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Methodist Church**

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Notices

Sunday 20 September 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 20 September 10:30am Morning Worship led by Graham Luscombe	Sunday 20 September Harvest Festival 10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Wayne Hawkins
Sunday 27 September 10:30am Harvest Festival Morning Worship led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson	Sunday 27 September 10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings
Sunday 27 September 6:30pm Reflective Service at Trinity	

Confirmation Classes

are being planned for Spring 2027.

Anyone interested, of any age, should contact Georgina (contact details above)



The Funeral of Ian Sturt:
will take place at
South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 2pm
on **Monday 12th October.**

If you are planning to attend please let the Circuit Administrator, Jane, know on
wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com

Thank you for holding Ian's family and friends in prayer.

Ahead of the service, the hearse will arrive outside Grove Methodist Church, where a group of Ian's biker friends will form a biker escort to the Crematorium. Please note that Ian's coffin will not be brought inside Grove Methodist Church. The church will serve only as the gathering point from which the funeral procession will begin. At present, we do not yet have a confirmed time for when the procession will meet at Grove. Further details will follow as they become available.

PEACE SUNDAY

Sunday 20 September is designated Peace Sunday. Bishop Samuel Kayinamura of the Free Methodist Church in Rwanda, who lived through the genocide in his country during the 1990s shares his prayer for peace.

Prince of Peace, King of Compassion,
you call your people into holiness of heart
and life and send us to be signs of your reconciling love in the world.
We pray for lands like Rwanda, where deep wounds still shape the present
and where the hills remember the cries of the past.
Let your Spirit breathe healing into hidden trauma;
let forgiveness become a daily practice,
and let reconciliation grow into a way of life.
Teach hearts to trust again, to rebuild community from what was once torn apart,
and to find courage in grace where silence once carried unbearable weight.
We pray for places like Gaza, Lebanon and Iran,
where conflict tightens its grip and hope feels fragile.
Let your peace fall like rain on dry land; soften the dust of despair;
shield the innocent; steady the hands of all who long to build rather than destroy.
May hope rise in the cracks left by violence,
and may compassion become the language that outlives the sound of war.
In Christ, our Peace and our Hope.
Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

Abigail Perrow: A recording of Abigail's Ordination Service is now available on the Water Lane Website <https://www.waterlaneurc.org.uk/>

Foodbank: Please look at foodbank notice on page 7 for the gifts it plans to give to clients for harvest; there will be an opportunity to bring items to church at the Harvest Festival Services. At present, the foodbank needs chickpeas, corned beef, kidney beans, tinned soup, tinned ham, hot chocolate, tinned fruit, fruit squash, sunflower oil, whole UHT milk, instant coffee and biscuits as well as loo rolls. As ever, thank you so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated. *Thank you. JPB*

Sewing the Seeds of Sustainability: a One Planet Abingdon Project to redistribute donated sewing machines to those on low income, and provide, training and upskilling in their use - changing lives and connecting communities.

[Read more](#) or [donate to the project](#)

TRINITY NEWS

Harvest Festival: you are invited to bring donations for the Abingdon Foodbank – see p7

Thank you to the Flower Group for decorating the church so beautifully for Harvest. If you know of anyone who might like to receive a token *gift of flowers or fruit*, please speak to their Elder. Elders are welcome to take these after the Service.

Ride & Stride - Rebecca and Elizabeth would like to thank all those who sponsored us on our Ride and Stride challenge. We are very grateful for your support and to date have managed to raise £331.50. In the end we visited 32 churches. It was a fun day and we were lucky to see inside many of the churches we visited.

Congratulations to Rebecca and Elizabeth. *Thank you also* to everyone at All Saints and Trinity who sponsored Lynette. As Lynette was recovering from an operation, Jackie deputised and raised £70 from All Saints. The Trinity total is still being collected if you still want to sponsor Lynette/Jackie.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported this year's Ride and Stride whether manning churches, riding and striding, or sponsoring.

Alastair

Digital help wanted: Trinity is looking for people who might like to help with our website, Facebook page or designing posters/leaflets. Training will be available through the Circuit, so you don't need to be an expert. If you might be interested, please speak to Alastair by Sunday 27 September (07999 134 175) and we can let the Circuit know about Trinity's needs.

The Next Church Meeting will be *Sunday 27th September* after church.

Papers are now available online, with some hard copies in church.

The Annual Church Meeting will be on *Sunday 22nd November* after church

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Thank you to Jenny Pooley for getting and arranging the flowers in Church today. They are **in memory of Marion** whose 93 birthday anniversary is tomorrow, 21st September. She died 4 years ago but is still lovingly remembered by many of us.
Paul

Just Women: Wednesday 23 September, 7.30pm, Perry Room. John Orchard will be our guest speaker: The Glass Man. All women welcome.

It is our Harvest Festival on 27th September. The church will be being decorated for the service on the day before (**Saturday 26th**) from 10am. We would be grateful for anyone able to come and give some extra help and support on the Sat morning. The flowers and greenery to arrange will be there. *Rona*
Suggestion of gifts for donation to the Foodbank on p7

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Thursday 1st October in the Church Hall at 2.30pm. As **preparation for the first Dementia Friendly Service** at All Saints an information afternoon has been organised. This meeting is an open meeting so please come even if you didn't sign up to help with the services and show your support for this Growth Plan activity.

Susan Williams (secretary for Dementia Friendly Abingdon and KMC) will be leading the afternoon and wishes to know numbers so she can prepare material. If you would like to attend please contact Sue Russell, a member of the steering group or Eluned, the All Saints administrator. - office.allsaintsab@gmail.com by Friday 25th September. *Many thanks, Sue Russell*

Saturday 3 October: a Memorial Service for **Hugh Moore**, 1pm in Church. See p8

All Saints Brownies: I am extremely sad to discover that all three of our Brownie Leaders have to finish as Leaders at Christmas. The Brownie Pack is the oldest of our uniformed organisations and has been at All Saints for over 50 years. Do you know anyone we can approach about becoming part of the Brownie Leadership Team? I'd be very happy to chat about this. Please give this your prayerful consideration. *Thank you JPB*

Fundraising for Future Pillars Zambia: Following the jolly Vegan Dinner ~ the next (penultimate) meal will be on

9th October, at 6.30pm. Dinner - Mother's 1950's Way.

Please book on 07709955189 or email rgstanbury@aol.com . I look forward to cooking for you. Returners welcome! Rosemary.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September: Abingdon Heritage Open Weekend.

See full programme: <https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/>

Saturday 26 September Cream Tea at St Michael's, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Do please bring along your family and friends and promote wherever you can. It should be a lovely afternoon with some delicious cakes and piano music.

Time Out for Parents - The Early Years: A course from Care for the Family **Thursdays 9.15 - 11.30am**, October 1st, 8th, 15th, November 5th, 12th, 19th at Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon.

This course of six sessions is designed to help you negotiate the early years with confidence and build strong family relationships for the future. The course will cover:

1. What being a parent is really like
2. Understanding children's needs
3. Play and listening
4. Parenting styles and boundaries
5. Discipline and safety
6. The wider family

Open to all parents of under fives. You are welcome to bring babies up to a year, but we are unable to offer a creche.

Booking and more information: <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community/parenting-course>

Saturday 3 October, Oxford Gospel Choir Concert, St Helen's Church, 7.30 pm in aid of *Family of Hope*, a school in Uganda for children with special educational needs. Tickets £10 at the door.

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Thursday 8 October United Prayer Event; The Church in Abingdon invites you to an evening of worship, prayer and vision, as well as the CiA Annual General Meeting, at Abingdon Baptist Church, 7.30 pm.

Advanced Notice: Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Black History Month, Saturday 17 October 2.30 – 5.30, Trinity Church Abingdon. Lord Paul Boateng, Rev Sonia Hicks, Chair Northampton Methodist District and others

ECO TIP

Your Right (and opportunity) to Repair

At the end of July the European Union implemented a Right To Repair law which requires manufacturers to provide reasonably priced repair services for their products. This does not apply in the UK (since we are not part of the EU) but may benefit us for products we import from Europe. However, before we left the EU a law was passed requiring manufacturers to make their products so that they can be repaired using widely available general tools and to provide repair instructions so that consumers can effect their own repairs or employ someone to do that for them. Some suppliers - such as Fairphone mobile phones - also extend their full RTR policies to the UK

Here in Abingdon we have two free Repair Cafes monthly on the first Saturday of each month - next on 3rd October, -held in the community shop in the Precinct. 10.30am to 12.30pm is a Sewing Repair Service; 1.30pm to 4pm is for electrical and mechanical repairs and tool sharpening. There are also regular free bike repair and maintenance checks held under the arches at the County Hall - look at the Abingdon Carbon Cutters calendar online for dates of these.

Carbon Cutters also publish a list of local repairers - they charge so check first what they can do and what are the costs (see below):

Useful websites:

<https://therestartproject.org/right-to-repair-uk/>

<https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/news/events/>

<https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/what/repair-cafe/>

https://abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/20200302-Abingdon_local_repairers.pdf

<https://www.ccpc.ie/consumer-advice/consumer-rights/spare-parts-and-repairs>

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

Each week, the Abingdon Foodbank gives out around 40 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help cover the costs of buying food and running the food bank: use the QR code below.



Shopping list

Tinned meat and fish

Tinned soup or tomatoes

Pasta and curry sauces

Coffee or hot chocolate

UHT Milk: whole or semi

Cereal

Squash

Custard or rice pudding

Peanut butter or honey

Deodorant, shampoo

07562 247443
abingdon.foodbank.org.uk

Abingdon Foodbank is an outreach activity of Christ Church Abingdon
(Registered charity 1153844)





*Well done,
good and faithful servant.
— Matthew 25:23*

A CELEBRATION OF *Life*

HUGH JOHN MOORE

*A loved husband, father, brother,
and friend to many.*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
1:00 P.M.



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A legacy of love.
A blessing to so many.*

*Reception immediately following the service
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