



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 6 January 2019
Epiphany

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

11:15 am Mattins
The Revd Paul Smith

Hymn 83 As with gladness men of old

Venite

Psalm 72: 10 - 15

1st Reading Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Te Deum

2nd Reading Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Benedictus

Collect O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn 89 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Hymn 84 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Hymn 57 Joy to the world, the Lord is come

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 7 3:00pm Communion by Extension Bridge House
Sunday 13 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)
11:15 am Holy Communion
The Revd Paul Smith / Mrs Beryl Clements

& 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	Circle Dancing
		12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
Sun 13	StH	8:00 am	<i>Holy Communion (at St N this month)</i>
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist & Blessing of the Water
		4:30 pm	Epiphany Music & readings, followed by tea
	StM	9:30 am	Family Mass

* Note start time

CHURCH NEWS

Happy New Year – This comes with my very best wishes and prayers to you all for a happy and peaceful 2019. We have celebrated the birth of Jesus: Emmanuel – ‘God with us’ and we hold firm to that promise for the coming year, praying that God will bless us richly.
With every blessing, Fr Paul

Congratulations to Dick and Doreen Barnes, long standing congregation members, who celebrate their Platinum (70th) Wedding Anniversary this week.

Prayer Workshop for those who lead (or who are interested in leading) intercessions in church. Where? The Church Room, St John the Baptist Church, Kingston Bagpuize. When? 9.30-11.30am, Saturday 9th February. Contact Fr Paul for more details

Desiring Life – Winter and Spring 2019. The group will be studying John Barton’s book “Love Unknown – Meditations on the Life and Death of Jesus”. Meetings are held in the Church Centre Lounge from

2.30pm every fortnight from Tuesday 15 January. Meetings are led by a member of the clergy team or one of the group's members. Please contact Susan Scott at St Helen's Church for more information (522960, or susan.scott21@btinternet.com).

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. 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 19-25 January 2019. The CiA will be organising the following activities:

❖ **Midday prayers**, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January 2019, led by the following clergy:

Monday 21 Jan – Pastor Ed Evans

Tuesday 22 Jan – Revd Paul Smith

Wednesday 23 Jan – Revd Keith Dunnett

Thursday 24 Jan – Revd Steve Millard

Friday 25 Jan – Revd Kath/Phil Cooke

❖ **Inter-church quiz**, St Helen's, Friday 25 January 2019, church open 7.30 pm, papers on tables 7.40 pm, first questions read 8 pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided – people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. To enrol a team contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk or 01235 520144 to by Monday 14 January 2019. All profits to local charity.

❖ **United Service**, Christ Church, 27 January 2019, 3 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 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;
- Our congregation, as individuals and as a church body, as we seek God's will for us in the year ahead.

Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas, eluned@hallas.org.uk / 01235 529462, by Wednesday

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