



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

Sunday 1 September 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

8 am Holy Communion

The Revd Mary Williamson

11:15 am Mattins

The Revd Paul Smith

Hymn 368 All my hope on God is founded

Venite

Psalm 112

1st Reading Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16

Te Deum

2nd Reading Luke 14.1,7-14

Benedictus

Collect O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 482 Jerusalem the golden

Hymn 470 I the Lord of sea and sky

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

CHURCH NEWS

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. There is a sponsorship forms at the back of church 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.

Sunday 15 September – HARVEST FESTIVAL will be kept during our Third Sunday Service. As part of our service we will 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. Mac and Elizabeth's daughters, Caroline and Marianne, together with members of the family will be coming for this special occasion. We look forward to welcoming them. *Fr Paul*

The flower arranging team would like to dedicate the flowers at Harvest to the memory of **Annita Forrest**. Annita was a talented and inspirational member of our group who will be remembered for her friendship and beautiful flower arrangements at St Nic's for many years. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the Harvest Festival flowers, please contact Emma or Andrew Coker or Paul Rast-Lindsell. *Emma*

Weekly Market in the Churchyard: the stall-holders and producers of the Friday market have decided that the time has come to stop this market in its present form Our last market will be on Friday 27th September. We thank all our customers for your support and wish to say how much we have all enjoyed this friendly contact with you all. The sale of cards and crafts which is usually inside the church will continue. *Geoffrey Currey*

CAN YOU HELP?

Church will be open on **Saturday 14 September** to welcome Riders & Striders, and also on **Saturday 21 September** as part of the Abingdon Heritage Open Day Celebrations.

If you are able to help **Steward** the church on either day, please contact Eluned

PARISH NEWS

Faith Forum takes place on the first Sunday of each month. A breakfast bar is open from 9 am, with the programme starting at 9.15 am and lasting 30 minutes. The theme for autumn/winter 2019/20 will be connecting with the world around us - ***Studying creation to better know our***

Creator - where science & faith meet:

- ❖ 1 September: From Copernicus to Polkinghorne – Great scientists inspired by faith, by Professor Keith Ward
- ❖ 6 October: The view from the lab - being a Christian working in science, by Dr Norman Gee
- ❖ 3 November: When science challenges Christian ethics, by The Revd Jennifer Brown
- ❖ 1 December: Mission, ministry & pastoral care - science in the life of the Church, by The Revd Jennifer Brown

DIARY DATES

This afternoon: 3 pm St Nic's, Concert; Radcliffe Ensemble: Anna Brittain soprano, Jacqui Miles violin, Emma Chamberlain cello, Bethe Levvy piano. Shostakovich piano trio no 1, Mendelssohn piano trio in D minor, Songs – Debussy and German lieder. Tickets £10 (£9) on the door.

Tuesday 3 September, The Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group, 7.30 pm, in the Church Room, St Peter's Church, Drayton. The topic for discussion will be ***Religion and Atheism - beyond the divide***, informed by the talk Ten to Bridge the Divide, given by atheist philosopher, Julian Baggini, at a recent national conference. For more information, contact Cliff Marshall at cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk or 01235 530480.

Saturday 14 September, Quiet Garden Day at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection 10 am - 4 pm. Let Keith Green (rkeith1037@gmail.com) know if you want to attend.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Our Parish, and all who work, live and worship in it;
- The customers of the Food Bank and the volunteers who staff 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;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- Mary as she completes her ministry in the parish today and for her transition as she returns home to Cornwall;
- Justin our Archbishop, Steven, Colin and Henry our Bishops, Charles, Paul, Jen and all who assist in the liturgical and preaching ministry in this Parish.

NEXT WEEK AT ST NICOLAS

Sunday 8

8:00 am Holy Communion

Bishop Henry Scriven

11:15 am Holy Communion The Revd Dr Emma Percy

& 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

Wed 4 StH 10:30 am Holy Communion – The South Aisle

Thur 5 StM 12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 8 StH *8:00 am at St Nicolas' this month*

9:15 am Morning Praise

10:30 am Sung Eucharist / Mayoral Welcome

5:30 pm Taize

StM 9:30 am Sung Mass

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***Please send information for next week's pew slip to Eluned Hallas,
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