



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 8 September 2019
Twelfth 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

Bishop Henry Scriven

11:15 am Holy Communion

The Revd Dr Emma Percy

Hymn	338	My God accept my heart this day
Collect		Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.
1st Reading		Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
2nd Reading		Philemon: 1 - 21
Gradual		What a friend we have in Jesus (see sheet and over)
Gospel		Luke 14: 25 - 33
Hymn	40	Ye Servants of the Lord
Hymn	393	Brother, sister let me serve you
Hymn	430	Forth in thy name, O Lord I go

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

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our 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.

In giving for our Harvest Festival, we would welcome donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the Abingdon Foodbank. Any loose-plate collection will also go to the Foodbank. *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 Coker*

SPECIAL HYMN CHOICE TODAY

Joseph Medlicott Scriven, preacher and hymnist, was born on 10 September 1819 in Banbridge, County Down (Northern Ireland). We sing today his most famous hymn – ***What a friend we have a Jesus***. Bishop Henry is Joseph's great, great nephew.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

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

Deepen your discipleship through learning. Have you ever wished you could learn more about theology and the Bible? The Cuddesdon School of Theology & Ministry (CSTM) is a 3-year, part-time (undergraduate) level course offered by Ripon College Cuddesdon to learn about theology and discipleship. A no-obligation introductory session will be taking place on the morning of Saturday 21st September. For more information or to book a place at the introductory session, contact cstm@rcc.ac.uk.

Almshouse Vacancy: An Almshouse has recently become vacant and applications are invited by 23 September. Almshouses are for people aged 50 and over who are in need and who are of good character and have lived in Abingdon for at least 5 years. For details and application form please contact Christ's Hospital 01235 526487.

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*

DIARY DATES

Sunday September 15th – St Helen's Patronal Festival. Afternoon Concert by the Hurst Ensemble in the South Aisle at 4.15 pm with music for strings, woodwind and harp by Bach, Mahler and Ravel. Tea will be served between the end of the concert and the start of Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm. There will be a retiring collection to support the church's Music fund.

Saturday 21 September, The Oxford Concert for Peace – 2019, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford 7:30pm. Performing without a conductor, 20 of the world's leading string players from 15 different countries will come together in Oxford to promote the idea of peace, playing pieces by Mozart, Grieg and Elgar, concluding with Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings [Opus 48]. This will be the first of only 3 performances world-wide featuring the orchestra in 2019. Read more <https://www.sheldonian.ox.ac.uk/event/>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- 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;
- Our Church family, especially those unable to be with us today;
- 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 15

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Dr John Barton

11:15 am Harvest Festival - Third Sunday Service

The Revd Paul Smith

& 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 15	StH	8:00 am	<i>at St Nicolas' this month</i>
		9:15 am	Morning Praise
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30 pm	Choral Evensong
	StM	9:30 am	Sung Mass

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