



Abingdon

**All Saints  
Methodist Church**

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Abingdon

[www.allsaintsabingdon.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsabingdon.org.uk)

Registered Charity: 1184115



**Trinity Church  
Methodist & United Reformed**

Conduit Road  
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## Notices Sunday 5 April 2026 Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p><b>Sunday 5 April EASTER DAY 10:30am</b> Morning Worship &amp; Communion led by Rev. Alan Grist</p>	<p><b>Sunday 5 April EASTER DAY 10:30am</b> Morning Worship &amp; Communion with Junior Church led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson</p>
<p><b>Sunday 12 April 10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by members of the congregation</p>	<p><b>Sunday 12 April 10:30am</b> Morning Worship led by Lois Greenhalgh &amp; Peter Hemmings</p>

The next **All Saints Coffee Morning**  
is on Friday 10 April 10:30am-12noon  
All Welcome

**Just Women. Wednesday 8 April 7.30 pm Perry Room, All Saints.**  
Chat evening 'How life has changed since we went green'. All women welcome

The deadline for contributions to the May Trinity Triangle  
is Friday 17 April

## ALL SAINTS NEWS

**Flowers for the cross on Easter Day** As part of the service on Easter Sunday we will be dressing the cross with flowers to celebrate the resurrection of Christ so please bring a flower with you to Church if you are able, there will be flowers available if you forget. Many thanks.

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*

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

## TRINITY NEWS

**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.

† 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

**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.

**Thursday Group, 9 April, 2:30pm** in Conduit Centre. Bring a favourite poem/recitation to share - no longer than 5 minutes per person.

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*

## ECO THOUGHTS

April brings a new tax year - so a good time for those New Tax Year Resolutions! We can use our money ethically to support the environment and social justice, but to do so requires some research followed by prayerful and thoughtful action.

Who you bank with is one area where choice is important. Building societies are mutual organisations which will use your money to lend as mortgages to housebuyers. Unlike many banks they do not generally invest in fossil fuel companies or tobacco or arms industries. Banks such as the Co-operative Bank (now owned by the Coventry Building Society), Virgin Money (now owned by Nationwide Building Society) and the Triodos bank or Unity Trust Bank also provide ethical banking opportunities - but always check their ethical policy statements for details.

If you have money to invest you could seek out ethical investments. Always be aware though that ethical investments often offer lower rates of return and that as with all investments you might lose all or part of your money. There are platforms such as Ethex or Triodos Bank or Energise Africa which offer ethical investment - among others. Some of these investments offer tax free opportunities using Investment Finance ISAs (IFISAs) or Community Investment Tax Relief (CITR)

Useful links:

<https://justmoney.org.uk/the-big-bank-switch/>

Methodist Church Better Banking for All

[https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/jacei-leaflet-2023\\_B8I8F55.pdf](https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/jacei-leaflet-2023_B8I8F55.pdf)

<https://devotions.urchurch.org.uk/devotions/2026/03/27/urchurch-daily-devotion-27-march-2026/>

<https://www.triodos.co.uk/articles/2026/what-is-sustainable-investing>

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/money-finance>

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/money-finance/shopping-guide/ethical-stocks-shares-isas>

<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/money-finance/shopping-guide/ethical-investment-funds>

**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.

*David Perrow*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Wednesday 22 April. Open evening at All Saints** to which everyone is invited. **Domestic Abuse – Reducing the Risk** This is a difficult topic from a very good speaker. You are all welcome to join us.

**Foodbank:** at the moment needs curry sauce, rice pudding, tinned peas, tinned soup, sardines and tuna, UHT whole milk, cooking oil, coffee and hot chocolate. It also needs carrier bags and deodorant. Many thanks for your continued support. *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

**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 11 April Clubs and Societies Day 10 am-2 pm:** at the Guildhall, Unit 25, St. Nicolas Church and in the Market Place. This is a great opportunity to find out about the magnificent organisations that operate in Abingdon, from The Ramblers to The Rotary Club there is something for everyone!

**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.

### AN EASTER REFLECTION

“Eventually everything we possess will be taken away from us gradually, or suddenly: wealth, health, family, friends, even our lives - only faith abides to help us make the great leap from here to there, confidently and peacefully. Keep your faith for it is all you have!”

Joseph Pungor, Hungarian Minister  
*via Rita Gilbert (Trinity)*

# 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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