



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 24 February 2019

Second 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 Holy Communion

The Revd Paul Smith / Mrs Beryl Clements

Hymn	496 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
Collect	Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.
1st Reading	Genesis 2: 4b - 9,15 - 25
2nd Reading	Revelation 4
Gradual	413 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Gospel	Luke 8: 22 - 25
Hymn	Hark the sound of holy voices
Hymn	Spirit of the living God
Hymn	233 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

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

Mon 25 3:00pm Communion by Extension
Old Station House

Sunday 3 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)
The Revd Mary Williamson
11:15 am Mattins The Revd David Bevington

& 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 – Parish Centre
Thurs StM 11:00 am Circle Dancing
12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 3 *StH* 8:00 am at St Nicolas
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
5:30 pm Vespers
StM 9:30 am Family Mass

Ash Wednesday Services in the Parish:

Wed 6 StH 10:30 am Liturgy of the Day
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Day
The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

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 at 11am on Thursday 28 February at York Minster,
conducted by the Revd Michael Goode.

&

Tom Garrud,

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.

Electoral Roll: Don't forget completed forms to Eluned by 10 March please.

Oberammergau Passion Play 15-22 July 2020. There are limited places. To reserve your place please contact the Parish Administrator for a booking form and to pay the deposit of £200 before 27 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:

Tomorrow: Genuine humility and heartfelt sadness

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.

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**.

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 by 26th February, or Abingdon 525408 for a full English breakfast in The Parish Centre Hall.

Sunday 3 March; Abbey Chamber Concert, St Nicolas Church 3pm. Georgina Malcolm soprano sings Schumann Frauenliebe Und Leben, plus works for voice and piano and solo piano by Schubert, Strauss, Schumann and Clara Schumann. Accompanied on the piano by Duncan Honeybourne. Tickets £10 (£9) available online or on the door.

Saturday 9 March; Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am – 4 pm. More details from Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com).

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.

Get involved as much as you want in the Abingdon Churches' biggest community event ...

- Join in as a singer or actor - any level of experience welcome.
- Pray that people would come and take part and see the performance.
- Run a stall at the Big Easter Event - craft/game/any fete type activity would be great!
- Volunteer as a steward to help everyone be safe and welcome.
- Publicise: distribute leaflets to your local roads; host an estate agents advertising board; put up posters; invite your friends and colleagues.

To help with any of these or for queries, contact Katharine de Villiers:
katharine@devilliersfamily.net or 07768022684

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The friends and family of Hilary Watkins & Tom Garrud, and all who mourn;
- All involved in the Abingdon Passion Play;
- The Church in Slovenia;
- 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,
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