



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Easter 2
Sunday 8 April 2018

*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 David Bevington

- Hymn** 605 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
- Collect** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.
- 1st Reading** **Acts 4: 32-35**
- 2nd Reading** **1 John 1: 1 - 2.2**
- Gradual** 412 Dear Lord, we long to see your face
- Gospel** **John 20: 19 - 31**
- Hymn** 137 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven & voices raise
- Hymn** 174 Breathe on me
- Hymn** 160 Thine be the glory

*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

Monday 9	3:00 pm	Communion by Extension	Bridge House
Sunday 15	8:00 am	<i>At St Helen's this month</i>	
	11:15 am	Third Sunday Service	

The Revd Dr Jane Baun

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri	StH	9:10 am	Morning Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Mon - Fri	StH	5:10 pm	Evening Prayer – The Lady Chapel
Wed	StH	10:30 am	Holy Communion – Parish Centre
Thurs	StM	11:00 am	Circle Dancing
		12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
Sun 15	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Choral Evensong
	StM	9.30 am	Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

THANK YOU TO:

- The *Flower Team* who have decorated the church so wonderfully, and to all who gave donations in memory of loved ones,
- All who assisted with our Easter Services,
- And to all who kindly contributed their time to deliver the Parish Easter leaflets.

SOMEONE WILL DO IT:

But who is that someone? The St Nicolas' ADCM is tomorrow, and reports of 2017 activities have been prepared. It is good to look back on the previous year and to acknowledge the successes achieved and challenges faced but it is important, also, to look forward; to look to the future.

The work of the Church is dependent upon people, most of whom are willing volunteers, using their God given talents in His service. How are you using your talents and what are you doing to spread the Gospel? There are many opportunities at St Nic's to let your light shine instead of hiding it under a bushel (Matthew 5.15). At the ADCM, we shall seek to fill various posts and roles for the coming year and there are lists at the back of church giving you the opportunity to volunteer your services. Those lists are not there for other people to use, they are there for you! It really does not matter whether you are a "front of house" person or a "behind the scenes" person, there is a job for

everyone – an opportunity to use our talents. Think and pray about what God may be calling you to do and don't be shy about volunteering to do it. We all think that someone will do it but who is that someone? It may be you!

The Revd Mary Williamson, Associate Priest

FRIDAY SALES: The weekly sales of seasonal garden produce, baked goods, preserves, eggs, garden plants and handicrafts have re-started. Handicrafts, are always inside the church, produce is displayed in the church yard weather permitting (inside if wet). A share of the proceeds comes to St Nicolas Church funds. Do come and have a look, you may well be surprised by the range, quality and value of what is on offer. More from: geoffrey@tgcurrey.plus.com

Electoral Roll: The revised Electoral Roll is on display at the back of Church. Please let Eluned know of any errors or omissions today.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This afternoon, St Nicolas 3pm: Abbey Chamber Concert - *Idyllic chamber music for strings and wind*. Tickets £10 (£9) on the door.

Tomorrow - Saturday 14 April: Abingdon Artists Spring Show in St Nicolas. 10am-4:30pm daily. Late night Wednesday 4:30-7pm. Free entrance.

Thursday 12 April Recycling Our Rubbish: Trinity Church's Thursday Group 'open evening', 7:30 pm, in the Conduit Centre. Hear from Eleanor Bann on what can and can't be recycled and where it goes if it's not recyclable. Coffee to follow.

Saturday 14 April: Table Top Sale, Abingdon Market place from 9:45am in aid of NSPCC and Citizen's Advice Friends.

Saturday 21 April Abingdon Church Twinning Barn Dance in the Conduit Centre, Trinity Church from 7:30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets at £10 each or £25 per family. Light refreshments are included with soft drinks for sale

The **BRF/Diocesan Festival of Prayer** will be at Ripon College, Cuddesdon on **7 July**. Keynote Speaker John Bell of the Iona Community. Cost £30. See <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer/>

Romantic Music from Vienna: on Saturday 12 May, at 7:30pm, St. Michael's, will be hosting two top-class artists from Vienna. Anna-Maria Birnbauer from the Vienna State Opera will be accompanied by Huw Rhys James of the Vienna Conservatoire. Their programme comprises an attractive mix of piano music and songs by Schubert, Brahms and Korngold. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions;

children under 15, free) from Mostly Books, Abingdon, or at the door. Free parking available in Park Road.

Bereaved Parent Support Day: *Care for the Family* offer understanding and encouragement for the heartache for the loss of a child. They are holding a Support Day on **9th June in Swindon** for parents, either on their own or as a couple, who have lost a child in any circumstance and at any age, recently or years ago. More information from Michael and Deborah Harford, 01235 527516 or <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/bereavement-support-events>.

Copies of the April editions of
The Window & The Door
& the **papers for the ADCM on 19 April**
are now available from the back of church.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Our Church meeting tomorrow, and all who are called to serve in the coming year;
- Give thanks for the joy of the Resurrection, but remember too those unable to share in this joy;
- That we may be guided and strengthened in mission and service;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven and Colin our Bishops, Charles, Paul 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;
- Those who are suffering and in particular need;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today.

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