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Notices Sunday 12 April 2026 Worship

All Saints	Trinity
<p>Sunday 12 April 10:30am Morning Worship led by members of the congregation</p>	<p>Sunday 12 April 10:30am Morning Worship led by Lois Greenhalgh & Peter Hemmings</p>
<p>Sunday 19 April 10:30am Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe</p>	<p>Sunday 19 April 10:30am Morning Worship led by Carolyn Luscombe</p>

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

Wednesday 22 April. Open evening at All Saints
to which everyone is invited (including men). **Domestic Abuse – Reducing the Risk**
This is a difficult topic from a very good speaker and is an Oxford based charity
[Reducing the Risk](#) There will be a plate for donations.

There will be an **Evening Service at Trinity** on
Sunday 26 April, 6:30pm

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Gillian Mansfield's family have asked me to pass on their thanks for the lovely Easter flowers that Gillian received earlier this week. Alison has sent me photos of Gillian helping to arrange them with her carer. *Diane Livesley*

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 9th 9.30 – 3.00pm**, 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

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

TRINITY NEWS

Circuit Growth Day – Sign Up Sheet: You are warmly invited to the Circuit Growth Day on Saturday 9th May at Southmoor Village Hall. This will be a chance for people across the circuit to explore together how God is calling us forward. Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm (lunch provided) To help with catering and planning, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, including any dietary or access needs. *Alastair*

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.

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

CHURCH NEWS

Thursday April 16, 7pm: From Welcome to Witness in a Migrant Church

Join us on Zoom for the *World in My Parish* webinar, led by Revd Kong Ching Hii. In many Methodist contexts, the “world” has arrived via the presence of migrants, including diverse Chinese communities. This reflection explores how the Church is called to move beyond mere welcome toward befriending, discipling, and sending. Drawing on lived experience within the Chinese diaspora and missiology, it argues that migration is not a social challenge to be managed, but a missional moment to discern. By reframing migrants as active participants rather than just recipients, we recognise their vital role in extending God’s Kingdom.

Revd Kong Ching Hii is an ordained Methodist minister with vast pastoral and cross-cultural ministry experience, serving diverse Chinese-speaking communities in both urban and rural contexts. Currently, he is stationed with two multi-cultural and multi-

traditional churches in London, fostering unity under a gospel-centred vision while navigating complex multicultural dynamics with theological depth and pastoral sensitivity. Kong Ching is passionate about equipping believers, building healthy leadership teams, discipling the next generation, and mobilising all to serve the local communities. For joining instructions – contact the Office

Foodbank: items needed at present are curry sauce, rice pudding, tinned peas, tinned soup, sardines and tuna, UHT whole milk, cooking oil and coffee, hot chocolate, as well as deodorant and carrier bags. Very many thanks for all donations. *JPB*

The annual **Christian Aid Market Place** sale in Abingdon will take place on **Saturday 9 May**, 9 am to 12 noon. There will be stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs and DVDs. We need volunteers to help run the sale, and items to sell.

Plants: Gardeners, please can you save some garden plants in a saleable condition – either bedding plants, perennials or vegetable seedlings, and houseplants? Labelled please. **Preserves and cakes:** Cooks, we'd appreciate lots of homemade cakes and preserves for sale. Remember to put a list of allergens. **Books, CDs and vinyl records:** Please look out any items you no longer want that are in a saleable condition and you think would sell well. All donations can be brought to Abingdon Baptist Church before 9 May or to the Market Place on the day. **Volunteer helpers:** If you can spare an hour or two to help staff a stall, please contact Christine Hutt or Doug Bradshaw at ABC (01235 530080).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 11 April: 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm, Sunday 12 April: 4pm: DIY Theatre present Gilbert & Sullivan's **IOLANTHE** in Trinity Church. Tickets - £12 Available at the door

Saturday 18 April "Dances & Dreams" Fundraising Concert in St Michael's at 6.30 pm. The concert is raising funds for The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and the Greek School of Oxford. Marios Papadopoulos, piano; Deniz Sensoy, Violin; Eryna Kisumba, cello. Joseph Haydn, piano trio no. 39, "Gipsy"; Felix Mendelssohn, piano trio, op. 49. Reception and raffle to follow. Tickets £20, £15 (concessions), £7 (under 12). Tickets are available at the door or from Rally Up <https://go.rallyup.com/14635c/Campaign/Details> Raffle tickets can also be purchased through this web site, which also accepts donations to the appeal.

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, by professional singer, Valentine Roland,. Tickets are £10 (under 16 free) and are available online at Ticketsource, from the Bookstore, and at the door.

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://devotions.urc.org.uk/devotions/2026/03/27/urc-dsily-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. Tescos 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 to reserve a space.

David Perrow

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 18th 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:
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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

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ATTENDANCE IS FREE

LUNCH PROVIDED

FURTHER DETAILS FROM YOUR MINISTER

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