



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

Sunday 16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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

11:15 am Third Sunday Service

Mr Roderick Smith

Come Lord Jesus:

Names of Christ celebrated in the 'O Antiphons'

Hymn 32 O come, O come Emmanuel

Collect God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 20 - 25

Hymn 607 Thy Kingdom come O God

Hymn 563 Rejoice the Lord is King

Hymn 543 Jesus is Lord

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

Please stay for refreshments after the service

CHRISTMAS at St Nicolas

Sunday 23	8:00 am	Holy Communion	at St Helen's this month
	11:15 am	Holy Communion	
		The Revd Mary Williamson	
Christmas Eve	4pm	Crib Service	
Monday	11:30pm	Holy Communion	The Revd Paul Smith
Christmas Day	10:00am	Holy Communion	
Tuesday			The Revd Mary Williamson

& 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
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 23	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
	StM	9:30 am	Sung Mass

For details of all Christmas Services in the Parish
see the Christmas Leaflet, or look online.

CHURCH NEWS

A message from Hilary Watkins: "Please will you give the congregations at St Helens and St Nic's my thanks for all their support and care. Some of them have been quite stellar, and I feel very upheld and supported by their prayers. If people could keep praying for a miracle which will get rid of the cancer (a feat beyond medical science at present) without me being further damaged by the tumour and its effects that would be so much appreciated." Phone calls are also welcome.

Foodbank: Thanks to you all for your continued support of the Abingdon Emergency Food Bank this year. At this time they really appreciate donations of Christmas treats for their clients. As well as the box under the refreshment table there are collection points for the Abingdon Food Bank in Waitrose and the Co-op in West St Helen's St. *Thanks Jan*

Advent labyrinth walks at St Michael and All Angels, Park Road, Abingdon: the church will be open on Tuesday 18 December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm.

The Magnitude of Meekness: *Christmas for Twelve Days* by Charles Miller.

Reprint now available from the Parish office for £9.95.

Are you 'home alone' for Christmas? Peachcroft Christian Centre invite you to join them for Christmas Lunch 1-3pm on Christmas Day. Assistance with transport is available. Places are free but booking essential – contact Ruth or Adam on 07379 469311 or events@peachcroftcc.org

Equipping for Life: Learning for Discipleship and Ministry: The Spring Directory of courses provided by the Diocese of Oxford as part of the Local Ministry Programme is now available - see copies on the North noticeboard. These courses are open to anyone with a passion to learn more about their faith, about God and our place in his world.

THIS AFTERNOON

Sunday 16 December, 3pm Abbey Chamber Concert, St Nicolas'. Pavlova Wind Quintet's popular Christmas concert. Classic pieces for wind quintet, including tunes from Tchaikovsky Nutcracker Suite and popular carols. With mulled wine and mince pies Tickets £10 (£9 concessions – OAP/students), accompanied children free, available on the door.

St Nicolas' Carol Service – 6:30pm. All welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21 December, 10.30 – 11.30 am, Carol singing for Christian Aid in the Christmas Farmers' Market Everyone is invited to come to sing traditional carols for the in the Christmas Farmers' Market on to raise funds for the Christmas Appeal. More information from Cliff Marshall 01235 530480.

AAHS – to complete

New Year's Day walk for Christian Aid starts 10am at Peachcroft Christian Centre. The route is up Boars Hill - refreshments at Bayworth Baptist Chapel. Donations at the start or at the refreshment stop and, if anyone would like to ask friends to sponsor them, sponsor forms are available from church reps or from the Christian Aid website

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/christian-aid-sponsorship-form>. More information Cliff Marshall on 01235 530480.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- All those for whom this time of year, in the run-up to Christmas, is one of stress or loneliness;
- 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.

Copies of the December / January edition of **The Window**,
and the Winter Edition of **Christian Focus**
are now available at the back of Church.

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