



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

Sunday 30th September 2018
Harvest Festival / Michaelmas

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

8 am Holy Communion
Bishop Henry Scriven

11:15 am Harvest Festival & Family Communion
The Revd Paul Smith

Hymn	270	Come ye thankful people come
Collect		
1st Reading	Joel 2: 21 - 27	
2nd Reading	1 Timothy 6: 6 - 10	
Gradual	254	For the fruits of his creation
Gospel	Matthew 6: 25 - 33	
Hymn	274	To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Hymn	262	O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Hymn	626	Ye holy angels bright

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

Today all loose plate donations will be sent to **Christian Aid**

Thank you

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Monday 1 3:00 pm Communion by Extension Bridge House

Sunday 7 Oct* 8:00 am at St Helen's this month

11:15 am Matins The Revd Canon Professor Keith Ward

& 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 9:45 am Moving into Stillness

11:00 am *Circle Dancing this week*

12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 7 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion (1622)

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Vespers

StM 9:30 am Family Mass

* Reminder that the fair will be setting up this morning

THANK YOU

- to everyone who worked so hard to decorate the Church so beautifully for Harvest;
- to all who have brought donations;
- & to everyone involved in yesterday's book sale.

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*

WORLD HOMELESSNESS WEEK

October 7 – 14 is World Homelessness Week: With the increasing problems of homelessness and rough sleeping it is important for us to help raise some funds during world homeless week. There is a myriad of charities helping the homeless including Shelter, Emmaus, St Mungo's and Church Homeless Trust but I felt that this year we should support two local charities – Homeless Oxfordshire and Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS).

Homeless Oxfordshire have a 56 bed hostel (O'Hanlon House) in Oxford and 144 beds across the local community in 24 properties including the Vineyard in Abingdon. They also support the work of the Luther Street Medical Centre for the homeless in Oxford. OWNS is a collaboration between a number of churches in central Oxford who provide shelter for rough sleepers from 1st January to 31st March. From winter 2019 they plan to accommodate up to 20 men and women in different locations in central Oxford. The guests are provided with a warm welcome, hot drinks and a snack on arrival, a warm bed, and breakfast the following morning.

Further information on the charities can be gained from their websites <https://homelessoxfordshire.uk/> and <http://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/>

We welcome donations to these charities on 7th and 14th October.

Jenny Smith

Accommodation sought: Timothy is a 63-year-old Christian retired academic, widower, in need of accommodation in Oxford: preferably a one-bedroom property inside the ring road. He is on the waiting list for sheltered accommodation but meanwhile his present landlord is evicting him. Can you help, or think of someone who might? Thank you.

PARISH HOUSEGROUPS: Last week's pewslips at both St Nicolas' & St Helen's gave information on House Groups in the Parish. The information is still all available from the websites (see <https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/events/234-house-groups.html> or our online pewslip). 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 2 October 7.30 pm, Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group meet in the Church Room, St Michael's Church. All welcome. The topic for discussion will be 'What does salvation mean to progressive Christians?' For more information, please contact Cliff Marshall at cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk or 01235 530480.

Thursday 4 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.

Saturday 6 October: Antique Valuation Afternoon in aid of the Abingdon Passion Play 2019. Trinity Church Hall, noon - 5pm, with Michael Welch and Frances Noble. Bring your valuables, curiosities, pictures, antiques or jewellery for our experts to identify and value. Free entry, £5 charge per item. Refreshments available. Sponsored by Bonhams International Fine Art Auctioneers and DNW Auctioneers.

Sunday 7 October, Paws for Footcare: Charity dog walk, suitable for all the family. Wheelchair accessible route, games, cake stall and much more. From 10am - noon at Rye Farm Meadow. Entry £5 per dog (includes doggy goody bag). Call 03335771044 to sign up. Organised by Oxfordshire Age UK, in support of the Footcare Service

Sunday 7 October, 8 pm: Annual Michaelmas Fair Service on the Carousal in the Market Place. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reminder: the Market Place, High Street and Ock Street will be blocked Sunday – Tuesday

The **CiA Annual Bereavement Service** will be taking place on Sunday 18 November, 3 pm, at St Edmund's Church.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Those engaged in food production & distribution;
- All the families supported by the Abingdon Foodbank, and all who volunteer there;
- The workers and volunteers at Christian Aid, and all who they support;
- 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 October edition of **The Window** is now available in hardcopy at the back of the Church, or on the download section of the website

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