



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

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**Sunday 19 August 2018**  
**Twelfth 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 Third Sunday Service**  
**The Revd Paul Smith**

- Hymn** 4 Lord as the day begins
- Collect** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within  
us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **Proverbs 9.1-6**
- Hymn** 434 Give to our God immortal praise
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **Ephesians 5:15-20**
- Hymn** The Spirit lives to set us free
- Hymn** Gracious Lord, our hands our empty

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

**Please join us for refreshments after the Service**

## NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

**Monday 20 Aug** 3:00 pm Communion by Extension

Old Station House

**Sunday 26 August** 8:00 am *Holy Communion at St Helen's this month*

11:15 am Holy Communion

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

Thurs StM 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 No evening Service this week*

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/>.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>** *As it was in the beginning: the origins of the Prayer*

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** *Jewish Roots of the Prayer*

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** *The Prayer: a creed?*

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** *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

## IN OTHER NEWS

Got things you don't need? Need things you don't have? Time for a declutter? Looking for things to upcycle? Want to avoid waste? Join **FREEGLE**, the UK's big, friendly free reuse community!

Just go to <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/explore> (for this area, <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/explore/ValeWhiteHorse-Freegle/join> )

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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

**Tuesday 28 August, Silent Reflections** at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary. Theme: The seed of the Heart.

**Thursday 30 August 8.00pm, The Abingdon Gospel Choir** invites you to a free TASTER NIGHT on at Trinity Church, Conduit Road when we shall launch a new programme of Gospel music under the musical direction of Heidi Cottrell. Previous choral experience is welcome – but so are beginners, we sing mainly Gospel and Spirituals and are planning to expand our repertoire this term. The Autumn 2018 musical term will start on Thursday 27 September, meeting fortnightly from 7.45pm for 8.00pm until 9.30pm, on all occasions. Further information from Alan Joinson on 01235 521247 or [alanj@phoncoop.coop](mailto:alanj@phoncoop.coop)

**Saturday 1 September**, sale in Church, in support of the Kennington Memory Club. See posters at back of church.

**Thursday 6 September, Moving into Stillness:** circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels. From 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

**Thursday 13 September, Belonging** - including children and young people with additional needs. A one-day live-streamed conference with a hub at Trinity Church, Abingdon. See poster at the back of church or <https://www.methodist.org.uk/belongingconference/>

**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.

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