

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	David & Viv Williams
Tue	Ali Wiltshire
Wed	Kathleen Zammit & Tony
Thurs	Shawn Abrahams
Fri	Tomi Aliu
Sat	Joel Aliu
Sun	Joshua Aliu

### Please Pray

For all people affected by conflict or natural disaster in our world today. We think especially of those suffering in Ukraine, Gaza and Afghanistan.

For world leaders and their governments as they make difficult decisions, balancing the wants of their own countries with the needs of the world.

For the elections this year in the UK and USA, that those standing will demonstrate integrity, fairness and compassion, and carry those same qualities into their elected roles when in government.



# Sunday 19th May Pentecost



### Would you like to see some outdoor theatre in June?

The **Abingdon Passion Play** is a modern take on the person, trials, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It is a free community outreach event supported by the churches in Abingdon. This year, performances are outdoors in the Abbey Gardens, on 22nd June 2024, at 12 o'clock and 5 pm.

Please see their website for more information.

<https://www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk/>

## Services for Next Sunday

26th May Trinity Sunday	9am	Holy Communion	Tom Morgan
	11am	All Age Holy Communion	

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion	Adam Beaumont	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
11.00 am	Morning Praise		

Notices for next week's bulletin to the Parish Office by Wednesday 9am please

## Tai Chi and Gardening!

During Welcome Course 4 many people expressed interest in learning



about gardening, as they had recently moved into new houses with gardens and didn't know how to take care of them. Fortunately, John Hodgkinson has many years of gardening experience and last Monday he kindly stepped up to run a gardening session at St John's. Lots of queries

were answered by John and he also brought some seedlings to share - tomatoes, peppers, cosmos and marigold. Many Hong Kongers are city people and have no experience in gardening, so they were thrilled to adopt some plants, hoping they wouldn't kill them by overwatering or have them eaten by slugs!



Janet Gash gave a tour of the church garden and it was amazing how many different plant species we have at St John's.

Before the gardening session there was a Tai Chi class, so it was a busy morning! Pamela from Welcome Course 4, who now attends the 11am service, guided the Tai Chi.

For many it was their first time, although Charmain said it reminded her of her late grandad who required her and cousins to do Tai Chi every day at 6am during the summer holidays! That was a big challenge, especially as they stayed up late each night to watch TV with grandma! Bitter-sweet childhood memories.



## News from the APCM

At the APCM, held on Wednesday 8th May, Sharon Mortimer and Ali Wiltshire were re-elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Mary Southgate and Bill Hunt were re-elected as PCC members for the next three years. There is still one vacancy on the PCC for a three year term. If you are interested, and would like to find out more about what being a PCC member entails, please speak to Sharon or Ali.



At the first meeting of the new PCC, held immediately after the APCM, Rod Mortimer was re-elected as Vice Chair, James Bennett was re-elected as Treasurer and Mary Southgate was re-elected as PCC Secretary.

## Craft Fayre



Craft Club are busy making things for the Craft Fayre to be held in St John's towards the end of the year. They are wanting empty glasses cases (hard cases) to decorate. If you have any you can donate, please bring them along to the Parish Office in a bag or envelope clearly marked "For Craft Club". Thank you.

More than twenty people took part in the Tai Chi and gardening. The invitation was opened to all previous Welcome Course participants and some even brought new friends. If you'd like to learn more about Tai Chi, please feel free to reach out to Pamela or Charmain.

