



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

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**Easter 5**  
**Sunday 29 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 Family Communion**  
**The Revd Mary Williamson**

- Hymn** 152 Now is eternal life
- Collect** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **Acts 8.26-40**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **1 John 4.7-21**
- Gradual** 520 May the grace of Christ our Saviour
- Gospel** **John 15.1-8**
- Hymn** A new commandment (see over)
- Hymn** 285 Bread of the world
- Hymn** 514 Lord thy church on earth is seeking

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

## A new commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

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If you have love one for another.

*Refrain*

You are my friends if you do what I command you,  
Without my help you can do nothing.

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True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
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*Text: refrain unknown, based on John 13:34-35,  
verses Aniceto Nazareth based on John 15 and 1 Corinthians 13 CCL 57519*

## CHURCH NEWS

**Thy Kingdom Come** is the English Archbishops' annual call to prayer between **Ascension and Pentecost (10-22 May)**. This year there will be a number of events throughout Abingdon during the Novena. St Michael's will be open on **Tuesday 15 May** from 10 am until 3 pm for quiet reflection, and a labyrinth activity will be available. The circle dancing at 11 am and lunchtime Eucharist at 12.30 pm on Thursday 17 May are also highlighted as alternative ways to pray for God's kingdom to come.

We also hope to host activities at **St Nicolas**, so if you would be available for extra Stewarding during this time please let Eluned know.

**Thinking ahead:** as well as the week of Thy Kingdom Come, we are hoping to keep St Nic's open on one or two Saturdays / Bank Holidays in May to coincide with events in the town. If you can help with Stewarding please contact Eluned.

**Summer in the Parish:** pick up the programme of summer events from the back of church, and get to know some of our fellow Parishioners.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

**Saturday 12 May:** Christian Aid will be running their usual fund-raising stalls in the Market Place on, at the start of Christian Aid Week. Donations of home-made cakes etc., books, plants and bottles for the Tombola, welcome. These can be taken to the Market Place early on the day or speak to Eluned.

**Saturday 12 May: The Dream of Gerontius** by Elgar, will be performed at St Helen's Church on at 5.30 pm. Tickets £12/£10 (£3 under 18s) at the door or [www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford).

### **Can you help?**

If you're having trouble staying calm, why not join the children at Carswell School as they learn easy reflective activities to help them "Be calm, stay cool..."? TrinityLearning still needs volunteers to enable their workshops in May - no expertise needed, just a willingness to learn! Please get in touch with Rosemary, [trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylearning@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you can help with the workshops themselves, or with setting up/dismantling. The workshops are **Wed 9th May - Friday 11th**, with setting up on **Tuesday 8th** and packing away on the Friday afternoon.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- That we may be guided and strengthened in mission and service;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place; Justin our Archbishop, Steven and Colin our Bishops, Charles, Paul and all who serve in this Parish;
- 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.

## NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

**Monday 30 May** 3:00pm Communion by Extensions

Old Station House

**Wednesday 2** 7:30pm NIC

**Sunday 6 May** 8:00 am Holy Communion

11:15 am Morning Prayer The Revd David Bevington

### & IN THE PARISH

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

Mon - FriStH 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 6 StH 8:00 am *Holy Communion at St Nicolas' this month*

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Vespers

StM 9.30 am Family Mass

**Advance Notice: on Trinity Sunday - 29 May** - there will be no services at St Nicolas', or St Michael's. All are invited to a Parish Communion for Trinity Sunday - 10am at St Helen's. This will be followed by a **Parish Lunch** in the South Aisle. Cost £5 per head (£3 if you can contribute a salad or desert). Please see the sign up sheet on the back notice board.

### Key Contacts

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