



## **WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON**

### **Christian Aid Week**



Thank you to all those who came and helped with the Christian Aid Market Place Sale on Saturday 9 May 2026. The amounts raised were as follows:

Cakes & Preserves £107.75

Books etc. £136.00

Plants £428.11

Street Collection Bucket £45.22

Givestar card payments £105.50

The e-envelope is still active and has so far raised £674.28



With thanks to all those who helped on the day, brought items to sell or came and supported the event.

## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

### **Back to 35**

Abingdon Baptist Church invites all to join us on the first and third Thursdays of the month with an opportunity to get to know each other with talks, interest groups and much more:

- 4 June - Talk on Abingdon Lock by Terry Mason
- 18 June - Talk about the Traditional Morris Men
- 2 July - Life as a Judge, a talk by Anthony King

Doors open at 10 am and the activity is from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Tea, coffee and home-made cake available. Entry £1.

### **Time Out for Parents - The Primary Years**

This six-week course from Care for the Family will take place on Thursdays from 4 June to 16 July 2026, 7.30 – 9.30 pm at Peachcroft Christian Centre. It is designed to help parents negotiate the early years with confidence and build strong family relationships for the future. The course is open to all parents and carers of primary-age children. Booking and more information: <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community/parenting-course>.

### **Lunchtime music hour at Abingdon Baptist Church**

Abingdon Baptist Church welcomes you to spend an hour relaxing to live music from local musicians and singers on the second Monday of each month in the church sanctuary from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee are available. Open to all. Free admission. Limited parking.



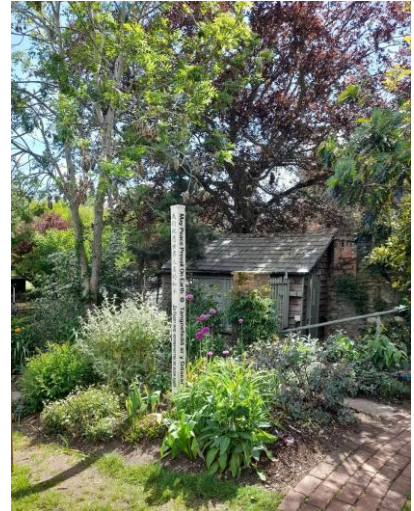
- 8 June – Judith Keymer accompanied by Linda King bring a selection of songs to sing along to from the shows. The retiring collection will be for the Children's Hospital in Oxford.

- 13 July - Pam Pratt and Linda King bring a selection of songs and music on guitar and keyboard. The retiring

If you are a musician and would like to give an hour freely to entertain us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Pam Pratt on [pampratt@btinternet.com](mailto:pampratt@btinternet.com) or ring 01235 526344 for more details.

### **Hiroshima ceremony & exhibition followed by lantern floating**

Abingdon Peace Group invite you to this event at St Ethelwold's House (OX14 5EB) on Thursday 6 August 2026, 7 pm onwards. The exhibition will be in the Garden Room from 7 pm. The ceremony will take place around the Peace Pole at 7.30 pm. The procession to the river (St Helen's Wharf) for candle floating will be at 8 pm. All welcome. Join us when you can.



### **Family Fun Morning, ABC**

Come and join the fun for all the family on Saturday 15 August 2026, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, in the grounds of Abingdon Baptist Church. Free games and activities, including Giant Jenga, table tennis, hook a boat and a bouncy castle for under 7s, and more. Refreshments including cakes are served and the JAM Band will be playing throughout the morning.

### **CiA AGM and Prayer Meeting - Thursday 8 October 2026, 7.30 pm, ABC**

Put this date in your diary. A chance for people from all the churches to come together to share and prayer for the town and all the outreach work. Further details to follow.

### **Ecumenical course: Holy Ground to train for spiritual direction**

This course is designed for those, whether lay or ordained, who would like to explore accompanying others on their spiritual journey. Holy Ground offers both theoretical, experiential and prayerful learning, and formation in the practice of spiritual direction. The programme includes 22 online evening sessions and 3 in-person days from October 2026 to May 2027. For more details about the course, look on our website [www.spidirnetwork.org.uk](http://www.spidirnetwork.org.uk) or for quick access use this link [www.spidirnetwork.org.uk/holy-ground](http://www.spidirnetwork.org.uk/holy-ground). Or contact the local rep Sue Sheppy ([susan.sheppy@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.sheppy@btinternet.com)).

### **Abingdon Community Fridge**

Abingdon Community Fridge exists to prevent food waste and is open to everyone. It collects surplus food from local businesses and distributes to the community. Help to stop excess food being thrown out by coming to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH:

Mondays: 4 - 4.30 pm

Thursdays: 1 - 2 pm

Saturdays: 10.30 - 11.30 am

For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge](https://www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge).



## **HOST ABINGDON - Be part of a positive response to local refugees and asylum seekers**

The Host Abingdon team offers a warm welcome and practical help. Volunteers are needed to join our small team in providing organisation and support, as well as working directly with the women and families we help. You would play a part in welcoming, accessing services, helping people connect with ESOL teaching and community groups, and supporting people in moving on when they get good news of leave to remain. Are you practical and well organised as well as friendly and open-hearted? Personal qualities and life experience matter more than qualifications... and we will give you induction training and on-going support. Please contact us to find out more by emailing [hello@hostabingdon.org](mailto:hello@hostabingdon.org).

### **Open Doors initiative**

Open Doors runs most Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from 11 am until 2 pm at St Edmund's Parish Centre.

*We welcome anyone who is on their own or would just like some company to join us for a chat and lunch or just pop in for a tea/coffee.*

Open Doors sessions are informal and you are welcome to come along for all or part of the session. Lunch (a home-cooked main meal and dessert) is served around 12.15. There are usually about 20 guests at each session. Hope you can join us.

### **Silent Reflections**

This will be held on the last Tuesday of every month (except for December) at St Michael and All Angels Church from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary, and the opportunity is always available to walk the labyrinth. We begin in the church room, so please enter through the door on the south side of the church. If you park in Park Road or Crescent, come in to get a parking permit, otherwise the parking is free in the surrounding streets.

### **Stepping Stones Bereavement Group**

A new cohort of this group started on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 10.30 am in The Barn, Christ Church, Northcourt Road. This group is for people who have been bereaved in the past 12 months or so, all ages, all faiths or none. It will meet for nine sessions on the second Tuesday of each month with a break in August. The leaders are all volunteers - not counsellors - but all bring different experiences. If people would like to attend, or would like further info, please contact Sue Quantick ([Sue.quantick@cca.uk.net](mailto:Sue.quantick@cca.uk.net)) so she can plan ahead.

### **New Horizons group for the over 50s**

This takes place every Wednesday at the Salvation Army base at 12 West St Helen Street, Abingdon. Coffee and chat from 10.30 am with a meal at 12 noon – please let us know a week ahead if you want a meal on [oxford@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:oxford@salvationarmy.org.uk). The meal is followed by an activity: a 'sing by heart' – a dementia friendly session – once a month, and a craft activity monthly.

### **Moving into Stillness: Taizé circle dancing and stillness**

Circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes takes place on the first Thursday of the month, 9.45 - 10.45 am at St Michael and All Angels Church, before the regular circle dancing session, which is held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11 am to 12 noon. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided. Contact Sue Sheppy ([susan.sheppy@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.sheppy@btinternet.com)) for further information.

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCHES:** Please check church websites for up-to-date info

**Abingdon Baptist Church** [www.abingdonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.abingdonbaptist.org.uk)

**Abingdon Vineyard Church** [www.abingdonvineyard.org.uk](http://www.abingdonvineyard.org.uk)

**All Saints Methodist Church** [www.allsaintsabingdon.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsabingdon.org.uk)

**Christ Church** [www.cca.uk.net/](http://www.cca.uk.net/) and [www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk](http://www.longfurlongchurch.org.uk)

**Hope Church Abingdon (formerly Abingdon Community Church)** [www.hopechurchabingdon.org](http://www.hopechurchabingdon.org).

**RCCG Light House Abingdon** [www.rccglighthouseabingdon.org](http://www.rccglighthouseabingdon.org)

**Peachcroft Christian Centre** [www.peachcroftcc.org/](http://www.peachcroftcc.org/)

**Quakers** [www.abingdonquakers.org/](http://www.abingdonquakers.org/)

**Salvation Army** [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/abingdon](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/abingdon)

**Our Lady and St Edmund Roman Catholic Church** [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/)

**St Helen's, St Michael's, St Nicolas'** <https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH> <https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM>  
<https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StN>

**Trinity Church** [www.trinityabingdon.org.uk](http://www.trinityabingdon.org.uk)

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