



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 12 August 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

*A warm welcome to all who join us to worship God
in the love and peace of his Holy Spirit*

11:15am Holy Communion

The Revd David Bevington

Hymn 375 Amazing Grace

Collect O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading 1 Kings 19: 4 – 8

2nd Reading Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

Gradual 604 Through all the changing scenes of life

Gospel John 6: 35 & 41 – 51

Hymn 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn 384 Be still my soul

Hymn 311 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

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

NEXTWEEK at St Nicolas

Sunday 19 August 8:00 am *Holy Communion at St Helen's this month*

11:15 am Third Sunday Service The Revd Paul Smith

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri StH *No Daily Morning or Evening Prayer during August*

Tues StM 7:30 pm *NO Said Mass this week*

Wed StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – South Aisle

**StM 7:30pm Sung Mass for the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thurs StM 11:00 am Circle Dancing

12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 19 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:50 pm Choral Evensong

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

LOOKING AHEAD

Jim is hoping to take some time off around the last two weeks in August. If anyone can help keep the Church open for a few hours one morning we would be very grateful. Please contact Eluned.

On **8 September** it's the OHCT Ride and Stride, and Abingdon Heritage Open Day. Offers of help to Steward the church and welcome StRiders would be wonderful. Also, have you thought about StRiding? A great opportunity to visit some historic and / or interesting churches in the county. With hundreds of buildings open from Abingdon to Yelford there should be something for everyone. Any money raised will be split 50:50 between Oxford Historic Churches Trust and St Nicolas'. Please contact Eluned for more information – or see <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-stride/>.

ABINGDON FOODBANK - CAN YOU HELP?

This summer the Abingdon Foodbank is offering extra to support families that might struggle to keep well fed in the holidays. Working with local primary schools they have offered 'Summer holiday vouchers' to families that may need them. These vouchers can be used each week of the holidays in exchange for a top up pack of food, which is designed to replace the free school meals. To support this they are looking for items such as tinned meatballs, hot dogs, tuna,

tinned veg and fruit, angel delight, cake, long life milk (they have a mountain of pasta, beans, and tea). Donations can be left in store, taken to Christchurch, or left in the box at the back of St Nic's from where they will be collected and taken to the Food Bank.

Cash donations are also appreciated enabling items to be topped up as needed, and ensuring fresh bread and cheese can be offered to customers.

Thank you in advance for your support.

FAITH FORUM - AUTUMN SERIES

'The PRAYER' - The Eucharistic Prayer: Why & How It Matters

From early times the prayer over bread and wine at the Eucharist was known as *The Prayer*, so important a place did it have in the corporate worship of the Christian community. Where did the prayer come from? And what was the basis of its importance for Christians? What does that history have to do with the Eucharistic prayers that we use week by week, and what exactly makes a Eucharistic prayer?

This series will include a bit of history of early Christian worship and of its Jewish roots, and a look at our current Eucharistic prayers —all with an eye to helping us prayer such prayers better together.

Sunday, September 2nd *As it was in the beginning: the origins of the Prayer*

Sunday, October 7th *Jewish Roots of the Prayer*

Sunday, November 4th *The Prayer: a creed?*

Sunday, December 2nd *How do our Eucharistic Prayers measure up?*

The Forum takes place on the first Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre Hall. From 9 am a breakfast bar is open; the programme begins at 9.15 am and lasts for a half an hour, including opportunity for Q & A. All welcome

FOR GARDENERS

Loose Cannon Brewery in Abingdon, has spent hops, which, apparently, are brilliant for composting and doing other gardening related things. The bagged hops are free of charge, and can be collected from outside the brewery whenever you like, no need ask, you can just pop them in your car.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 18 August: **St Michael's** will be open from 2pm - 4pm. Visit and use the space for personal stillness, reflection or prayer, or take the opportunity to walk the labyrinth.

Summer Lectures on **Wednesdays at Christ Church Cathedral, 4:30pm**: A series of lectures, each given by an expert in the field, looking at key ethical issues of our day from a Christian perspective. All are welcome.

Climate Change - **15 August**. The Rt Revd David Atkinson

Just War –**22 August**. Lieutenant General Sir Scott Grant, KCB

Saturday 15 September, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Josie Midwinter and Joan Impey. 'Let be and Let God' come into the silence. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin & Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Mary and all who serve in this Parish;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- Those who are suffering and in particular need.



We rejoice with Mark & Kelly
married in St Nicolas' yesterday
and we offer our prayers for their future

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