



Parish of St Peter & St Paul, Abington
- the Church in the Park -
Welcome to our May Newsletter 2025

Easter Message from Tree of Hope

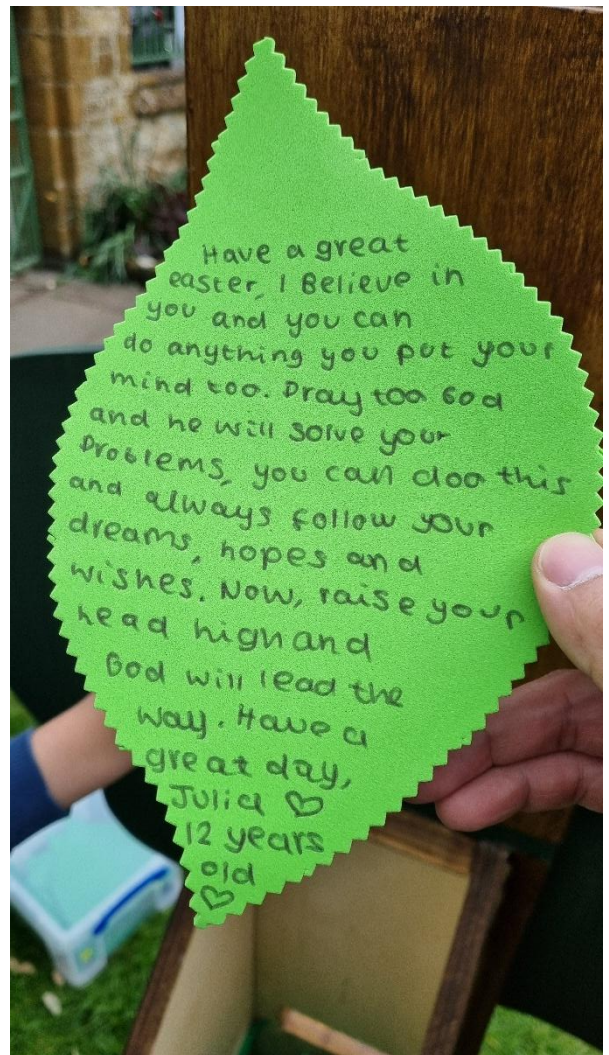
Alleluia, Christ is risen!

What a wonderful Easter Sunday that was with lots of friends and children celebrating the resurrection of Christ together. Revd. Tracy's sermon about what makes the Easter story credible was inspiring. The hymns and the music with the choir was so uplifting.

What was new to this year's Easter was that we shared an Easter message from the Tree of Hope and prayed around it during the service. Since we launched our Tree of Hope project, we have been sharing a message from the leaves for the Tree every Sunday.

The message that we shared for this Easter was this.

"Have a great Easter, I believe in you and you can do anything you put your mind too. Pray to God and he will solve your problems. You can do this and always follow your dreams, hopes and wishes. Now raise your head high and God will lead the way. Have a great day. Julia, 12 years old."



What a wonderful Easter message from 12 years old Julia!

I particularly like her last sentence. *"Now raise your head high and God will lead the way."* We can raise our head high because God who raised Christ gives us a new hope and the risen Christ leads the way.

So we pray together with Julia in this Eastertide.

Father, thank you for this Easter message from 12 years old Julia. We pray with her that, on this Easter Sunday, people in this community will encounter the risen Christ. May their hopes be renewed and refreshed by the good news of Easter. We can raise our head high Lord because you have raised Christ from the dead and our risen Lord leads the way. Help us to follow him and help us to meet him on our journey as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



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With love in Christ

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Preachers for this month

- 4 May:** Jenny Parkin
- 11 May:** Liz Kelly
- 18 May:** Jun Kim
- 25 May:** Andrew Proud

Readers and Intercessors for this month

Date	Readers	Intercessor
4 May	John Murphy, Mark Beasley	Rhiannon George
11 May	Junior Church	Junior Church
18 May	Olga Bates, Evgenii Bates	Matthew George
25 May	Prester Coelman, Fiona Crook	Peter Gompertz

Children and Young People's Ministry

Easter is a wonderful time of celebration and this year did not disappoint!!

Abington Youth Church (AYC) met on Sunday 6th April and we had the opportunity to share what Easter means to us and to ask questions about what happened to Jesus in the week leading up to his death, followed by his resurrection. How do we know it is true? These times with the young people are relaxed and informal which everyone seems to enjoy. After a short time of worship, we always have a game, followed by a shared meal. Thank you to everyone who has supported AYC over the past few months. We next meet on Sunday 20th July at 5 pm.

During the schools' holiday we welcomed 18 children and their families, many from our Little Fishes group, to the church for some Easter fun. We had an Easter Egg Hunt and then enjoyed some egg and spoon races. Then we went into church for a story, some singing and some refreshments. It was a very happy time.

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday was really well supported this year, with about 160 children and adults, taking part. It is a wonderful opportunity of Christian witness and unity. Thank you to all those who made this occasion possible, especially to those involved in providing the refreshments in church after the walk. The hot cross buns, the drinks and a well-deserved rest for the walkers were all appreciated.



Crafts were provided for the children in the Lady Chapel and these proved very popular!

The Easter Sunday service was a truly joyful occasion and it was lovely to welcome about 180 people to church, including many families. Junior Church was busy and the children were excited about the Easter Egg Hunt out in the churchyard after the service! They were all given paper cups to collect their eggs. Many of you will have seen the children having a happy time having fun together! And the sun shone - we were truly blessed!

Looking ahead, we are now preparing for the Family Fun Day on Saturday 31st May from 2 pm to 4 pm. Please do invite family and friends to join us on this afternoon which is always a time of lovely fellowship and hospitality.

Cathy Tinsley - Children and Youth Missioner - 01604 816680 (this is a new home number) or 07516 979223 and children@abingtonchurch.org.uk

News from Abington Park View Care Home



Liz and various members of the team visited APV three times in April for services. On 2nd April, sixteen residents and two family members enjoyed a Songs of Praise Service celebrating Spring. We looked at pictures of daffodils, primroses, trees in blossom and baby

birds and listened to part of Psalm 104 which celebrates creation. All the chosen hymns praised God for the wonders of his world and for his unchanging love and care for us.

The theme for Messy Vintage on 16th was the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday as told in Matthew's Gospel. You can see in the photograph the donkeys that we made using a template that we coloured in and then mounted on an A4 piece of card.

The last visit of the month was for an Easter Songs of Praise celebration. We listened to the gospel accounts of the resurrection and sang joyful hymns including 'Thine be the glory', accompanied by various percussion instruments.

Pastoral Support

We aim to support parishioners through telephone calls, texts, prayer, and pastoral visits. Home Communion is available if you are unable to get to church because of illness. If you, or anyone you know, would like someone to get in touch, please contact Liz Kelly, Lay Pastoral Minister and Anna Chaplain. Her contact details are lizmk@outlook.com and telephone 01604 636947 or 07745 604591. We offer a listening ear, someone to pray with, bereavement support, or a friendly visit.

News from St Christopher's

Six Lent Bible Studies took place during March and April, and these were very well-attended. Between 15 and 20 people joined together in the main lounge on Monday afternoons under the leadership of our Anna Chaplin, Liz Kelly. The sessions involved lots of discussion and time for fellowship together afterwards.

We celebrated Red Nose Day, and supported 'Wear a Hat' afternoon in aid of Brain Tumour Research.



A special lunch was organised for Mothering Sunday, and visitors were invited to join residents to share a meal with loved ones.

Visit to Korea

Jun is visiting the Province of Korea as part of the annual Diocesan visit. He is currently staying in Seoul where we met with Bishop of Seoul. He also visited the University of the Anglican Church of Korea where he met with Ordinands and the Dean. Seoul is a vibrant and bustling city where skyscrapers and ancient buildings co-exist. Here are some photos from Seoul. Jun will travel to Busan next week to visit the Diocese of Busan.



APCM: Sunday 18 May, 11.30 am (after the service)

APCM is an opportunity where we can look back with gratitude over the last 12 months and look forward to the next 12 months by sharing a vision and hopes for God's mission and His Kingdom. Please come and join this year's APCM as we look back the 800th anniversary in 2024. The reports will be available a week before the APCM.

Standing Committee and PCC

Standing Committee: Wednesday 7 May, 7.45 pm, Parish Office

PCC: Wednesday 21 May, 7.45 pm, Church rooms

[Draft Minutes from the last PCC Meeting](#)

Please click the title above to access the link.

Quiz Night: Friday 9 May, 6.30 pm for 7 pm start, Parish Rooms

Ticket price: £10. Meals included.

Tickets are available from Sunday 27 April

Family Fun Afternoon: Saturday 31 May, 2 pm – 4 pm

Please join our Family Fun Afternoon with bouncy castles. Lucia will bring her animals as well which children can pet and play with. If you can help with this event then please speak to Cathy.

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Zoom Compline

This is a weekly service at 7.00pm on Tuesdays. In case you don't know, Compline is a quiet, reflective service at the end of the day and includes an open prayer time, so we are able to continue to support one another. The joining details are: Meeting I.D. 815 8020 8528. Passcode 409450 Please talk to Liz Kelly if you want to know more about, contact lizmk@outlook.com or telephone on 07745 604591.

Parish Newsletter Contribution

Please send your stories and photos to Revd. Jun, rector@abingtonchurch.org.uk by 23rd of each month.
