



*St* NICOLAS' CHURCH  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 17 March 2019**

**Lent 2**

*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 Dr Charles Miller

**11:15 am Third Sunday Service**

Roderick Smith

**The Hard Sayings of Jesus: 3**

*'Let the dead bury their own dead.'*

*(Lk 9:60, Matt 8:22)*

<b>Hymn</b>	The God of Abraham praise
<b>Collect</b>	Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Genesis 23: 1 - 6, 17 - 20</b>
<b>Psalm 23</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	There's a wideness in God's mercy
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Luke 9: 57 – 60</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	We have a gospel to proclaim
<b>Hymn</b>	I bind unto myself this day

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

## NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

**Sunday 24**

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Dr Charles Miller

11:15 am Holy Communion 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 Stations of the Cross

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 24 *StH* 8:00 am at St Nicolas

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30 pm Service of Healing & Wholeness

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

## CHURCH NEWS

**TONIGHT** - Licensing of the Revd Jennifer Brown as Associate Priest, by the Bishop of Dorchester, during Choral Evensong at St Helen's, 5.30pm. Please do come to support Jen, and her husband Chris, on this important occasion.

The St Nicolas Annual District Church Meeting will take place in Church **tomorrow 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. Copies of the papers for the meeting are now available at the back of church.

The Parish APCM will take place in St Helen's South Aisle on **Thursday 4 April** at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm. Papers should be available soon.

**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** & the Spring issue of **Christian Focus** are now available at the back of church, donations towards printing costs welcome – in the wall safe please.

### **HELP NEEDED!**

**Parish Easter Leaflets** (and Passion Play Leaflets) are now available for delivery – by March 31st. Please look at the bundles in the back of church and, if you feel able, take one (or more). Many thanks Eluned

The **Abingdon Passion Play**, at the heart of the Big Easter Event, is the Church in Abingdon's biggest combined community event. With more people involved the whole event will run more safely & smoothly and be more successful communicating the central message of Easter. We are looking for:

**ACTORS** - no experience needed, just 2 rehearsals on 24th March 2-6pm All Saints and 2.30-6.30pm 31st March Peachcroft.

**STEWARDS** - be a friendly face and help keep people safe for some or all of the event. Full briefing and hi-vis provided. We need at least 12 more stewards for the event to run safely.

**PRAYER PARTNERS** - please can we cover before during and after the event in prayer - we'll provide regular updates and prayer points.

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST** - people to distribute leaflets to as many homes as possible in Abingdon: this method ensures that everyone will have chance to hear about the event. Please collect as many bundles as you can conveniently manage.

Please contact Katharine de Villiers With many thanks for your support!  
07768022684 [katharine@devilliersfamily.net](mailto:katharine@devilliersfamily.net)

## DIARY DATES

**Tomorrow: CiA Lent Lectures 2019:** Revd Dr Will Donaldson on *Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage* Trinity Church, 7.45 for 8 pm start - 9.30 finish

**Thursday 21 March: Healthy Abingdon – Music for the mind and body.** Trinity Conduit Centre 5 – 7pm. Registration, networking and refreshment from 4:30. To share knowledge, experience and ideas on the various ways that music can help improve health and wellbeing and enable people to live a better life despite health problems or disabilities. More information from Dave Butterworth, 01235 525955 or healthyabingdon@aol.com

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Revd Jennifer Brown as she prepares for her licensing this evening, and begins her ministry among us;
- Our ADCM and all called to serve
- 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