



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

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**Sunday 23rd September 2018**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**8 am Holy Communion**

**The Revd Mary Williamson**

**11:15 am Holy Communion**

**The Revd Paul Smith / Mrs Beryl Clements**

**Hymn** 163 All hail the power of Jesus' name

**Collect** Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **Wisdom of Solomon 1: 16 – 2: 1, 12 - 22**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7 - 8a**

**Gradual** 421 Father of heaven whose love profound

**Gospel** **Mark 9: 30 - 37**

**Hymn** 557 Praise to the holiest in the height

**Hymn** 285 Bread of the world in mercy broken

**Hymn** 448 God of grace and God of glory

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

**Monday 24** 3:00 pm Communion by Extension  
Old Station House

**Sunday 30 Sept** 8:00 am Holy Communion Bishop Henry Scriven  
11:15 am **Harvest Festival & Family Communion**  
The Revd Paul Smith

### & 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 Silent Reflections  
Wed StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – South Aisle  
Thurs StM 11:00 am *No Circle Dancing this week*  
12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch  
Sun 30 StH 8:00 am *Holy Communion at St Nicolas'*  
10:30 am Sung Eucharist  
StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

### NEXT WEEKEND AT ST NIC'S

**Book sale, Saturday 29 September:** Just to remind you, we need books for the sale - please leave them in church this week. We also need cakes; please let me know if you can provide one and, if so whether you will make it, or buy it from the church market. (I need to let Janet know how many extra cakes to bake.) Please bring the cakes to church on Friday.

We also need helpers on Saturday to sell books and make coffee etc. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer.

***Most of all, please come to buy some books and eat cake!***

*Julia Bishop*

**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. 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.

**Church decorating** will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. Please do get involved.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Revd Hilary Watkins:** is at home following surgery on a brain tumour. Although her sight is currently “imperfect” the hope is that it may improve and she is able to take care of herself. She is due to see an oncologist next week to discuss what further treatment might be helpful. *Mary Williamson*

**DCC Meeting:** a copy of the Team Vicar’s Report to the DCC Meeting is available on the North Noticeboard.

**October 7 – 14 is World Homelessness Week** and we will be taking a special collection in support of local projects. More information next week.

**Ride and Stride:** Congratulations to Philippa who visited 9 churches, raising sponsorship to be split between St Nicolas and OHCT. There is still time to contribute if you’d like – speak to Philippa or Eluned.

## PARISH HOUSE GROUPS

House Groups comprise members of Parish congregations who meet to study the Bible and other books, to discuss issues raised, pray, enjoy fellowship and refreshments. There are a number of groups meeting in the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames. Meetings are usually fortnightly and in the informal setting of the host’s home. Each group has its own particular characteristics. Some will choose to study a book of the Old or New Testament throughout the year, taking into account writings of a number of modern theologians. Others focus on scheduled readings for an upcoming Sunday service or on a Christian focused book. It is possible to ‘try out’ a house group before ‘joining’ to see whether it meets your needs.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join a group please talk to the Parish Administrator who will be able to put you in touch with others.

- Monday afternoons (alternate) – we often study a recommended book.
- Monday evenings (alternate) - the group studies Old and New Testament books in depth and usually finishes with Compline.
- Desiring Life Group (occasional) - Led by clergy and lay people this group meets on alternate Tuesday to discuss a particular recommended book for that season.
- Tuesday evenings (alternate) - as well as studying the lectionary readings or a book we often use a commentary to study and discuss a particular book of the Bible. We also include a time of prayer.
- Friday evenings (alternate) - we look at the readings for Sunday services or study a recommended book

The PCC will be looking at how this important ministry throughout the parish can be further developed in the future. Meanwhile do consider joining one of the existing groups by contacting the Parish Administrator. Fr Paul would be happy to hear any further enquiries.

## 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.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Silent Reflections at St Michael's, 7.30 to 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the Sanctuary. The theme is *Inexhaustible Joy*.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Book sale** in St Nic's 10 am – 1 pm

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Sung mass to celebrate **St Michael's Patronal Festival** at 12.00 pm. The service will be followed by a light lunch (there is no charge and no need to book in advance). Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Moving into Stillness at St Michael's, 9.45 to 10.45 am. Circle dancing to Taizé with silent interludes, before the regular circle dancing session. No prior experience or partner is needed.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Our sister Church of St Michael & All Angels, and all those celebrating their Patronal Festival next weekend;
- Youth and children's work in Abingdon;
- 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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