



*St* NICOLAS' CHURCH  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 20 January 2019**

**Epiphany 3**

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

**8:00 am Holy Communion**

**The Revd Professor Keith Ward**

**11:15 am Third Sunday Service**

**The Revd Paul Smith**

**The Hard Sayings of Jesus**

*Introduction: 'He didn't say it would be easy'*

<b>Hymn</b>	As we are gathered Jesus is here
<b>Collect</b>	God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>119: 105 - 112</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 55: 6 - 11</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	Lord, thy word abideth
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Mark 8: 34 – 38</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders
<b>Hymn</b>	God has spoken by his prophets

**Please join us for refreshments after the service**

## NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

**Sunday 27**

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)

The Revd David Bevington

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 7:30 pm Said Mass

Wed StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – South Aisle

Thurs StM 11:00 am Circle Dancing

12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

**Friday 25 StM 7:30pm Sung Mass for St M Dedication Festival**

preacher Father Phil Ritchie,

Vicar of SS Mary and John, Cowley.

Sun 27 StH 8:00 am *Holy Communion (at St N this month)*

10:30 am Sung Eucharist & Blessing of the Water

5:30 pm *No evening Service this week*

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

## NEWS

**Winter Fuel Allowance:** If you feel that you do not need this allowance to pay your winter fuel bills, there is a way to pass it on to someone who does need it. Abingdon Citizen's Advice know of people who would benefit from this money. You can make a cheque to "Friends of Abingdon Citizen's Advice" and hand it in to their office in Abbey House.

**Kingfisher Singing Group** A group from Trinity Learning sing at Kingfisher School, Radley Road (which meets the needs of pupils aged 2-19 years, who have severe learning difficulties) on Tuesdays, 10.15am to 11.45am during term time. They are looking for more people. If interested, contact Rosemary Perrow (trinitylearning@gmail.com).

**Christ's Hospital** will have two almshouses available around early February. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Gillian or Geraint on 01235.526487 or call in at Christ's Hospital offices at 1, Station Yard.

## DIARY DATES

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 19-25 January

❖ **Midday prayers**, St Nic's, 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

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

**Thursday 24 January, 9:30 - 11:30am SHIFT** (Support Help Information and Families Together) are holding an Open Morning for parents, carers and those working with a child who has additional needs. Come along to The Barns on Northcourt Road to find out more about Shift, your support group in the Abingdon area.

**Friday 25** St Michael and All Angels, **7:30pm, Sung Mass** for St Michael's Dedication Festival

**Tuesday 29 January, Silent Reflections** at St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary.

**Thursday 7 February, Moving into Stillness:** circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes at St Michael and All Angels from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

A prayer written by Walter Frere (1863-1938), possibly at the time of the 1926 general strike, which has resonance today:

O Lord make haste to help our land in this hour of contention, mistrust and perplexity; that, seeking only what is just/fair among [all] and what is right before Thee, we may find the way out of present discord towards the goal of generous goodwill and mutual service, in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Unity within the Christian Church;
- The Church in Abingdon, its leaders, projects and members;
- 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;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Mary, and all who assist in liturgical and preaching ministry in this Parish;
- All who support the ministry of hospitality and welcome in this place;
- Our troubled and divided world.

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***Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas,  
[eluned@hallas.org.uk](mailto:eluned@hallas.org.uk) / 01235 529462, by Wednesday***

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