



*St* **NICOLAS' CHURCH**  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 3 March 2019**

**Next Before Lent**

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

**8:00am Holy Communion**

The Revd Mary Williamson

**11:15 am Mattins**

The Revd David Bevington

**Hymn** 396 Christ is the world's true light

**Venite**

**Psalm** 99

**1st Reading** Exodus 3: 29 - 35

**Te Deum**

**2nd Reading** Luke 9: 28 - 43a

**Benedictus**

**Collect** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Hymn** 474 Immortal, invisible, god only wise

**Hymn** 248 Tis good Lord to be here

**Hymn** 563 Rejoice the Lord is King

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

<b>Mon 4</b>	3:00pm	Communion by Extension	Bridge House
<b>Sunday 10</b>	8:00 am	Holy Communion	The Revd Roger Williams
	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	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 10	<i>StH</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>at St Nicolas</i>
		<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Morning Praise</i>
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Taize
	StM	9:30 am	Family Mass

### Ash Wednesday Services in the Parish:

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

## CHURCH NEWS

The St Nicolas Annual District Church Meeting will take place in Church on Monday 18 March, 7:15pm in Church. At this meeting we will need to Elect and Appoint TWO church wardens.

THREE DCC members to serve until 2022

TWO DCC Members to serve until 2021

TWO PCC representatives

one to serve until 2022

one to serve until 2021

Church-in-Abingdon representative(s)

and approve the nominations of stewards

Please consider who you might wish to nominate for these roles, and if they are happy to stand complete one of the Nomination Forms on the North notice board.

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

The Parish APCM will take place in St Helen's on **Thursday 4 April**.

**TRAIDCRAFT** Looking back. The value of sales last year in St Nicolas was an amazing £1,950. Thanks to everyone for your support last year and for many years before that.

Looking forward. Following their problems last year due mainly to difficult trading conditions Traidcraft has decided to downsize, whilst continuing to support producers in the developing world. In future they will be concentrating on selling basic items such as tea, coffee and other household essentials online, ([www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)).

We will continue to support Fair Trade at St Nicolas by sourcing as much as possible from Traidcraft and other Fair Trade organisations.

**Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church**, Tuesday 12 March, 19 March, 2 April, 9 April, all at 7.30 pm. These fourteen 'stations' beautifully crafted and placed on the inside walls of the church depict the journey made by the Lord through his passion towards his final suffering and death. Devotions are led at each station to help us to meditate on what took place and 'pray' through the events. Please do join us. You will be most welcome.

The **February Edition of The Window** is now available at the back of church, donations towards printing costs welcome – in the wall safe please. The Spring 2019 issue of **Christian Focus** is available on the Church in Abingdon website - [www.church-in-abingdon.org.uk](http://www.church-in-abingdon.org.uk)

## DIARY DATES

**This afternoon; Abbey Chamber Concert**, St Nicolas Church 3pm. Georgina Malcolm soprano sings Schumann. Accompanied on the piano by Duncan Honeybourne. Tickets £10 (£9) available online or on the door.

**Tomorrow: CiA Lent Lectures 2019:** Revd Dr Will Donaldson on ***Gentle strength and driving passion***. Trinity Church, 7.45 for 8 pm start - 9.30 finish

**Tuesday 5 March**, Abingdon Mothers' Union Talk by Rosemary Pierce on **'Democratic Republic of Congo'**. 10:30am Parish Centre. All welcome

**Thursday March 7, ABDC Silent** Film evening in St Nicolas'. Title: The Oyster Princess, Germany, 1919, 58 minutes, Cert. PG, a comedy by Ernst Lubitsch; and supporting short comedy film. With piano accompaniment by Andrew Youdell. Doors open: 7pm, start time: 7.30pm. End of show approximately 9pm Admission £7.50; School and college students £3.50

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

**Wednesday 13 March: Love Is His Meaning** - Understanding the Teaching of Jesus - Talk by Keith Ward, former Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford, 7.30 pm at Trinity Church. Organised by Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group. Tickets from Cliff Marshall [cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk](mailto:cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk) or 01235 530480.

**Saturday 6 April Big Easter Event and Abingdon Passion Play** 12.30pm in the Abbey Gardens. At its heart, the Abingdon Passion Play (2pm) tells the last few days of Jesus' life in an accessible contemporary style. If you would like to get involved contact Katharine de Villiers: [katharine@devilliersfamily.net](mailto:katharine@devilliersfamily.net) or 07768022684

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our ADCM and all called to serve;
- All who live and work in the Abingdon Residential Homes, and our Ministry to them;
- 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***