



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 25 February 2018
Lent 2

*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 Dr Jane Baun

The Beatitudes (2)

Blessed are the meek

Hymn 6 New every morning is the love

Collect Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1st Reading **Genesis 17.1-7,15,16**

2nd Reading **Romans 4.13-25**

Hymn 386 Be thou my vision

Gospel **Mark 8.31-38**

Hymn 586 The God of Abraham praise vv 1 - 4 & 10

Hymn 294 Dearest Jesu

Hymn 538 O Jesus I have promised

*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

Sunday 4 Mar	8:00 am	Holy Communion	
			The Revd Canon Keith Ward
	11:15 am	Morning Prayer	The Revd Paul Smith
& IN THE PARISH			
Mon - Fri	StH	9:10am	Morning Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Mon - Fri	StH	5:10pm	Evening Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Thurs	StM	11:00am	Circle Dancing
		12:30pm	Said Mass, followed by light lunch
Sun 4	StH	8:00 am	<i>at St N in March</i>
		10:30am	Sung Eucharist with Great Litany
		5:30pm	Vespers
	StM	9.30 am	Family Mass

During **Lent at St Nicolas** the 11:15am Services will feature a themed series of Sermons on the Beatitudes - in response to Bishop Steven's Diocesan Vision to be a more Christ-like church where we are first Contemplative, then Compassionate, and then Courageous. In order to embrace this diocesan vision Bishop Steven is encouraging every parish to 'dwell deeply in the Beatitudes' over the next year. See the separate leaflet for more details.

Also, during **Lent** there will be lay-led **Stations of the Cross** at St Michael's Church on Tuesday evenings 6, 13 March and Wednesday evening 21 March.

CiA Lent Lectures 2018: Let's Wait and See: Revd Dr. Paul W. Goodliff

Tomorrow: Waiting with St Francis. Seeing the Baptism of Christ

Break

Lecture 3: Waiting for the God of Surprises. Seeing the Damascus Road 19 March

Lecture 4: Waiting in the Silence. Seeing the Passion of Christ 26 March

All to be held at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.30 pm.

CHURCH NEWS

ELECTORAL ROLL: We will be revising the parish electoral roll during February and March, and would welcome anyone not on the register who worships with us to join. A lay person is entitled to have their name on the parish roll if they have been baptised, and are aged sixteen or more. At St Nicolas a simple application form is available from Eluned, or from the website, and should be returned by 22 March please.

TRAIDCRAFT: Please come to our **ANNUAL BIG BREW** event at **St Michael's on Saturday 3rd** March between 10 am and noon. Enjoy a coffee/tea and cake whilst knowing that every penny raised for Traidcraft will be doubled by the Government. **Fairly Traded Easter eggs** will be available to buy or order at the Big Brew or from Jan (01235 203 144).

The next ecumenical Introduction to **Spiritual Direction Course** run by the Spiritual Direction (SpiDir) Network for Berks, Bucks and Oxon begins in September 2018, and finishes in June 2019. For further information please see the website: www.soulfriend.org.uk or email Sue Sheppy (St Michael's), who is one of the course tutors: susan.sheppy@btinternet.com. See also, the flyer at the back of Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Abingdon Food Bank** appreciates our continued support. The most needed items at the moment are: Tinned meat, tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned potatoes or packets of mash, long life milk, sugar and fruit juice. *Thank you*

Abingdon Volunteer Drivers Centre (ADVC): The ADVC has, for many years, been providing a service to the community by offering lifts to hospitals and other medical establishments to those who would otherwise struggle to get there. Passengers are charged only enough to cover the cost of petrol and administration, which is usually much cheaper than using a taxi. Even though the ADVC is not a specifically Christian service, many of the drivers are members of churches in Abingdon, and the office resides in 35 Ock Street. A few years ago there were about 28 volunteer drivers, but the number has now dropped to 15 which means that some requests for lifts have had to be declined, and we would like to recruit some new drivers. Most drivers do no more than a couple of drives per week, and need only accept drives at times when they do not have another commitment. Petrol costs are reimbursed, so the only expenditure is your time. It is a valuable ministry for those who are retired and may have a little time on their hands and want to serve. For further information, please call the ADVC office on 01235 522438 between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday, or call into 35 Ock Street (First Floor).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 27 February, Silent Reflections, St Michael's: 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary with the option of coming together to share your journey at the end of the session. Open to anyone who wants to 'come and see'.

Thursday 1 March *Moving into Stillness*: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael's from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

Friday 2 March, Women's World Day of Prayer. Services at Peachcroft Christian Centre at 1:30pm (with crèche) and 7:30pm. The Service, prepared by women in Suriname, will last about an hour and be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

Friday 3 March: Traidcraft Big Brew - see p3

Sunday 5 March: Abbey Chamber Concert in St Nic's 3pm

Tuesday 6 March, 7.30pm, A talk on the work of **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT)**. South Aisle, St. Helen's Church, Speaker: Basil Eastwood, Development Officer for OHCT. Refreshments and retiring collection for OHCT. Please contact the Parish Office (see p4) if you would like to attend.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- That we may grow into a more Christ-like church;
- Our Sermon Series on the Beatitudes;
- The Parish of North Abingdon;
- John Lewis and his family;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;
- Those who are suffering and in particular need;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today.

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