

Everybody welcome to our small and carefully curated

Cakes and Ale + Festival

in honour of the 850th Anniversary of St Edmund of Abingdon c1175-1240.

Please 'pick and choose' to come along to any of the events today and Sunday.

They are all *free* except where indicated.

Buy any of the indicated tickets at the door or by scanning the QR code below:



All in aid of or kindly supported by Abingdon's churches and:



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Special thanks to the Town Council, to the churchwardens, to the Salvation Army and to the people in the parish and beyond, who have given so generously of their time, their expertise and for opening their doors for the day.

All of you have made this modest but important festival possible. Thank you!

Sally Mears



Opening Prayer and Welcome

9:00: **Gather for Prayer at Christ Church** (Northcourt Rd, Abingdon) with special guest Will Donaldson, former chaplain of St Edmund Hall, Oxford University

9:15: **Process to Our Lady and St Edmund of Abingdon Church** to arrive by 9:30

10:00: **St Nicolas' Church:** *The life and legacy of St Edmund* Talk by Will Donaldson

9:45 - 10:45: **Labyrinth at St Michael's Church** (Park Rd, Abingdon): *Moving into Stillness* Circle Dancing with Elizabeth Mitchell. **Taster £3 donation**

10:45: **St Nicolas' Church:** *Medieval Recipe Cake* by Debbie Garrod

11:00: **St Nicolas' Church:** *Lost Abbey of Abingdon* Walking Tour, Dr Philip Kenrick

11:30: **St Nicolas' Church:** *Drunk Monks and a Lake of Beer!* AngloSaxon Beer-Making talk by Dr Hannah Caroe, Archaeobotanist.

10:00 - 12:00: **Market Place:** Cake Stall in aid of **The Gerontius Amenity Fund**

12:00: **Market Place:** Abingdon Traditional Morris Dancers

All day (from 10:00): **Market Place:**

Town Crier, to announce today's events

Celebratory **art and craft gifts** for children

Ulfhrafnar Medieval Re-enactment and Mead Making Demo



Showcase of Local Singers and Musicians

Bucket Collection for **The Abingdon Bridge**



10:00 - 4:00 pm **South Aisle at St Helen's Church**

Imagery displays and beautiful music

Prophetic Art *Reni Vas, Sarah Fry, Steve Walters.*

Art & Photography by *Martin Wackener of Added Ingredients.*

Iconography by *Joanna Tulloch, Rosemary Smith*

12:00 - 2 pm: **Lunch Break** **One Planet Abingdon 'café' CEC** (under the Museum)

Loose Cannon Special 850th Ale

Abingdon Museum - pop in and enjoy our amazing museum

1:00 pm: **St Nicolas' Church:** Repeat of *The life and legacy of St Edmund* Talk by Will Donaldson

2:00 pm: **St Ethelwold's Garden** *In the footsteps of St Edmund* Walk with Anne Dodd

2:30 pm: **St Ethelwold's Garden** Biodiversity Walk with John Killick

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: **Salvation Army HQ, W St Helens St** Salvation Army Drop-In
Learn about the Salvation Army's vital work and mission.

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: **St Michael's Church** Festival Recital
Romantic Piano Music in the Church by Markus Gabriel Ecseghy. Tea and Cake to follow.
Book using QR code overleaf or at the door: £15 to include refreshments.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm: **Market Place:** Karvara Up and Coming Local Indie Band

4:30 pm: **St Nicolas' Church** & **Market Place** Bell Ringers *Quarter Peal*

7:00 pm **St Michael's Church** Ceilidh Dancing + cake, ale.

Melobo Band & The Vale Islanders

Book using QR code overleaf or at the door:
£15 to include first drink and cake; £10 for under 18's.

Sunday 17th May

12:00 - 4:00 pm: **South Aisle at St Helen's Church** Imagery Display:
Prophetic Art, Photography, Iconography

5:30 pm: **Choral Evensong** for **St Edmund of Abingdon (c.1175 - 1240)**
led by Dr Peter Foster, Director of Music, **St Helen's Church** Please do come along!