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Notices

Sunday 6 October

Worship

| All Saints | Trinity |
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| <p>Sunday 6 October 10:30am Parade Service and Harvest Festival led by Deacon Selina</p> | <p>Sunday 6 October 10:30am All Age Worship led by Belinda Kaur</p> |
| <p>Sunday 13 October 10:30am Morning Worship led by Revd Alan Grist</p> | <p>Sunday 13 October 10:30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson Followed by Church Meeting</p> |
| <p>Sunday 13 October Childrey Methodist Chapel - Thanksgiving and final service 4pm (See over)</p> | |

Childrey Methodist Chapel - Thanksgiving and final service.

A reminder that the final service in the chapel will be the **Anniversary Service on Sunday 13th October at 4:00 pm** preacher Rev Dr Sonia Hicks, the Chair of our District. We will be giving thanks to God for the faithful witness of the chapel as we celebrate 30 years of the opening of the new building, 175 years of Methodism on the current site and 215 years of Methodism within the village.

To help with the practicalities and the catering, please would you let Keith know as soon as possible and certainly by **Thursday 10th October** at the latest, if you are planning on coming.

Thank you.

The Revd Keith R. Underhill (keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk)

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Harvest Gifts will be for the foodbank and all contributions will be gratefully received – see p 7



Now that we have a new sound system, the old cabinet is redundant. It is still quite serviceable with five shelves inside and a lockable front. If anyone would like to have it please talk to one of the Stewards or Derek Pooley. It is heavy so it does require two people to lift it. If no one wants it, it will go to the wood recycling place. *Margaret Ellwood*



Wednesday 9 October, Just Women: Following the visit to St Ethelwold's in the summer, Anne Dodd will chat with us about the history of St Eth's at 7.30pm in the Perry Room. All women welcome.

Church Family Committee are pleased to be hosting An Evening with the **Nasio Trust at All Saints on Saturday 2nd November**. We are delighted that Nasio's founder and CEO Nancy Hunt will be joining Sue Russell and her grandchildren, who will be talking about their recent experiences there, and the latest project developments. The evening will include a typical Kenyan meal! Donations to the Nasio Trust welcome on the night. Please sign up on the foyer sheet ASAP if you'd like to come. Anne M

Reminder: **The Fair comes to Abingdon** on 6 – 8 October



Ock Street will be blocked from Sunday morning.
Vehicular access to Park Rd will be through the Park.
Access to Conduit Rd along Exbourne Rd.

The **Annual Michaelmas Fair Service** on the Carousal in the Market Place, on Sunday 6th, **at 3pm this year**, will be led by Deacon Selina. All welcome

TRINITY NEWS

Georgina and the Trustees wish to acknowledge their gratitude for the anonymous donation of money for the purchase a new chair to be used by the Presbyter leading services. Hopefully this will have been installed in time for worship on Sunday.

We give thanks for the life of **Esther Hughes** who died on Sunday 8 September and whose Funeral will take place in Trinity Church on **Thursday 10 October**, at 1pm following a Committal at South Oxfordshire Crematorium and followed by a reception in the Conduit Centre.

Thursday Group and Friendship Group are meeting in the church at 7:30 on **Wednesday 9th October** to pack boxes for the **House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal**. Send a box to a marginalised child, woman or man living in poverty in Southeast Europe. See flyer in church for further details. **Complete boxes welcome**. Or if you prefer, there will be a box for your donations (of, for example, pencils, sharpeners & erasers notebooks, colouring books, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hats, scarves & gloves, small toys (not war related), soaps & flannels, sweets with a good date (but no chocolate), small soft toy etc and shoe boxes to put them in) in the back of church, donations by **6 October** please. *Thank you for your support, Lindsay*

The next

Church Meeting will be on Sunday 13 October,
after Service. Papers are available on line or in the Church.
and the **Church ACM will be on Sunday 17 November**, after Service

DATES

Building the Church

This Autumn Selina is leading a series of conversations reflecting on our call to mission, evangelism and growth (see p8). The next ‘conversation’ on

Discipleship is on **Monday 7 October**,
7:30pm at All Saints.

Music at St Michael's: Please join us this Autumn for Sunday afternoon concerts at St Michael's Church, Park Road, in Abingdon.

Sunday 6 October: *Huw Rhys James*, Viennese pianist will be returning to us on with a delightful programme of Haydn, Chopin and Brahms.

Sunday 20 October: *Pavlova Winds*, renowned local group will be performing music by Holst and Hindemith.

Tickets at £12/£10 Accompanied children under 16 free. Available at the door or from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTWR> (Piano Recital) or from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTWT> (Pavlova Winds concert) Events generously sponsored by Creative Drives Oxford Ltd.

OMG! A Bad Christian's Book of Prayers – an evening with Rev. Dave Tomlinson, 8th October, All Saints Methodist Church

At 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th October, Rev. Dave Tomlinson will be speaking about his new book about prayer. Before retirement Dave was vicar of St Luke's, N. London and he now provides a weekly 'Holy Shed' podcast. In his latest book for those he celebrates as 'bad Christians', Dave explores the idea that prayer is not so much a religious activity as a universal human instinct, something we all do, one way or another, whether we realise it or not. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. More information from Cliff Marshall (cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk)



All Saints Friday Coffee

All Welcome for coffee, cakes and fellowship.

Friday 11th October 10.30am. to 12pmish

Monday 14 October, Lunchtime music hour at Abingdon Baptist Church ABC invite you to a free hour of music from 12.30 to 1.30 pm in the church. This month we welcome Old Gold who bring us music from the 60s onwards, music to sing along to and tap your feet. Why not buy your light lunch from our Cafe@35 to eat while you listen, or bring your own. Next month we welcome Gill Carpin on piano and organ.

Tuesday 15 October, Agnostics Anonymous: Abingdon Parish Centre (entrance opposite St Helen's Church in West St Helen Street) from 6 to 7.30 pm. Keith Ward will give the introductory talk on '*Do Christians believe in three gods*'? John Barton and John Kerr will be there to take questions and join in the discussion. Free and all are welcome. For more information, please contact Jill Gant on 01235 528929.

You are cordially invited to join
The Revd Dr Charles Miller
when he presides and preaches at his final service
as Vicar of St Helen's Church & Team Rector of Abingdon-on-Thames
on All Saints' Sunday, November 3rd 2024
in St Helen's Church at 3 pm
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Simple refreshments will follow the service

Abingdon Church Twinning presents: DNAPQuiz (Definitely not a pub quiz)
Join us for a fun evening on Saturday 23rd November from 6.30pm for a prompt 7.00pm start at the Conduit Centre, Trinity Church. Quizmaster-extraordinaire Richard will test your general knowledge with 7 rounds of 10 questions. All questions are on the big screen with an answer booklet to help. Tickets are £15 per person which includes a welcome drink and a ploughman's supper in the interval. There will be a maximum of 6 people per table, prizes for the winning table, raffle and further refreshments available with donation
For tickets please contact (at Trinity) Alastair Fear Tel 01235 203023
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NEWS & NOTICES

The Northampton District Prayer Diary 2024/25 is now available from
<https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/lib/district-prayer-diary-northampton-2024-2025-F877492.pdf>

Or ask the Office for a hard copy.

The October Church in Abingdon News is now available online with some hard copies in Trinity.

Wednesday 27th November 1.00pm – 3.00pm, Spiritual Abuse Webinar, organised by the URC. For more information contact the Office. Seminar will be online – to book use <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/null/t-qjpngzd>

Abingdon's International Welcome Café – Fridays, 1 – 2.30 pm, The Barn, Christ Church, Northcourt Road, OX14 1PL This café was set up in response to the Homes for Ukraine scheme and to provide wider support of refugees through a collaborative partnership of Christ Church and Host Abingdon, the main partners, as well as many other churches in Abingdon as well as local groups and organisations, including the Food Bank. The café offers friendship, support, refreshments, toys and help with English run by a qualified TEFL teacher. For further information, please contact hello@hostabingdon.org.

A prayer for Peace – from this week’s Methodist News

Creator God,

Today in a fractured world we pray for peace and justice,
your peace, not built on our broken promises and failing courage,
but your deep peace, embodied in the service and sacrifice of Jesus.
May we follow Christ, seeking your justice, acting in solidarity and hope,
even when the way seems unclear
and the powers of our world don’t reflect your kingdom,
your peace or your justice.
In Jesus name we pray
Amen.

‘For a Time’ exhibition and film

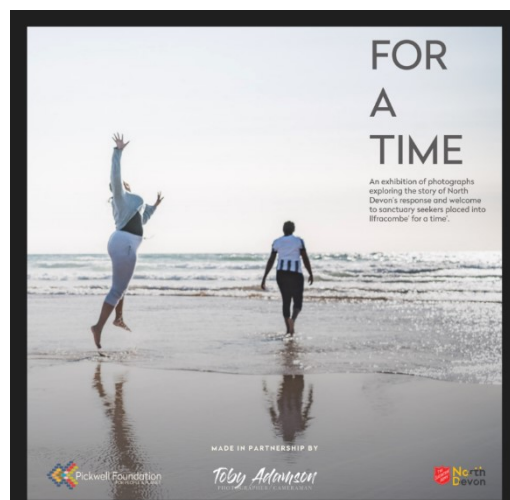
‘For a time between the late winter of 2022 and early summer 2023 the Grand Hotel, on Ilfracombe’s seafront was used by the Home Office as part of the Asylum Dispersal initiative. The Local Authority engaged the ‘Pickwell Foundation’, to coordinate a response to support the guests placed into the hotel. Along the way many local organisations, community groups and individuals responded by offering time and space and resources to make that support possible.’

Wantage Methodist Church is delighted to be hosting an inspirational exhibition that tells this story of what happened along with an accompanying short film (on the hour and half hour) on Saturday 23 November between 10 and 12 o’clock. Refreshments will be available. Please feel free to drop in anytime!

On Sunday 24 November the morning service (10:30am) and afternoon from 3:00pm prior to the Circuit Service at Wantage (4:00pm) will also include the film and the opportunity to look at the photos and explore the themes of the exhibition.

This exhibition and film firstly, celebrate and remember a moment in the community’s history that exemplified compassion, welcome and kindness and secondly, demonstrate that this sort of response is possible in other communities.

Everyone welcome!





HARVEST DONATIONS

- Tinned ham, fish, soup, veg
- Pasta, rice, noodles
- Flour, oil, honey, peanut butter
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Biscuits, cereal bars, crackers
- Hygiene & cleaning products
- Sweet treats

Drop-off every Tues & Fri in October: 10am-12noon
Location: Christ Church, Northcourt Road OX14 1PL



BUILDING THE CHURCH

**5 autumn conversations,
reflecting upon our call to
mission, evangelism and growth**

HOSPITALITY - 30TH SEPT
DISCIPLESHIP - 7TH OCT
EVANGELISM - 14TH OCT
REFLECTION - 4TH NOV
PLANNING - 11TH NOV

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JOIN US FOR SOME OR
ALL OF THESE DATES

30TH SEPT
7TH OCT
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11TH NOV

TIME
7.30-9PM

WHERE?
THE PERRY ROOM

@ ALL SAINTS
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For Trinity Church
and
All Saints Methodist
Church
Facilitated by Deacon
Selina Nisbett