



Abingdon

**All Saints  
Methodist Church**

Appleford Drive  
Abingdon

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Registered Charity: 1184115



**Trinity Church  
Methodist & United Reformed**

Conduit Road  
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## Notices Sunday 29 March 2026 Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p><b>Sunday 29 March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>10:30am</b> All Age Service &amp; Baptism led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>	<p><b>Sunday 29 March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Rev. Bruce Thompson</p>
<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>7pm</b> Worship and Light Meal led by Rev. Alan Grist</p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b> <b>10am</b> Morning Service led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 5 April</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship &amp; Communion led by Rev. Alan Grist</p>	<p><b>Sunday 5 April</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>10:30am</b> Morning Worship &amp; Communion with Junior Church led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>

**All are invited to the Joint Services on Maundy Thursday & Good Friday.**

There is also a Service on *Maundy Thursday at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7pm*  
Do join the *Church in Abingdon Good Friday Walk of Witness* (11:45am from the Library) and *Joint Service in the Market Place at 12noon*

# TRINITY NEWS



We give thanks for the life of

**Heather Ross**

who died on 19 March, aged 68

Her funeral will be held in Trinity Church, on Friday 10 April at 11am

We hold Donald and all her family in prayer at this time

All are invited to St Michael & All Angels' Park Road, at 8pm

on **Easter Eve** (Saturday 4 April) for the

**Easter Vigil with First Mass of the Resurrection.**

**The parking restrictions** on Park Road & Park Crescent will be suspended from 7:00pm on Thursday 2nd April through to 8:00am on Tuesday 7th April.

**Working Together Group Vacancy:** For the past two years, three members of All Saints and three members of Trinity have met quarterly to learn about each other's churches, pass on good practice, and develop closer links through shared study groups and services. We are now looking for a new Trinity representative to join the group. If you are interested in knowing more, please speak to Alastair.

Read the **Easter Message from Michael Hopkins**, Wessex Synod Moderator, on the notice board in church or [online](#)

Would all those people who have *Methodist Missionary boxes* please let me have them for their annual emptying. Many thanks *Ruth Sillitoe*

**Easter Services:** there are cards detailing Easter Services in Trinity & All Saints in Church. Please consider whether you can help deliver them nearby – there will be bundles for distribution made up. *Thank you Alastair*

There is a sign up list in the Welcome Area for anyone wishing to join All Saints' on **Maundy Thursday**.

The March edition of the **URC Sharing the Vision** is out now:

<https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/sharing-the-vision-march-edition-2/> or via the Office.

**Rita Gilbert writes:** "Thank you so much to all those involved with the making and delivery of the Mother's Day posies. It is such a treat to receive one each year and it is very much appreciated".

**Church Twinning:** Our friends in Schongau Bavaria have invited church friends from Abingdon, together with a group from St Niklaas Belgium, for a church twinning weekend from **4th - 8th June 2026**. Accommodation will be with host families and a programme for the weekend is planned. If you are interested please contact Alastair Fear or Margaret Greaney for more information by 1st April as places are limited.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Update on Plastics:** Each year Surfers Against Sewage compiles a report on plastic litter collected by volunteers on river and beach cleans. Last year 158,000 took part in these litter picks. The survey counts plastic items found at the picking sites and categorises them by brand - "The Dirty Dozen". Last year Coca Cola was the most plastic polluting brand, McDonalds no.2 and Cadburys no.3. Tesco's was the 11th worst plastic polluter. The Report can be found at <https://www.sas.org.uk/updates/top-plastic-polluting-brands-revealed/>

### **AbiBinit! Can You help with the next litter pick?**

Saturday 25 April -River Ock, near Tesco's and to roundabout at end of Drayton Road Suitable for all ages. Equipment provided. Read more on

<https://abingdoncivicsociety.org.uk/activities/abibinit-litter-picking-initiative/>

Please email [events@abibinit.org](mailto:events@abibinit.org) to reserve a space.

**Foodbank:** at present needs curry sauce, rice pudding, tinned soup, sardines and tuna, custard, UHT whole milk, cooking oil, coffee, hot chocolate, corned beef, squash and tinned fruit as well as deodorant and carrier bags. Thank you, all donations much appreciated. *JPB*

**Saturday 18th April, Our Story, Our Song: A Guide for Disciples:** bible study/retreat day led by the Rev. Richard Andrew, President of the Methodist Conference, at Thornborough Methodist Church or on **zoom** from 10am until 3pm. This is a district-wide event. See posters in church (or attached online), and register your interest in attending [office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk](mailto:office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk).

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Sunday 29 March, Kennington Chorale, Easter Concert:** 3pm St Swithun's Church, Kennington. Stainer, Crucifixion; Mozart, Ave Verum; Faure, Cantique de Jean Racine; Rutter, Praise ye the Lord; American Spiritual, Were you there? Admission free, donations invited for Bell Restoration Fund.

**Friday 10 April 7.30pm, Saturday 11 April 2 .30pm and 7.30pm, Sunday 12 April 4pm:** DIY Theatre present Gilbert & Sullivan's *IOLANTHE* in Trinity Church Tickets - £12 Available [online](#) or at the door

**Friday 10 April, St Nicolas Church 7pm:** Marco Cannavo and Steve Tyler present *Musica Medievalis*, an instrumental journey into the music of medieval Europe. Featuring hurdy-gurdy and its early predecessors, alongside harp, lute, citole, portative organ, bladder pipe, and tambourine. Tickets: £15.00 - Concession: £12.00. <https://marcohurdygurdy.com/home>

**Saturday 18 April, A concert of Celtic music:** 7.30 pm in St Helen's Church. Including songs and music for guitar, violin and tin whistle, will be given by professional singer, Valentine Roland,. Tickets are £10 (under 16 free) and are available online at Ticketsource, from the Bookstore, and at the door.

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

**Maundy Thursday Service and Light Meal** - Revd. Alan Grist will be leading our Maundy Thursday Service at 7.00 pm which includes a light meal and communion. To help with catering please add your name to the list on the notice board in the foyer.

**Easter Sunday Breakfast** - We will start our Easter Sunday celebrations with an Easter Breakfast starting at 9.15 am. To assist with catering please add your name to the list on the notice board in the foyer.

A reminder to everyone that the sign-up sheet is on the foyer board for the **Going for Growth Day** being held at **Southmoor Village Hall, Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 3pm**, with a buffet lunch provided. The Circuit Leadership Team emphasise the importance of strong representation from all seven circuit churches as we consider the future. This is an opportunity to join to the conversation, to learn more about the experiences of our seven churches - from exciting developments to ongoing challenges. If you're able, sign up today and be part of the All Saints group.

*Anne Matthews, Senior Circuit Steward*

**Planning for Growth** Please return your responses to the box on the hymnbook trolley by Easter Sunday (5th April). *With thanks, The Steward Team*

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Advance Notice: **the 2026 Annual Church Meeting** will be on Sunday 17 May

Easter at  
**TRINITY CHURCH**  
Conduit Road



Palm Sunday – 29th March  
Morning Service at 10.30 am

Maundy Thursday – 2nd April  
Joint Services at either  
Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.00 pm or  
All Saints Methodist Church at 7.00 pm

Good Friday – 3rd April  
Morning Service at 10.00 am  
Followed by the Church in Abingdon Walk of Witness  
and Service in the town centre starting at 11.45 am

Easter Sunday – 5th April  
Service and Holy Communion at 10.30 am

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The **Methodist** Church 

# District Study Day

Led by Rev'd Richard Andrew

President of the Methodist Conference 2025/26

'Our Story, Our Song: A Guide for Disciples'



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
9.45am - 3.00pm

taking place at

Thornborough Methodist Church  
The Green, Thornborough, MK18 2DL  
In person & on Zoom



Please sign up with the District Office for  
attendance in person or online:  
[office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk](mailto:office@northamptonmethodistdistrict.co.uk)

**WANTAGE & ABINGDON METHODIST CIRCUIT**  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN WITH OTHERS FROM CHURCHES IN THE CIRCUIT

# **Going for Growth**

a day to explore how our churches may grow  
spiritually, numerically, in confidence and in faith



**SATURDAY 9 MAY**

**KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL, OX13 5BY**

**10– 3**

**ATTENDANCE IS FREE**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**FURTHER DETAILS FROM YOUR MINISTER**

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