



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

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**Sunday 24 March 2019**

**Lent 3**

*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 Holy Communion**

The Revd David Bevington

<b>Hymn</b>	498 Let us with a gladsome mind
<b>Collect</b>	Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:1-9</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</b>
<b>Gradual</b>	268 Timeless Love
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 13:1-9</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	305 I come with joy a child of God
<b>Hymn</b>	284 Bread of heaven
<b>Hymn</b>	605 Through the night of doubt and sorrow (omit v7)

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

### Sunday 31 Mothering Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Mary Williamson

11:15 am Family Communion

The Revd Mary Williamson

### & 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 31      *StH*    8:00 am *at St Nicolas*

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

*5:30 pm No Service this week*

StM    9:30 am Sung Mass



**Don't Forget**  
Clocks go Forward next Sunday  
31 March



### CHURCH NEWS

Copies of **Fr Paul's Address** to the ADCM are available at the back of church. Do take one.

**Thanks:** Many thanks to all who signed our lovely card. **Judith & Horace** (Hicks). Married 21 March 1959 at St Frideswide, Oxford.

The regular **Friday Sales** in the Church and Garden will start again on **Friday 29 March**. Local produce, preserves, cakes and crafts. 11am-1pm. Why not pop in and take a look?

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.

On **Good Friday**, at St Helen's, there will be an evening performance of **Bach's St. John Passion**, one of the greatest musical representations of the passion of Christ. The performance is at 7.00 pm; admission is free (but donations are invited). Please book the date in your diaries and invite your friends and neighbours. The event is also open to extra singers: if you would like to sing in the performance, or know someone who might, speak to the St Helen's DoM – Peter Foster - or email [petertfoster@googlemail.com](mailto:petertfoster@googlemail.com). Rehearsals start on March 29th.

### **HELP NEEDED!**

**Parish Easter Leaflets** (and Passion Play Leaflets) are now available for delivery – by March 31<sup>st</sup> if possible. 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, today 2-6pm St Michael's 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.

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 ***Salt of the earth and light of the world*** Trinity Church, 7.45 for 8 pm start - 9.30 finish

**Tuesday 26 March, Silent Reflections:** St. Michael's 7.30 - 9.00pm.

**Theme: Thirst Alone.** Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary. Entry is through the door by the church room.

**Monday 1 – Saturday 6 April: Abingdon Artists Spring Exhibition** in St Nicolas' Church. 10am – 4pm. Free Entry.

**Thursday 4 April, Moving into Stillness:** circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes, 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**

- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Mary, and all who assist in the liturgical and preaching ministry in this Parish;
- All who support the ministry of hospitality and welcome in this place;

A prayer composed by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge especially for our time of political turmoil.

Hear, O God, the prayers of all who at this time are afflicted by anxiety regarding the future; all who are concerned by the turmoil they see in our public life; all who are saddened when they witness disagreement being expressed without respect; all who are fatigued by controversy and all whose inner resources of hope and love are drained out by prolonged uncertainty. Bless us with the faith to believe that, whatever the future brings, thy love is eternal and all-powerful, that we may be renewed in hope and motivated to love and serve our neighbours near and far.

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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***