



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

Sunday 11 August 2019

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

11:15 am Holy Communion

The Revd Paul Smith / Mrs Beryl Clements

Hymn	555 Praise my soul the King of heaven
Collect	Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
1st Reading	Genesis 15: 1 - 6
2nd Reading	Hebrews 11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16
Gradual	406 Christ the fount of every blessing (tune 514)
Gospel	Luke 12: 32 - 40
Hymn	386 Be thou my vision
Hymn	323 Strengthen for service
Hymn	530 Now thank we all our God

No collection will be taken at this Service, but a plate for your donation is available at the back of the Church - Thank you

CHURCH NEWS

All members of the 8am Congregation are warmly invited to Tea at the Vicarage, Faringdon Road, on **Sunday 18 August** between 3-4:30pm. Please let me know, by 12 August, if you plan to come, in order to help with catering. It will be good to see as many as possible. *Fr Paul*

The Revd Mary Williamson will preach and preside here for the last time on Sunday 25 August. As a congregation we will say thank you to Mary for her ministry among us at that service. Mary's final day in the parish will be **Sunday 1 September**. There will be a Parish Lunch in St Helen's South Aisle beginning at 1.00pm. If you are able to join us please sign the sheet at the back of church to help with catering. Closing date **Sunday 25 August**. If you would like to contribute to a Parish gift for Mary, please give your contribution to one of the Wardens on or before **Sunday 18 August**.

Sunday 8th September: There will be cake, wine and soft drinks after the 11.15am service to celebrate **Patricia Pugh's** 90th Birthday. All are welcome.

Thinking ahead: Saturday 14 September is the annual OHCT Ride & Stride. Can you help? Either as a welcomer in St Nic's or by riding / striding / hopping around churches to raise money for both OHCT and St Nic's. Note the date, and start planning a route. Plenty of on-line resources. See Eluned for more details.

The **Abingdon Foodbank** has issued a summer holiday shopping list: tinned meat balls / hot dogs, corned beef, tuna, angel delight, tinned fruit, custard, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned vegetables, instant mashed potato, long life milk, baked beans, pasta, rice. *Thank you for your support.*

DIARY DATES

Fridays 11am – 1pm: local produce sale in the church garden; cards and crafts in church.

Thursday 15 August - The Blessed Virgin Mary; Sung Mass at St Michael's at 7.30 pm. Followed by seasonal refreshments. This service is in addition to the Said Mass at 12.30pm which will also celebrate the festival.

Friday 23 August, Charity golf day in aid of TAB: Join a team of 4 (£20 for members and £35 for guests) at Drayton Park Golf Club, or just come along to help on the day:

7.30: Coffee, pastries and registration

9.00: Start time

2.00: Lunch and prize presentations

For further information, please contact Laurie King on 01235 532202.

St Michael's will be open on *Saturday 31 August 2 – 4pm*. There will be an opportunity to walk the Labyrinth, or enjoy some time of quiet, or simply to look around the church.

Saturday 19 October, the inaugural *St Frideswide Pilgrimage*. There will be four guided walking routes to the Cathedral entering from all four points of the compass. – including an 8 mile walk starting, at 11am, from Abingdon Bridge. There is no charge for the Pilgrimage, although donations towards the cost of the tea will be invited on the day. More details and booking (essential), on www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage

Afternoon schedule:

2-4pm Prayer stations in the Cathedral

3pm Tea

4pm St Frideswide Pilgrimage Service (approximately 45 minutes) with the Bishop of Oxford

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The Revds Sok Han & Kim Kee, the congregation at St Andrew's, and the people of Hong Kong;
- The peoples of Kashmir;
- The appointment of a new House for Duty priest in our parish;
- The Revd Mary Williamson as she prepares to say Farewell to the parish on Sunday 1 September;
- All those for whom the school holidays are a time of stress;
- Our Parish, and all who work, live and worship in it;
- The many visitors to St Nicolas and all who support the ministry of teaching, healing and welcome in this place;

- Those who are suffering and in particular need;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Mary, Jen and all who assist in the liturgical and preaching ministry in this Parish.

NEXT WEEK AT ST NICOLAS

Sunday 18 *8:00 am Holy Communion @ St Helen's this month*
 11:15 am Third Sunday Service Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell

& IN THE PARISH

Morning and evening prayer is not said in St Helen's during the month of August

Wed 14 StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – The South Aisle
 Thur 15 ***The Blessed Virgin Mary***
 StM 12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch
 7:30 pm Sung Mass followed by refreshments
 Sun 18 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion
 10:30 am Sung Eucharist
 5:30 pm No Evening Service this week
 StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

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