



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 3 February 2019

Presentation of Christ / Candlemas

*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 Professor Keith Ward

The Revd Paul Smith

Hymn 94 Hail to the Lord who comes

Venite

Psalm Psalm 24

1st Reading **Hebrews 2: 14 - 18**

Te Deum

2nd Reading **Luke 2: 22 - 40**

Benedictus

Collect Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn 360 Faithful vigil ended

Hymn Through the years of watchful waiting

Hymn 516 Love divine

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 4 3:00 pm Communion by Extension Bridge House
Sunday 10 8:00 am at St Helen's this month
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 Said 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 10 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
5:30 pm Taize
StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

CHURCH NEWS

Jan and David Lawrence and Catherine would like to say a sincere thank you to all from St Nic's and the 8 o'clockers, who showed us so much kindness following the death of Martin. We were overwhelmed to see so many people at his funeral, and by the generous donations to the J R hospital in his memory.

Dates for the Diary: the St Nicolas Annual District Church Meeting will take place in Church on **Monday 18 March**. The Parish APCM will take place in St Helen's on **Thursday 4 April**. Papers for both will be made available in advance.

Preparation for the New Church Electoral Roll 2019: The Electoral Roll is the list of all those entitled to vote in elections within the Church of England. Preparation for a new Roll will be taking place during February and March this year. All those on the current roll, and all regular congregation members at St Nicolas' will receive an invitation to (re-) register and a registration form, in the next couple of weeks. So keep a look out! *Eluned*

Oberammergau 2020. The Parish is organizing a pilgrimage-holiday to Austria & Oberammergau 15 -22 July 2020 led by the Team Rector. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of church for more details. To reserve your place please contact the Parish Administrator: 01235 520144, administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk, for a booking form and send it, with a deposit of £200, to the Parish Office before ***the end of February***.

CiA Lent Lectures 2019: Will Donaldson will be doing a series of talks on the beatitudes and countercultural lifestyle, from his book 'Living differently to make a difference' in Trinity Church, on five Mondays in Lent beginning 25 February. More details later, but save the dates.

Abingdon Passion Play. Calling all singers & actors! The Abingdon Passion Play needs you. No auditions required or previous experience needed.

Taster session Sunday 10 February, Peachcroft Christian Centre, 2:00-3:00pm actors, 3:00-5:00pm singers. Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons. Performance Saturday 6 April.

Church Twinning: Between 10 and 18 Christians from our twin towns of Sint Niklaas in Belgium and Argentan in Normandy are coming to watch the Abingdon Passion Play on Saturday 6th April. We are looking for hosts for these friendly people from Thursday 4th to Monday 8th April. If you are interested in hosting or attending one of the events please contact Hildegard Hyde (07557371015; hnagelhyde@gmail.com) or Eileen Bontempelli from Christchurch, who coordinates the visit (Ab 526331 or epkbontempelli@gmail.com).

DIARY DATES

This afternoon: 3pm, Abbey Chamber Concert - Celebrating Clara Schumann - violin, cello and piano. Clara Schumann Piano Trio in G minor, Cecilia McDowall Cavatina at Midnight, Fanny Mendelssohn Fantasia, Ethel Smyth Piano Suite in E major. Scordatura Women's Music Collective Claudia Fuller Violin, Rachel Watson Cello, Thomas Ang Piano
Tickets £10 (£9) available online, on the door and from players.

Tuesday 5 February, 10.30 am Parish Centre: Abingdon Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on the South Abingdon 'Carousel' Centre (a new charity set up to run the former South Abingdon Children's Centre on Caldecott Chase). All are welcome.

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.

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;
- 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.

Copies of the February edition of The Door and Pathways (the new Diocesan magazine) are now available at the back of church and online.

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