



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 9 September 2018
Fifteenth 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 Professor Canon Keith Ward

11:15am Holy Communion

Bishop Henry Scriven

- Hymn** 369 All people that on earth do dwell
- Collect** God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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** **Isaiah 35: 4 - 7a**
- 2nd Reading** **James 2: 1 – 10 [11 - 13] 14 - 17**
- Gradual** 469 I Heard the voice of Jesus say
- Gospel** **Mark 7: 24 - 37**
- Hymn** 475 Immortal love for ever full
- Hymn** 581 Take my life
- Hymn** 534 O for a thousand tongues to sing

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 16 Sept 8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Professor John Barton

11:15 am Third Sunday Service

& 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 *No mass this week*

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

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Choral Evensong

for St Helen's Patronal Festival

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

We have just heard that Jane Baun, who until July ministered in this Parish, is to become full-time chaplain of Wadham College. She will be hopping between her teaching duties at Cuddesdon and Wadham for Michaelmas term, and then from Hilary term fully at Wadham starting with Hilary. Jane writes: 'This is a real leap out of my comfort zone into the front-line mission field of student welfare and the undergraduate mental health crisis, so I would be grateful for your prayers! Wadham has 450+ undergraduates, 200-something post-graduates, 120 staff, and 70ish fellows, so it's a bit like being the vicar of a small village. It has the distinction of being founded in 1610 by a non-royal laywoman, a wealthy West-country widow named Dorothy Wadham. She and her husband had been recusant Catholics, which is also pretty cool. Wadham has a great choir, a stunning Jacobean chapel, and evensong every Sunday at 6 in term-time, open to all, so do come!'

Desiring Life Autumn 2018: The Desiring Life Group meet fortnightly to discuss topics raised by particular books. All the meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Centre Lounge from 2.30pm and are led by members of

the clergy team or a member of the group. Starting on Tuesday 11 September we will be discussing:

Love is His Meaning – Understanding the teachings of Jesus by Keith Ward
“The teachings of Jesus are of vital importance to Christians. No doubt there are many of Jesus’ teachings that have not been recorded, just as there are many of his actions that were not recorded: ‘There are also many other things that Jesus did; if everyone of them were written down, I suppose the world itself could not contain the books that were written’ (John 21.25). The records we have in the Gospels are the first and only direct testimonies to the teachings of the person who is at the heart of the Christian faith”.

No need to book a place, buy a copy of the book and turn up.

COMING SOON

Book sale with cake, Saturday 29th September: The Extravaganza this year will be different (more details later) and will not include a book stall. However, you will still have an opportunity to get rid of old books and buy new ones at a sale in church at the end of this month. To encourage people to come into the church we will also be offering tea/coffee and a slice of cake. So please look out any (saleable) books that you can spare. We will also need some help and some cakes, which can be home-made or bought from the St Nicolas Market on the day before the sale. Please let me know if you can help.

Julia Bishop 01235 536343

Harvest Festival: we will celebrate our Harvest Festival at the Family Communion Service on **30 September**. As usual we would welcome gifts for the Abingdon Food Bank, and there will be a special collection in aid of Christian Aid - for use wherever the need is greatest. Foodbank donations of tins of soup, meat, fish or vegetables; bottled pasta sauces; tea, coffee or hot chocolate; sugar; cereals; tins of fruit or puddings; long life fruit juice; pasta; biscuits; UHT milk; jams etc are all welcome. Please ensure that donations have a ‘sell by date’ of at least 6 months.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Don’t Forget the Friday Sales in St Nicolas’: A great opportunity to buy locally grown / baked produce and crafts and meet friends. Every Friday 11am - 1pm.

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.

Sunday 16 September from 4.15pm in St Helen's Church: Syrinx Wind Quintet Concert. With a programme including Nielsen's Wind Quintet and excerpts from Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite. A free, informal concert with a retiring collection for TAB - The Abingdon Bridge Project for young people in Abingdon. Tea will be served after the concert.

Followed by **Choral Evensong for St Helen's Patronal Festival**, 5.30 to 6.15 pm
Everyone Welcome.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.

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

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