



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

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**Sunday 18 August 2019**

**Ninth 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 Third Sunday**

**Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell**

**The Hard Sayings of Jesus:**

*'If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out'*

**Hymn** Fight the Good Fight

**Collect** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **Matthew 5 27-30**

**Psalm 141**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **John 5 1-14**

**Hymn** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Hymn** Lord Jesus Christ

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

## CHURCH NEWS

**The Revd Mary Williamson** will preach and preside here for the last time on Sunday 25 August. 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 **today**.

**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.

**Philippa Randles** is hoping to participate in the OHCT Ride & Stride on 14 September. Sponsorship forms will be available if you would like to support her (funds raised are shared equally between OHCT & St Nic's). Or why not have a go yourself? See Eluned for more details.

## DIARY DATES

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

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

**Tuesday 27 August, Silent Reflections;** St. Michael and All Angels from 7.30 - 9.00pm. The theme is '*Offering up heartbreak*'. Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary. Entry is through the door by the church room.

**Saturday 31 August, St Michael's will be open 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 14 September, Quiet Garden Day** at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Margaret Gallop and Keith Green. Theme: 'You will be like a well-watered garden'. Lunch and refreshments provided. A donation of £15 would be welcome. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

**Sunday 15 September – HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be kept during our Third Sunday Service. We plan to make part of our service when we dedicate the updated sound system together with a new oak shelf for flower arrangements, in memory of Mac and Elizabeth Snowden. This will be an important moment in our life together as we remember two people who worshipped here for many years. I hope more details will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please watch out for further details. *Fr Paul*

**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](http://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 appointment of a new House for Duty priest in our parish;
- The Revd Mary Williamson as she prepares to preside and preach here for the last time next Sunday (25 August) and say Farewell to the parish on Sunday 1 September;
- 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, especially for Pauline and John Burren at this time;
- Those who have received examination results, both teachers and students, and those awaiting examination results;
- 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

**Monday 19**

3:00pm Communion by Extension

Old Station House

**Sunday 25**

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

11:15 am Holy Communion

The Revd Mary Williamson

## & IN THE PARISH

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

Wed 21 StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – The South Aisle

Thur 22 StM 12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 25 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

## CONTACTS

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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 is taken during this Service, but a plate for your  
donation is available at the back of the Church - Thank you**