



Abingdon

**All Saints
Methodist Church**

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**Trinity Church
Methodist & United Reformed**

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Notices

Sunday 27 September 2026

All Saints	Trinity
Sunday 27 September 10:30am Harvest Festival Morning Worship led by Rev. Georgina Bondzi-Simpson <i>Harvest Gifts</i> Our gifts this Harvest Sunday will be donated to the Food Bank. Please see the list at the end of these notices for further details.	Sunday 27 September 10:30am Morning Worship led by Peter Hemmings Followed by <i>Church Meeting</i>
Sunday 27 September 6:30pm Reflective Service at Trinity	
Sunday 4 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Carol Hamilton-Foyn	Sunday 4 October A Rocha Service 10:30am Morning Worship led by Philip Nalpanis



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
or visit <https://funeral.mchattie.net> for more details and to confirm your attendance

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

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation Classes
are being planned for Spring 2027.

Anyone interested, of any age, should contact Georgina (contact details p1)

The Singing Group will meet at 2pm on Friday October 2nd in the Perry Room at All Saints. All are welcome - *from All Saints, Trinity and other local churches!* We just enjoy singing hymns and no special ability is needed! We will be looking at hymns that tell of the glory of God in creation, including harvest hymns. If you have a favourite hymn you would like to sing - we can sing that too!

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

Wantage & Abingdon Circuit Commemorate Black History Month,
Saturday 17 October 2.30 – 5.30,
see page 8 for more details.

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



Happy Birthday to Griff – 90 years young



Operation Christmas Child we are inviting donations to make up Christmas parcels for the shoe box appeal. There will be a box in church for the next few weeks.

Complete boxes also welcome. The boxes need to be ready by mid October.

See leaflet in church or

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-09/Gift%20Suggestions%202026.pdf>

Many thanks, Lindsay

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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.

Sunday 4 - Tuesday 6 October: Abingdon Fair there will be traffic disruptions.

Sunday 4 October, Samodiva Trio - Music of a Reborn Nation, St Nicolas' 3pm. Bulgarian Folk Inspirations in Classical Music. Experience Bulgarian folk music woven into classical works by Pancho Vladigerov, Dobri Hristov & Georgi Zlatev-

Cherkin. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-of-a-reborn-nation-bulgarian-folk-inspirations-in-classical-music-tickets-1998703241198> or on the door.

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.

Tuesday 20 October, Book Launch – *No Ordinary Neighbour* by Revd Bruce Thompson. Wallingford Methodist Church 12 noon. *No Ordinary Neighbour* is the record of a growing relationship that led to an astonishing admission. Through conversations over the last decades of his life, Erwin Stahlberg slowly disclosed his true identity in a protracted confession to the writer. He was, it transpires, one of the last surviving members of the Leibstandarte-SS Adolf Hitler. This is no conventional memoir, it is a deep examination of how one young man could so readily become immersed in a brutal military unit, one of the most feared of the Nazi regime, and explores the lessons we must learn afresh today. (*Amazon*)

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>

ALL SAINTS NEWS

It is our **Harvest Festival** this week. The church will be being decorated on **Saturday 26th** from 10am. Help with decorating the Church would be appreciated - flowers and greenery provided. *Rona*

The Tubb House Group will meet at 36 The Warren at 7.30p.m. on Monday September 28th. We will discuss Section 2 of the study on Philippians.

The **Global Harvest Supper** on 19th September raised a total of £435 including gift aid, split as £240 to FPZ and £195 for the support of 2 scouts attending the 2027 Jamboree. JPB has received a lovely card from Ava and Theo, the two Scouts from All Saints Scouts who are raising money for the World Scout Jamboree, to thank all those who organised the evening, and all those who donated to the fund.

Thank you to the hard working Church Family Committee for its superb efforts.

Thursday 1st October an information afternoon in preparation for our **Dementia Friendly Services**. Church Hall, 2.30pm. 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 or Eluned, the All Saints administrator. - office.allsaintsab@gmail.com. *Many thanks, Sue Russell*

At the Dementia Friendly Service on 5th December we would like to give everyone who attends a **knitted / crochet angel**. Own patterns are great to bring variety and there are many patterns available on the internet (look up 'Knitted Christmas Angels – the Methodist Church'). Or see a selection [here](#) (ask the Office if you'd like a hard copy). *Sue Russell*

Saturday 3 October: a Memorial Service for **Hugh Moore**, 1pm in Church. See p7

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.

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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Abingdon, OX14 2AQ

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

*Reception immediately following the service
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Abingdon-on-Thames
Oxfordshire, England*



Black History Month Celebration—Wantage & Abingdon Methodist Circuit

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Black History Month event

Saturday 17 October, from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm, at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd, Abingdon OX14 1DB

This afternoon event brings together voices from across the Methodist family and beyond, offering reflection, learning, worship, and shared fellowship:

- **Talk:** *The History of Black History Month* **Mr Bevan Powell MBE**
- **Act of Worship: Dr Sonia Hicks**, Chair of the Northampton Methodist District
 - **Storytelling: Mr Joseph Kingsley Nyinah**
 - **The Methodist Zimbabwe Fellowship Choir**

In Conversation: A twenty minute dialogue with **The Rt Hon. the Lord Boateng**

We will conclude with a **shared faith meal**, celebrating the rich culinary heritage of the African and Caribbean diaspora

To assist us in finalising arrangements, we would be most grateful if you could kindly indicate your availability for the event

We look forward to welcoming you.

RSVP: wantageabingdoncircuit@outlook.com