



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

Sunday 2 September 2018
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

8am Holy Communion

The Revd David Bevington

11:15am Mattins

The Revd Canon Keith Ward

Hymn 538 O Jesus I have promised

Venite

Psalm 15

1st Reading James 1: 17-27

Te Deum

2nd Reading Mark 7: 1-8,14,15,21-23

Benedictus

Collect Almighty God, whose only Son hath opened for us a new and living way into thy presence: grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn 583 Teach me my God and King

Hymn 391 Blest are the pure in heart

Hymn 500 Lift up your hearts

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

Sat 8 Sept Church open: OHCT Ride & Stride & Heritage Open Day

Sunday 9 Sept 8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Canon Keith Ward

11:15 am Holy Communion Bishop Henry Scriven

& 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

Tues StM 7:30 pm Said Mass

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 9 Sept StH 8:00 am *Holy Communion at St Nicolas' this month*

9:30 am Morning Praise

10:30 am Sung Eucharist & Mayoral Welcome

5:30 pm Taize

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

NEXT WEEKEND

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? 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/>.

Philippa Randles & Katie Doney are planning to 'StRide' for St Nicolas', do look out for their sponsor form in church.

Scaffolding: the building work on the TSB building requires external scaffolding to be erected in the church garden. It should be going up on 3 September, for about 6-8 weeks. We have asked that it be situated so as not to block access to the garden.

The September edition of **The Window** and the **Autumn Christian Focus** are now available at the back of Church.

JOIN BISHOP STEVEN'S PILGRIMAGE PRAYER WALK

Bishop Steven is walking between 46 churches over six days during September to pray for the renewal of catechesis in our churches, for the launch the new St Frideswide Community, and to pray for God's blessing for each of the church communities he visits. +Steven welcomes you to join him for part of the journey.

The prayer walk begins on Sunday 2 September and takes in the Anglican churches across the Cowley and Oxford deaneries. With a mixed terrain of footpath and roadside, urban and rural, walking distances range from 5 to 9 miles each day. Whether you walk with +Steven for a few minutes or the whole day, or simply want to pray with the bishop at one of the churches en route, all are welcome.

All you need is a packed lunch, appropriate walking attire and a heart for prayer. For route and practical details and to let us know you'll be joining in - see <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/oxfordprayerwalk>

For details of other pilgrimage routes in the diocese and throughout the UK, and of pilgrimages you can join see the website of *The British Pilgrimage Trust* - <http://britishpilgrimage.org/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This afternoon, St Nicolas Church, 3pm, Abbey Chamber Concert Schubert *Shepherd on the Rock, Brahms clarinet sonata in Eflat, Songs and trios.* Claire Booth soprano, Charlotte Brennand piano, Catriona Scott clarinet. Free tea and coffee and an opportunity to talk to the musicians, after each concert. Tickets £10 (£9 concessions – OAP/students), accompanied children free. Available on the door

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.

Friday 7th September 2.30 pm. A thanksgiving service for the life of Dr Chris Batty. Christ Church, Northcourt Road followed by tea in the Barns.

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.

OUR SERVICE TODAY

Following discussion with the Wardens and DCC I have brought the service of Mattins in line with the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer. From this morning we will be using a separate booklet, and use the Green Prayer Book for the Psalm only. The format of the booklet is likely to be transferred onto a laminated card, and therefore the booklet is a 'draft' pro tem. If anyone wishes to comment I would be grateful to hear from them directly. Finally, I would like to offer thanks on behalf of us all to Canon Keith Ward, and the Revd David Bevington, in particular, for giving their time in officiating at this service when cover is required. *Fr Paul.*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- For the renewal of catechesis in our Diocese and for the launch of the new St Frideswide Community;
- All those who will be 'moving on' this term – in work, school or university.;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching 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, especially at this time Revd Hilary Watkins, now retired to York.

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