



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

Sunday 31 March 2019
Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

*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 Mary Williamson

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Hymn	Praise to God, the world's creator (see sheet tune 418)
Collect	God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
1st Reading	Exodus 2: 1 - 10
2nd Reading	Colossians 3: 12 - 17
Gradual	535 O God in heaven (tune 413)
Gospel	Luke 2: 33 - 35
Hymn	Lord we come to ask your healing (see sheet tune 15)
Hymn	305 I come with joy, a child of God
Hymn	377 Angel voices ever singing

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 1	3:00pm	Communion by Extension	Bridge House
Sunday 7	8:00 am	<i>Holy Communion at St Helen's this month</i>	
	11:15 am	Mattins	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 7	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	<i>Sung Vespers</i>
	StM	9:30 am	Family Mass

CHURCH NEWS

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

Also, available:

the April edition of **The Window** and the **Spring issue of Christian Focus** and papers for the **APCM** which takes place on **Thursday 4 April at 7:30pm**. Refreshments from 7pm.

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 have started again. Local produce, preserves, cakes and crafts. 11am-1pm. Why not pop in and take a look?

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. Rehearsals start on March 29th.

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

CAN YOU HELP?

Abingdon Food Bank: We've had a really busy start to the year and are quickly getting through our stock. Any donations greatly appreciated, particularly tinned carrots, fruit juice, fruit squash, tinned puddings, small bags of sugar, coffee and long life milk. Thank you!

Storage space needed - for sensory toys used by Barnardos for special activities which take place during school holidays in Kingfisher School, Radley Road. Please contact Michelle on 07956 428319 or michelle.kukielka@barnardos.org.uk if you can help or have any suggestions.

Big Easter Event / Abingdon Passion Play

Saturday 6th April from 12.30pm, performance at 2pm

Thanks for all the amazing support so far to make this happen. We are now just looking for:

- **BREAKFAST:** 2 or 3 people to bless the stage and screen contractors with breakfast at 8am that morning (making or delivering would be great!)
- **TABLE PUTTER UPPERS:** A small team to collect tables from the Unicorn and put up in the Abbey Gardens needed from 9.30am

AND OF COURSE DON'T FORGET TO COME

AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS ON THE DAY!

Offers of help please to Katharine de Villiers 07768022684

katharine@devilliersfamily.net

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 2 April & 9 April Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Church,
7.30 pm

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.

Sunday 7 April Lent Table Talk: Trinity Church 3pm- 4.30pm

What is table talk? Quite simply it is a type of "game" to get people talking about the big and the little questions of life. It is divided into 6 sections- hope, evil, justice, suffering, death and forgiveness. This session will use the Easter edition. Come along and have some meaningful conversation. Refreshments Available. Deacon Selina Nisbett, Telephone: 01235 521868

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday and all who are called to serve;
- All mothers and families today, for their well-being and protection;
- All children, especially those in any kind of need or experience difficulty;
- Our Government and parliament;
- 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;

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Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas, eluned@hallas.org.uk / 01235 529462, by Wednesday