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**Notices
Sunday 28 April**

Worship

All Saints

Sunday 28 April

10:30am

Morning Worship
led by Revd Ian Griffiths

*Followed by
Annual Church Meeting
& Bring & Share Lunch*

Sunday 5 May

10:30am

Morning Worship
& Holy Communion
led by Revd Alan Grist

Trinity

Sunday 28 April

10:30am

Morning Worship
led by Elizabeth Bolton

Sunday 5 May

10:30am

Morning Worship
led by Revd Keith Underhill

CHURCH NEWS



We give thanks for the life of

Mrytle Hodgkins

who died on Tuesday 16 April

All are welcome to attend at Abingdon Cemetery on **Wednesday 1 May, 1pm**
followed by a **Thanksgiving Service at All Saints at 2pm**

with refreshments after at Millets Farm Centre.

We are asked to wear bright colours please;
no flowers, but donations if wished to the Alzheimer's Society.

Circuit Plus 3 Meeting, Saturday 18th May 9.30am - 12 noon, All Saints Methodist Church, Abingdon The Circuit Leadership Team invite you to the third and final Circuit Meeting Plus event. The focus for this gathering will be **“What should Presbyters be doing?”** as together we seek to discern what their priorities should be when the Circuit staff reduces in September 2025. Please contact Revd. Keith if you would like to be added to the mailing list for the summary document, which will be circulated ahead of the meeting.
keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk



Friday Coffee at All Saint's: 10.30 to 12pm. All welcome. Come and enjoy time with friends. Volunteers to make coffee still gratefully received. Please talk to Dawn

Christian Aid Market Place Sale, Saturday 11 May 2024 - 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. There will be stalls selling plants, cakes, preserves, books, CDs and DVDs. There will also be a street (cash) collection on the day.

We need volunteers to help run the sale and collect money. We also need items ie plants, cakes and books to sell.

Plants: Gardeners! Please can you save some saleable garden plants – either bedding plants, perennials or veg. seedlings – and indeed houseplants, in a saleable condition. It would be helpful if these could be labelled.

Preserves and cakes: we'd appreciate home-made cakes and preserves to sell on the morning. Remember, to put a list of allergens with the cake.

Books, CDs and vinyl records: please look out any books etc you no longer want and that you consider would sell well.

Please bring any contributions to the Market Place on the day.

Volunteer helpers: Best of all, can you spare an hour or two to help staff our stalls?

The Abingdon Christian Aid task group have also created our own *e-envelope*:
<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/christian-aid-task-group->

[abingdon](#)

Right now, the world is experiencing a distressing surge in hunger. With your help, we're playing our part to raise much needed funds to push back against the inhumanity of poverty.

Thank you for all you do, for your support, your prayers and for your giving.

As always – Give – Act – Pray!

Foodbank: toiletries are currently needed – deodorant, sanitary pads and toothbrushes as well as Angel Delight, cooking oil, jelly and cat food. Many thanks

Christian Forum is published monthly in the free booklet Round and About which goes to every house in Abingdon and the nearby villages. If you feel you could write a short article of no more than 300 words on a Christian topic that could be published it would be much appreciated. Send it to Debra Mcknight at dhmcknight@aol.com.

The Abingdon Passion Play is coming up on **June 22nd**. *More people are urgently needed for the main actors and for the crowd scenes.* If you are interested please get in touch with Ralph Westby. (lowbassel@gmail.com)

All Saints:

Our dear member **Bob Smith** had his 80th birthday last Sunday! Many will remember Bob and the contribution 'Bob's Band' made to Sunday worship. Penny and all the family celebrated with him at an Oxford United-themed party laid on by Bridge House! *Many congratulations, Bob!*

Papers for the Annual Church Meeting are now available on line, or some hard copies available in Church.

Quest will meet at Alan & Valerie's on **Wednesday May 1st** at 7:45. Our discussion will centre around the theme of Conflict.

Many of us remember **Pat Brightwell**, a one time All Saints member, who moved into care near family in Kent. I had a message from Pat's daughter-in-law this week with two photos of Pat enjoying her 92nd birthday party on Thursday, 18th. Pat is quite well and asked that I would send her greetings to all her All Saints friends. *Jenny Pooley*

Trinity:

Alastair has joined the Through the Roof charity as a roofbreaker. **Through the Roof** offers a helpful church audit tool specifically designed to identify areas for improvement in accessibility. This sounds like a good starting point. If you'd like

to join Alastair and Lynette in conducting a church accessibility audit, feel free to contact either of them!

✝ Please hold Alison's daughter Hilary, and Lynette, in your prayers as they journey through their grief and sadness.
May Alison rest in peace and rise in God's glory.

DIARY DATES

World Labyrinth Day, Saturday 4 May: St Michael's Church will be open from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm for people to walk and pray the Labyrinth. In particular we hope to have a good number of participants at 1pm to join in the worldwide '*Walk as One at 1*'. This will be followed by prayers and a simple bread and cheese lunch. All are welcome.

Thursday 9 May: Thursday Group meets at the Conduit Centre; when Ian will be displaying and talking about one of his hangings. **All warmly invited** Refreshments. Another opportunity to see one of Ian's beautiful creative hangings.

Wednesday 15 May, Christians and Muslims in a fractured world: FoSH meeting at 7.30pm in St Nic's church. It will be led by Dr Richard McCallum, Director of the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies in Oxford. All are welcome, and we look forward to a stimulating evening addressing this very topical issue.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Rwanda Bill: The **Methodist Church & the URC**, along with nearly 250 other organisations from across the UK, have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister following the passage of the Government's Act.

The organisations have come together to make a stand against the Rwanda Plan, which they say breaks international law and "abandons our duty to share in the global responsibility towards those forced to seek safety."

Read more: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/methodists-join-more-than-250-organisations-and-write-to-pm-expressing-outrage-at-rwanda-bill>

The **President of the Methodist Conference and the Moderator of the URC Assembly** have also joined other church leaders in expressing their gratitude for those who work alongside refugees and asylum seekers.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/church-leaders-respond-to-the-rwanda-bill-and-the-rise-of-hostility>