



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Christmas 1 / Feast of the Holy Name
Sunday 31 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 Family Communion
The Revd David Bevington

Hymn 57 Joy to the world

Collect Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading Psalm 8

2nd Reading Galatians 4 v 4-7

Hymn 55 In the bleak midwinter

Gospel Luke 2 v 15-21

Hymn 380 At the name of Jesus

Hymn 309 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymn 73 Unto us a boy is born

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

Thank you

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Wednesday 3 7:30 pm Nourishment In Christ

Sunday 7 8:00 am Holy Communion

11:15 am Morning Prayer

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri StH 9:10am Morning Prayer – The Lady Chapel

Mon - Fri StH 5:10pm Evening Prayer – The Lady Chapel

Wed StH 10:30am Holy Communion – South Aisle

Thurs StM 12:30pm Said Mass, followed by light lunch

Sat StM 12:00pm Said Mass for the Epiphany,
followed by light lunch

Sunday 7 StH 10:30am Sung Eucharist

4:30pm Epiphany Music & Readings
followed by tea

StM 9.30 am Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

St Nicolas will be hosting the Midday prayers in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Monday 22 - Friday 26 January**. Offers to prepare / help with a light lunch for those attending (for example sandwiches & fruit for maybe 15 people) to Julia please. *Many thanks*

Other WoPCU events:

Inter-church quiz on **Friday 19 January**, 7.30 pm, Christ Church.

United Service on **Sunday 21 January**, 3 pm @ St Helen's Church.

THANK YOU

- To all who contributed to our Christmas Services;
- To everyone who decorated the church for Christmas, and to those who help with the flowers throughout the year;
- To Jim who looks after the church day by day;
- To all the Stewards, Communion Assistants and others who contribute to our services week by week;

- To the Ministers who plan and lead our worship;
- For your prayers and financial contributions as we seek to continue to witness to Christ in this town.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tomorrow: Christian Aid New Year walk from the Parish Centre at 10 am on Monday 1 January and follow a figure of eight route with refreshments, finishing back at the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 2 January The Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group; 7.30 pm, in St Michael's Church Room. Discussion on 'Quantum Physics and the future of God'. All welcome.

Wednesday 3 January: NIC. Continuing our study of the Bishop of Oxford's course on the Beatitudes.

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated at St Michael's on **Saturday 6 January** with Sung Mass at 12noon, followed by a light lunch.

And at St Helen's with **Epiphany Carols on Sunday 7 January at 4:30pm**

Saturday 13 January Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, 10 am - 4 pm. Leader: Sue Sheppy. Title: Deep Roots. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

The Beatitudes: A Short Course - Saturday mornings 24 January, 10, 24 February & 10 March, St Michael's church 11am to ca 12:30pm. The Beatitudes are recorded by Matthew's Gospel and are central to Jesus' teaching on discipleship. Yet neither Mark nor John records them, and in Luke's Gospel they look quite different. What's going on? What does it mean to be blessed? Do other biblical texts help us? And when we have understood what Jesus is saying, what are we to do about it? How are we to live? We will listen for the Lord to speak to us again and as we hear his voice, we will seek to obey and find the conversion of our life. Speakers John Barton, Emma Percy, Paul Sheppy and Phillip Tovey. Each session ends with a short form of Midday Prayer.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- 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;
- that, as a Church and a Parish, we may respond positively to Bishop Stephen's invitation to become a more Christ-like Church, contemplative, compassionate and courageous in all we attempt together;
- those who are suffering and in particular need;
- our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today.



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The parish office will be closed until Tuesday 2nd January

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