



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 7 April 2019

Lent 5 – Passion Sunday

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

11:15 am Mattins

The Revd Mary Williamson

Hymn 499 Lift high the cross (omitting starred verses)

Venite

Psalm 126

1st Reading **Philippians 3.4b-14**

Te Deum

2nd Reading **John 12.1-8**

Benedictus

Collect Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ hast delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn 201 Can we by searching find out God

Hymn 259 Morning glory, starlit sky

Hymn 81 Lord for the years

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

Sunday 14

Palm Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion at St Helen's this month

11:15 am Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms

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 14	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion (1662)
		10:30 am	Palm Procession & Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Taize
	StM	9:30 am	Palm Procession & Sung Mass

Details of all **Holy Week Services** in the Parish are available from the Easter Leaflet – available at the back of church or online.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

Thank you to all who helped deliver the **Parish Easter Leaflets**.

The April edition of the **Window** is now available at the back of Church. Also keep a look out for the next edition of **Pathways** – due soon.

EASTER FLOWERS: the Flower Team will be decorating the church for Easter between 10-12noon on Saturday 20 April. Do come along and join in the fun. No experience necessary - just enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go. Greenery is provided but if you can, please bring some flowers on the day. Donations towards Easter flowers would be welcome - please see Emma or Andrew Coker. Thank you.

ABINGDON PASSION PLAY

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the Big Easter Event and Abingdon Passion Play yesterday. Your prayers and help with so many practical requests are very much appreciated. Photos and more will be on the website soon! (abingdonpassionplay.co.uk).

If you would like to see the touring version of the passion play it is on at Radley College on **Saturday 20th April**. Please see lampscollective.com for more details.

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!

Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May 2019: there will be the usual Market Place sale on Saturday 11 May. The house-to-house collection will then take place during the week up to Saturday 18 May. Could you help the CiA's Christian Aid task group in its work to raise funds for the vital work of Christian Aid worldwide by: donating cakes, plants or books for the Market Place sale on 11 May or joining the house-to-house collection team to deliver and collect donation envelopes? Envelopes will be available in church for your donations should you miss out at home.

DIARY DATES

This afternoon: Abbey Chamber Concert in St Nicolas', 3pm. The ACE Trio perform two masterpieces of the piano trio repertoire: Beethoven's highly inventive trio in E flat Op 70 no 2 Mendelssohn's turbulent trio no 2 in C minor Op 66 ACE Piano Trio: Claire Parkin (violin), Emma Chamberlain (cello), Andrew Blankfield (piano). Tickets £10 (£9) available on the door. Meet the players over refreshments after the concert.

This afternoon: 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 Government and parliament at this crucial time;
- All the poor and disadvantaged in our nation and town;
- That we might learn from Mary's devotion to the Lord;
- Our preparations for Holy Week and Easter;
- 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;

&

Give thanks for the life of

Ronald Stanley

who died on 28 March 2019 aged 93
and who, as a resident of Bridge House,
attended our monthly service there.

His Funeral will be here in St Nicolas',
on Tuesday 16 April at 1pm.

Please pray for Marilyn and Mars and all his family.

Team Rector	The Revd. Dr. C Miller	01235 520144
Team Vicar	The Revd. Paul Smith	01235 534654
Church Wardens	Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell	07876 277 363
	Mr Andrew Coker	01235 539929
Parish Office	Mrs Jenny Balshaw	01235 520144
Website:	www.stnicolasabingdon.org.uk	
Facebook	www.facebook.com/stnicolasabingdon	

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