



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

Sunday 30 December 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

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

11:15 am Family Communion

The Revd Mary Williamson

Hymn 41 A great & mighty wonder

Collect God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us
into your holy life through the birth of
Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Reading 1 Samuel 2: 18 - 20,26

2nd Reading Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Hymn 44 Angels from the realms of glory

Gospel Luke 2: 41 - 52

Hymn 59 Love came down

Hymn O little one sweet (over)

Hymn 74 What child is this

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

O little one sweet, O little one mild,

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heav'n to dwell below,
To share the joys and tears we know,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heav'n's domain,
To bring men comfort in our pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild.
In thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
Then light in us thy love's bright flame,
That we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

German, Samuel Scheidt. Tr Percy Dearmer (1867 – 1936)

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Sunday 6	8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	11:15 am	Mattins The Revd Paul Smith

& IN THE PARISH

Mon - Fri No weekday services this week

Sunday 6	StH 8:00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5:30 pm	Vespers
	StM 9.30 am	Family Mass

THANK YOU

- To Andrew Coker (and Plumbedwright) for getting the new heating installed and working, and the church cleaned for Christmas
- To everyone who worked so hard to decorate the church for Christmas, and to those who help with the flowers throughout the year

- To all who helped with our Services over Christmas. It was good to be able to welcome so many visitors to St Nic's. Our collections at the Christmas Services raised £350 for the Children's Society.
- To Jim who looks after the church day by day
- To all the Readers, Stewards, Communion Assistants and others who contribute to our services week by week
- To our parish clergy and honorary assistants who lead our worship week by week;
- For your prayers and financial contributions as we seek to continue to witness to Christ in this town.

CHURCH NEWS

Christ's Hospital Abingdon will have two **almshouse vacancies** in February. If you are interested please contact the Clerk on 01235 526487 or clerk@christhospital.org. To be eligible, you need to be at least 50 years of age, have lived in Abingdon for minimum of 5 years and be able to demonstrate that you are in some way in need of support. The Charity will also need to establish that you are of good character, since this is a requirement of their charter. Further information from www.ch-of-abingdon.org

CAN YOU HELP?

St Nicolas will be hosting the Midday prayers in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Monday 21 - Friday 25 January**. Offers to prepare / help with a light lunch for those attending (for example sandwiches & fruit for maybe 15 people) to Julia please. Many thanks

World Day of Prayer is the new name for Women's World Day of Prayer. Could you be one of two St Nicolas' representatives on the local Abingdon organising committee? The Service, planned by the women of Slovenia, will be held at Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, on 1 March. A planning meeting has been arranged for Thursday 17 Jan at 7 pm in the Coffee Lounge at Christ Church. More information from Eluned or Hilary Beale - habeale124@gmail.com.

DIARY DATES

The 2019 **New Year's Day walk for Christian Aid** starts 10am at Peachcroft Christian Centre. The route is up Boars Hill with refreshments at Bayworth Baptist Chapel. Donations may be made at the start or at the refreshment stop. More information Cliff Marshall on 01235 530480.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- All those for whom Christmas is not a season of joy, but a time of anxiety and sorrow;
- Those suffering from sickness of mind, body or spirit and those working to heal, support and comfort them;
- The homeless, especially those in our town and parish;
- The refugee, the lonely, the alienated and the afraid;
- Our ministers, and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;
- The Church in Abingdon, its leaders, projects and members, that we may work together to show God's love to the town;
- Our troubled and divided world;

The parish office will be closed until Wednesday 2nd January

Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas, eluned@hallas.org.uk phone below, by Wednesday

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