



*St* NICOLAS' CHURCH  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 17 February 2019**

**Third Before Lent**

*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 Roger Cox**

**The Hard Sayings of Jesus: 2**

*'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God'*

*Luke 18.24*

- Hymn** Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
- Collect** Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **1 Timothy 6: 9 - 14**
- Psalm 146**
- Hymn** Fill thou my life, O Lord my God
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **Luke 18: 18 - 24**
- Hymn** Father I place into your hands
- Hymn** Will you come and follow me

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

## NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

**Sunday 24**

*8:00 am at St Helen's this month*

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 7:30pm 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

Sun 17 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Service of Healing & Wholeness

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

## CHURCH NEWS

**We give thanks for the lives of**

**Hilary Watkins,**

formerly a non-stipendary Priest in this Parish.

Who died on Tuesday 12 February.

Her funeral will be in York Minster, details to follow.

&

**Tom Garrud,**

congregation member, who died in Bridge House

on Tuesday 5 February

and whose funeral will be on Thursday 28 February

at St James the Great Radley at 2pm.

**Preparation for the New Church Electoral 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 in the next couple of weeks. *Eluned*

**Can you help? St Helens Babies & Toddlers** would like some additional helpers on Monday mornings in the Parish Centre to serve coffee and greet people. If you want to know more, contact Parish Office, or Rachel Shearer [rachelshearersthelens@gmail.com](mailto:rachelshearersthelens@gmail.com).

**Oberammergau 2020.** The Parish is organizing a pilgrimage-holiday to Austria & Oberammergau 15 -22 July 2020 led by the Team Rector. To reserve your place please contact the Parish Administrator 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' at Trinity Church:

Mon 25 Feb: Genuine humility and heartfelt sadness

Mon 4 Mar: Gentle strength and driving passion

Mon 11 Mar: Healing grace and holy integrity

Mon 18 Mar: Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage

Mon 25 Mar: Salt of the earth and light of the world

7.45 for 8 pm start - 9.30 finish

Copies of Will's book will be available or can be pre-booked (£8.99). For further information, contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, on 07896 860381, or via the CiA website.

## **DIARY DATES**

**Tuesday 26 February; Silent Reflections** at St. Michael's, from 7.30 - 9.00pm. Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary. Theme: *She gave all she had: The Widow's Mite*. Entry is through the door by the church room.

**Friday 1 March; Come - Everything is Ready!** World Day of Prayer: Praying with and for Slovenia. Christ Church, Northcourt Road.

Morning Service 10:30am, Afternoon Service 7:30pm. All welcome!

Voluntary collection in aid of Worldwide Christian Charities.

**Saturday 2 March; Men's Breakfast:** 9.15 for 9.30 am. Book in advance on [ampratley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ampratley@yahoo.co.uk) by 26th February, or Abingdon 525408 for a full English breakfast in The Parish Centre Hall.

**Saturday 9 March; Quiet Garden Day** at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am – 4 pm. Leaders: Joan Impey and Abigail Perrow. Title: Prepare the Way. Lunch and refreshments are provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green ([rkeith1037@gmail.com](mailto:rkeith1037@gmail.com)) know if you want to attend.

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**.

**Saturday 6 April Big Easter Event and Abingdon Passion Play** 12.30pm in the Abbey Gardens. The Big Easter Event is a free community fete - a great opportunity for the churches in Abingdon to come together to witness to our community. At its heart, the Abingdon Passion Play (2pm) tells the last few days of Jesus' life in an accessible contemporary style. More details next week, but to get involved contact Katharine de Villiers: [katharine@devilliersfamily.net](mailto:katharine@devilliersfamily.net) or 07768022684

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- The meeting of the DCC this week;
- The friends and family of Hilary Watkins & Tom Garrud, and all who mourn;
- School children, teachers and support staff as they enjoy their break;
- All involved in the Abingdon Passion Play;
- 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