



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Easter 3
Sunday 15 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 Third Sunday Service
The Revd Dr Jane Baun

- Hymn** 165 Christ is the King!
- Collect** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.
- Reading** **Luke 24.36b - 48**
- Hymn** Gracious Lord our hands are empty
- Reading** **Acts 3.1 -19**
- Hymn** Let us build a house
- Hymn** 612 We have a gospel to proclaim

Please join us for refreshments after the Service

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 22 8:00 am *At St Helen's this month*
11:15 am Holy Communion

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 – South Aisle
Thurs	StM	11:00 am	Circle Dancing
		12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
Sun 22	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Healing and Wholeness
	StM	9.30 am	Sung Mass

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Don't forget the **Friday sales** - 11am-1pm.

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

Friday 27 April Women's World Day of Prayer Service: postponed due to the snow, the Women's World Day of Prayer service has been rescheduled for **1:30pm on** Friday 27 April. There will be just the one service, hosted as planned by Peachcroft Christian Centre. Refreshments after the service.

Everyone (men, women, young people and children) are welcome to attend the service to support this global ecumenical movement of informed prayer focusing on caring for God's very good creation.

Friday 27 April, 7pm Steventon Village Hall. Quiz Night, fundraising for the Abingdon Passion Play 2019. Tickets £15 from The Bookstore or www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk

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/>

Christian Aid Week 2018, 13-19 May, during this period the annual house to house collection will take place. Anyone able to spare a few evenings, to help raise funds for Christian Aid's important work, is asked to contact Eluned.

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

- 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;
- St Michael's ADCM today, and the APCM on Thursday;
- 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;
- Sok Han Yong, recovering from illness, her husband Kim Kee and the Mandarin Church in her absence;
- Mary & John Barton.

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FROM THE ADCM:

At our ADCM on Monday 8 April:

- Andrew Coker & Paul Rast-Lindsell were nominated as St Nicolas Church Wardens for the coming year. Their names will go forward to the APCM at St Helen's on Thursday 19, 7:30pm all welcome.
- Anne Smith and John Burren retired as DCC & PCC representatives, and we thank them for their service over the past years.
- Ms Dee-Dee Curry-Lowe was elected as a DCC representative, and we welcome her to the team.

We still have vacancies for two PCC Representatives and two DCC Representatives; if you are interested (or think of another who might be) please speak to one of the Wardens.

It was noted at the meeting that congregation members are often unaware of the work, and decisions, of the DCC (and PCC). We hope to remedy this by frequent and timely reporting back. So watch this space.

Items from the meeting which the new DCC will consider at the start of this year include:

Church growth and identity - for more details read Fr Paul's pastoral address (insert) which was read out at the ADCM

Church Music It was noted that despite various efforts we have not been successful in recruiting a new Director of Music. Should the role of the DoM be reviewed, or a focus group be established to drive this forward?

Ideas are always welcome, so if you have any thoughts on these, or any other topics, please discuss your ideas with one of the Church Wardens or any member of the DCC.

Information on the **finances** of the Church, which was presented at the meeting, is available at the back of the Church, or to download from the website.

Andrew Coker reported that the work needed to the **stonework** at the west door has not been forgotten, but has been found to be more than anticipated, the architect and stonemasons will need to visit again to determine the best way forward. On a more positive note the **clock** is due to be repaired this month.