



Abingdon

**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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**Trinity Church
Methodist & United Reformed**

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Notices Sunday 11 May Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<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>
<p>Sunday 18 May 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p>	<p>Sunday 18 May 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by Church Meeting</p>

Our Services today mark Christian Aid Week. If you would like to make a donation, there is an Abingdon Christian Aid Group giving page at

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/abingdons-envelope>

and Christian Aid's main donation page is

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009429>

Belinda Kaur's Accreditation Service: welcoming Belinda as a Local Preacher will take place at Wallingford on 25th May. There will be refreshments - cakes, snacks, tea and coffee - from 3pm; and the Communion Service at 4:30pm. This is a Circuit Service and all are welcome.

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

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.

Just Women: Wednesday, 14 May 7.30pm, Perry Room. Chat Evening: Have you ever been in a situation that would have been a disaster if something lucky hadn't happened? All women welcome.

Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration (see p8)

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.

Foodbank: Your continued support for foodbank is greatly appreciated. Currently the foodbank needs Angel Delight, jelly, custard, rice and tinned mince. In addition, the foodbank also needs sun cream, deodorant (men & women) toothpaste, razors and strong carrier bags. Very many thanks. *JPB*

The **Aston Tirrold United Reformed Church and Centre for Reflection** is planning a major refit to enable it to continue its work and to fit it for another 300 years of Christian witness. To find out more about the project and how to support it see:

<https://trinityabingdon.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Aston-Tirrold-URC-Centre-for-Reflection.pdf>

Knitting: 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, see <https://www.futurepillarszambia.org.uk/>

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

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: see p8.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly offered to bake a cake for the 150th celebration. A caterer will be supplying savoury items, but to help keep costs down, we've chosen to provide our own cakes. Your generosity is much appreciated!

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

Sunday 11 May, Taizé Prayer: St Helen's Church at 5.30pm. A time of Prayer, Reflection and Silence using the music and pattern of the Taizé Community

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 - Sunday 18 May, Artweeks - Brightwell Village Hall Artists, including Judith Payne 10am-5pm (4pm Sunday). Stewart Village Hall, West End, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. See map p7

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/>

Thursday, 22 May, 5pm, John Wesley Lecture (2025); Dr Mark Kirby, Child-Shuffrey Research Fellow in Architectural History at Lincoln College, Oxford will give a talk titled "*John Wesley and the Architecture of Early Methodism*". On line – or in person in the Oakeshott Room at Lincoln College. Read more and register via:

<https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/events/the-annual-john-wesley-lecture-2025>

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. Join us for an afternoon of live music, tea/coffee with scone/cake £5. Proceeds to church funds.

All welcome.

Tuesday 27 May Agnostics Anonymous: 6 – 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. John Barton will give the opening talk '*Believing, Behaving, Belonging: which is 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 528929).

Saturday 7 June Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, Spring Lane, Oxon OX12 9EJ on 2025 10am - 4pm. Leader: Sue Sheppy. **Theme: Who am I?** On this Pentecost weekend, Sue will invite us to reflect on who we are, aided by the immersion of ourselves in the beauty and repose of a summer's day and by being open to the working of the Holy Spirit within our spirit. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email: atquietgardendays@gmail.com in advance. All are welcome.



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...

John Stephen



Leilani Jeevaratnam



Angela Lenman



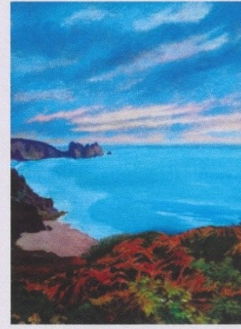
Lucy Crawford



Valerie Dearlove



Livio Lobo



Judith Payne



Paul Gibbs

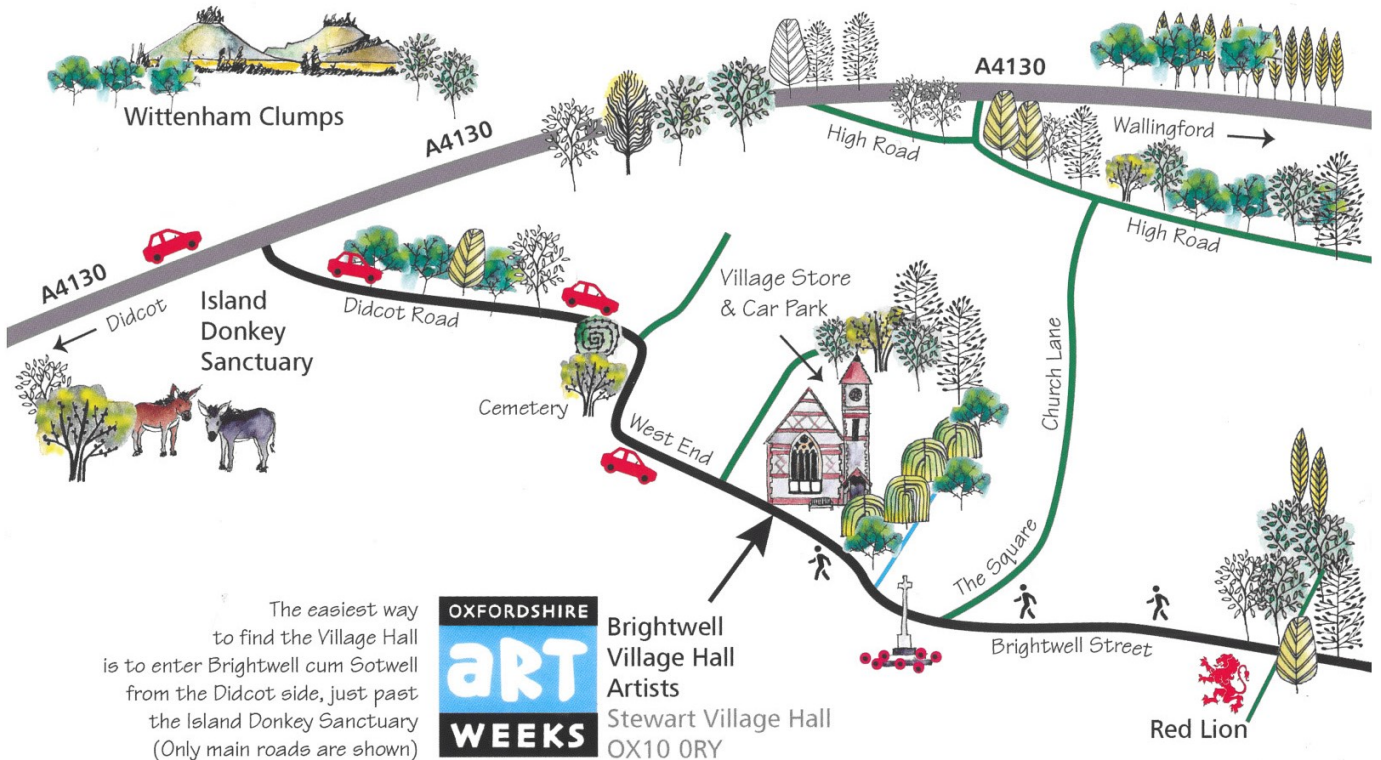


Brightwell Village Hall Artists - Artweeks Site 239

16, 17, 18 May 2025 --- 10am - 5pm --- (Sunday 10am - 4pm)



Stewart Village Hall, West End, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Oxfordshire, OX10 0RY,
For opening hours and appointment details please check the website: www.oxfordshireartweeks.org



Amber



**A Service of Commemoration will take place
On Saturday 31st May at 6.30 pm
at Trinity Church.**



This service will be to quietly give thanks for past members and for all those who would like to remember loved ones who have died and gone to their rest.

If you would like your loved ones name read out at this service
please contact the church office
trinity.abingdon@gmail.com / telephone: 01235 520282

Parking restrictions will be lifted for this service



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**An invitation to the 150th Anniversary Celebration
of Trinity Church, Abingdon**



Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson, the Trustees and members of Trinity Church,
cordially invite you to a Thanksgiving Service for 150 years
of ministry, witness and service at Trinity Church

**At Trinity Church, Conduit Rd, Abingdon OX14 1DB
On Sunday 1st June at 3 pm,
followed by afternoon tea.**

Please RSVP to the church office, by 25th May
email: trinity.abingdon@gmail.com or telephone: 01235 520282

**Parking restrictions will be lifted on Saturday evening.
There are no restrictions on Sunday.**



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