



St **NICOLAS' CHURCH**
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 10 December 2017

*A warm welcome to all who join us to worship God
in the love and peace of his Holy Spirit*

11:15 am Holy Communion
The Revd Mary Williamson

Hymn 29 Hills of the North rejoice

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

1st Reading **Isaiah 40: 1 - 11**

2nd Reading **2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a**

Hymn 34 On Jordan's bank

Gospel **Mark 1: 1 - 8**

Hymn 608 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

Hymn 383 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Hymn 31 Lo he comes with clouds descending

5:30pm Patronal Evensong
The Revd Dr Charles Miller

Winter Fuel Allowance Do you receive this? Do you really need it? If not, why not give it to someone who does? You can make a donation to Abingdon and District CAB Friends This will be passed on by Citizens Advice Abingdon to someone locally who really needs it. Last year we raised over £2,000 and Citizens Advice were able to help 12 very vulnerable local people with their fuel bills as a result. Find out more at Citizens Advice, New Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon or see flyers at the back of church.

TrinityLearning: Over the last nine years, TrinityLearning has been helping thousands of pupils in schools in and around Abingdon. Trinity Church has decided this work needs to expand, and is looking for someone to manage the transition towards sustainability and charity status. The post is initially for six months, one day/week. If you are interested, please contact trinity.abingdon@gmail.com. The application deadline is December 15th, with a view to interviews in early January. Part-time post: 0.2, equivalent to one day a week, initially for 6 months from 1 February 2018. Salary: £25,000 p.a. pro rata.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT SUNDAY: 6pm St Nicolas Carol Service. Seasonal refreshments to follow.

Advent labyrinth walks: St Michael's will be open on **Tuesdays 12 and 19** December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Entry will be through the south porch.

Friday 15 December Carol Singing for Christian Aid: Everyone is invited to come and sing carols in aid of Christian Aid in the Farmers' Market at 10 – 11 am. Musical accompaniment and carol sheets will be provided so just bring your voice, and come and help everyone celebrate Christmas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Nicholas (15 March 270 – 6 December 343) was one of many bishops to answer the request of Constantine and appear at the First Council of Nicaea - the 151st attendee was listed as "Nicholas of Myra of Lycia". There, he was one of the bishops who signed the Nicene Creed.

PUBLICATIONS

Copies of the December / January edition of **The Window**, the Winter edition of Christian **Focus** and the December **Door** are all now available in Church.

Copies the Rector's new book

'The Magnitude of Meekness - Christmas for twelve Days'

are available at the back of Church,
and from Cards for Good Causes during the week.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Our Team Vicar, Paul, as he recovers from his operation;
- All those for whom Advent is a time sorrow;
- Children and young people, and all who care for them;
- Ourselves as we celebrate our Patronal Festival, that we we might become a more Christ-like Church, responding to Bishop's Steven's call;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, John, Jane and Mary, and all who serve in this Parish;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- Those who are suffering and in particular need.

***Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas,
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Do, please, take this leaflet home with you.

No collection will be taken at this Service, but a plate for your donation is available at the back of the Church Thank you