinity Church produced for fundraising some years ago.



## The Church in Abingdon



A request for support: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations The Church in Abingdon is organising a stall for the community event in Rye Farm Meadow on Thursday 2 June 2022 being organised by Abingdon Town Council.

### Activities for the stall

1. Face painting: 12 – 2; due to limited volunteers
2. Cookie making and decorating: 11 - 3 pm; led by Jane Cadogan
3. Crafts: 11 - 3 pm; led by Debra Mcknight
4. Prayer station: 11 - 3 pm; led by Kath Cooke

Help is still required:

4 people needed to set up the stand

4 people needed to take down the stand

If anyone else would like to help on the day, please contact me as soon as possible.

Debra Mcknight CiA Administrator 07896 860381

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### **Thy Kingdom Come 26 May - 5 June 2022:**

Prayer walking our neighbourhoods

This year between Ascension and Pentecost, we would love Christians across Abingdon to join in praying for and blessing our town and our communities. Prayer walking is simply walking and praying about what you see around you, heading outside and talking with God about the people and places you pass. If walking isn't for you, you could find somewhere to sit in your area as you pray. If you can't get out at all, you could try prayer walking your area in your imagination, maybe using a map to guide you. You can choose how often you go and how far; if you go with others and how many. Between us, let's cover Abingdon with prayer and blessing. Take a look at this guide to prayer walking from 24-7 Prayer: [https://www.24-7prayer.com › prayer\\_guide › prayer-walking](https://www.24-7prayer.com › prayer_guide › prayer-walking)

## **Pilgrimage to Oberammergau – July 2022**

The 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play pilgrimage led by the Revd Dr Charles Miller, originally scheduled for 2020, has been rescheduled for 13-21 July 2022. The 'pilgrims' will be accommodated in the Gutshof outside charming Salzburg for most of the week then travel to Oberammergau for the famous Passion Play itself. A large number of the original group cannot now go so there is plenty of space, especially double occupancy rooms. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact Charles Miller either directly or through the Parish Office (01235 520144).

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## **The Abingdon Bridge**

The Abingdon Bridge is a well-regarded Abingdon charity that supports young people aged 13-25. We are currently looking for more volunteers to act as a receptionist at our new premises at 3 Market Place, Abingdon. As we have a bank of volunteers, you may only do a slot once a week or fortnightly or monthly. Currently, our opening hours are Monday to Thursday 2-7 pm and Friday 2-6 pm, subject to change as we follow current government COVID guidelines. The work is not onerous and mainly involves buzzing clients in and showing them to the waiting room, but this is a vital role that supports the counsellors. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Sandy Kruger at [sandy@theabingdonbridge.org.uk](mailto:sandy@theabingdonbridge.org.uk). Volunteers will be DBS checked.

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## **Abingdon Passion Play:**

The Abingdon Passion Play Committee is a small interdenominational group whose aim is to continue the production of an Abingdon Passion Play, with the next one fixed provisionally for June 2024. We are in urgent need of new members from local churches within the Church in Abingdon who are helpful, enthusiastic and full of suggestions, as well as a Publicity Officer. If you would like to find out more or would like to get involved, please contact Jane Cadogan at [jane.cadogan@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.cadogan@btinternet.com).

### **Fundraising events**

The Abingdon Passion Play (APP) are also holding a 'tea party' at St Ethelwold's House, East St Helens Street on Saturday 26 June 2022 from 3 pm till 5.30 pm. Enquires to John Clare on 01235 525898. All welcome. Proceeds will go towards the next APP production.

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## **LAMPS looking for new trustees**

LAMPS is an Abingdon-based collective of Christian artists that produce

fabulous live theatre and creative resources for the church. We are currently looking for people who appreciate the arts as a powerful form of communication and force for good, who could join our friendly team of trustees who look after the governance of the charity and contribute to the planning of it's exciting future. To find out more, please contact Sam Pullen-Campbell on pullencampbells@outlook.com.

**CiA Inter-church quiz:** The Peachcroft Christian Centre are hoping to reorganise an in-person, interchurch quiz postponed from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity outside in the summer. Further details to follow.

### Christian Forum

This Christian witness continues to be published monthly in the Abingdon Round & About magazine, distributed freely around Abingdon residents. If you would like to submit an article (not time sensitive) of no more than 300 words on any subject with a Christian message, please send to the CiA Administrator at debra.mcknight@aol.com.

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