



Abingdon

**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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**Trinity Church
Methodist & United Reformed**

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Notices Sunday 4 May Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 4 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Helen Carter</p>	<p>Sunday 4 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd John Anderson</p>
<p>Sunday 11 May 10:30am Morning Worship & Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p>Sunday 11 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Dr Michael Hopkins Moderator of the United Reformed Church Wessex Synod</p>

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

Quest will meet at Alan & Valerie's on **Wednesday 7th May** at 7:30. We will begin our study of John's Gospel.

Friday 9 May, Coffee Morning: 10:30-12:00. All Welcome

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 7.30pm on **Monday 12 May**. We will be considering Section 6 of the Series on Prayer.

Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration

You will already know that **Trinity is having a celebration service on 1st June** at 3:00 to commemorate their 150th Anniversary. Following the service there will be an opportunity to share in tea and cake. To help with catering please add your name to the list on the notice board if you think you will be attending.

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 p5.

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

Foodbank: this week's needs are fruit juice, custard, rice, plant-based milk, tinned mince and cooking oil. Also needed is sun cream, deodorant (men & women) razors, toothpaste and strong carrier bags. BIG Thank you. *JPB*

In March, Abingdon Foodbank distributed 229 food parcels to people facing hardship in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. These parcels fed 559 people, of which 243 were children.

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 from me 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!)

I am usually around in All Saints on Sunday so 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

Thursday Group Meeting - 8th May; Reminding members to bring along any suitable memorabilia connected to the end of World War II and VE Day. Photos, ration books, letters that we can all share.

Church Meeting: the next church meeting is on **Sunday 18 May**, after Morning Service.



A **thank you letter** for our recent donation is on the notice board in the Welcome Area or see <https://tinyurl.com/3rzh374f>

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

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

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. 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 annemattews@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.

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.

Friday 16 May Cothill House Choir concert; St Michael's Church 7.30 p.m. The programme will feature English, French and American songs, including music by King Henry VIII, excerpts from the French film "Les Choristes", and iconic numbers from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story". Entrance will be free, with donations towards St. Michael's church. Refreshments, provided by the school, will be served after the event.

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.

Saturday 24 May, St Michael's Church; 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, Cream Tea of the summer season. Join us for an afternoon of live music. Tea/coffee with scone/cake £5. Proceeds to church funds. All welcome.

Tuesday 24 May Agnostics Anonymous: 6 – 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. John Barton will give the opening talk '*Believing, Behaving, Belonging: which is at the heart of Christianity*'. John Kerr and Jennifer Brown will also answer questions and contribute to the discussion. Free and everyone welcome. For more information please contact Jill Gant (01235 52892).



Wantage & Abingdon

METHODIST CIRCUIT

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

Closing date for applications: **25th May 2025**
Interviews to be held week commencing 2nd June

Post to commence 1st September 2025

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



Join us on...

Thursday May 22nd 2025 | 2pm

St Ethelwold's

Short Spring Walk!

Historic House & Gardens | Abingdon on Thames

Ending with Tea in St Ethelwolds Garden

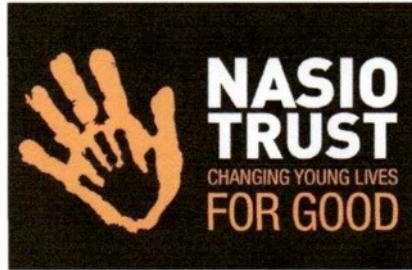
Meet in the garden

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

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.



Join us for coffee/tea
and cake

on

Friday 9th May

10:30 - 12.00

All welcome

Future coffee mornings:

13th June

11th July