

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Sunday 25

8:00 am Holy Communion (1622)

The Revd Roger Williams

11:15 am Holy 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 *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 18 StH 8:00 am *At St Nicolas' this month*

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Healing and Wholeness

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

Extravaganza 2018: Saturday 1st December:

This is our main fundraising event of the year, and your support – on the day and before - would be most welcome. Donations of the following items would be very much appreciated:

- Children's books and toys
- 'Pocket money' presents for all the family, i.e. new (unwanted presents?) or almost new bric-a-brac, jewellery, accessories, gifts ...
- Homemade cakes or biscuits, jam, chutney etc.
- Bottles & jars (both full and empty) for the bottle tombola
- Seasonal goodies for the Christmas Cake Raffle

Also needed: volunteers to help set up the stalls (Friday afternoon) and to help on Saturday between 10am and around 6pm. If you can spare a couple of hours - or more - please contact Julia (bishopjuliap@btinternet.com / Ab 536343), Hildegard (hnagelhyde@gmail.com / Ab 531499), or Eluned (eluned@hallas.org.uk / Ab 529462).

Parish Christmas Lunch – Coseners House Sunday 2 December. Look out for the menus at the back of church and save the date. Final deadline for orders: November 25th

Heating system: You will be pleased to hear that work on the new the heating system will start on Monday 26th November. It will take approximately two weeks to complete the work and fill the outside flues. The new radiators will occupy the current spaces. It will be a gas fired water system which will keep the building at a constant temperature, increasing before services. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to Andrew Coker.

Minute Secretary for the PCC: The Parish is seeking a Minute Secretary for the Parochial Church Council (PCC), details from our web site or contact the Parish Administrator. Closing date: 23 November 2018.

Advent labyrinth walks at St Michael and All Angels, Park Road, Abingdon: the church will be open on Tuesday 4, 11 and 18 December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Entry will be through the porch on the south side of the church.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 & Church Twinning: Schongau, Bavaria, twinned with Abingdon, has invited 12 Christians to stay for a long weekend with them, during which we attend the famous Passion Play. They offer 2 dates of Thurs 9th – Mon 13th July OR Thurs 16th – Mon 20th July 2020. Our whole party must go on one date. The Play takes place on the Friday. We plan to book a 2-day stay (Fri - Sat) in/near Oberammergau (1 night of B&B & ticket). Accommodation, lunch and ticket costs range from 308€ to 513€ pp depending upon category/seats and has to be paid on booking. We are hosted and entertained by Schongau families on the other days. We make our own travel plans between the UK and Schongau (fly to Munich). Also see the official site, www.passionsspiele-oberammergau.de/en/home. If you are interested in participating please contact Hildegard Hyde: hnagelhyde@gmail.com or 07557371015 for more details. Deadline is Mon 10th Dec 2018.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This afternoon, CiA Annual Bereavement Service, 3 pm,
at St Edmund's Church.

Saturday 24 November, St Helen's Church, Christmas Market 10.00am to 12.30pm. Free entry. Lots to buy including cakes and preserves, gifts, jewellery, cards, paintings, toys, books. There will also be a raffle, refreshments, Traidcraft stall, and handbell ringing to add to the festive atmosphere.

Tuesday 27 November, Silent Reflections at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary. Theme: *The Coming of God*

Saturday 1 December: Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection on 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Sue Sheppy and Keith Green. Title: *Treasures of Darkness and Light*. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

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

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Alexander and Harriet, their family and friends;
- All working to support children and families;
- Those attending the Bereavement Service this afternoon; those who mourn and those who provide support services;
- 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.

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Items for Pewslip to Eluned Hallas 01235 529462, eluned@hallas.org.uk please