



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 16 February

Second Before Lent

11:15 am Third Sunday Service

Mr Paul Rast-Lindsell

- Hymn** God has spoken by his prophets
- Collect** Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
- 1st Reading** **Genesis 9 v 8 - 17**
- 2nd Reading** **Mark 14 v 22 - 25**
- Hymn** Great is thy Faithfulness
- Hymn** O Jesus, I have promised

Please do stay for refreshments after the Service

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

Making the Most of Lent. A pre-Lent quiet day with addresses on **Saturday 22 February** 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, St Helen's Church and Parish Centre. This quiet day will offer three addresses, each led by one of the clergy, on ways to make more of Lent as a time of spiritual refreshment and renewal. A simple lunch will be provided, and there will be opportunity for spiritual conversation with the clergy for those who wish it. There is no charge for this event. The day is open to everyone. Please let the Parish Office know if you intend to come for all or part of the day: 01235 520144; administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk

MUSIC QUESTIONNAIRE: Please do complete one of the questionnaires if you have not done so already and place your replies in the locked box by **Monday 24 February** – thank you, *Fr Paul*

'A Window on Christianity' is a new book by Carol Worthington (member of our PCC) which brings to life the personalities and events that have shaped the origins of the religion and its development from Roman times to the modern day. It examines artefacts and customs and various different churches, as well as what Christians believe and how they show their beliefs in their pattern of worship and use of specific artefacts. See posters / fliers at the back of church. There may be an opportunity to purchase together cutting postage costs – do speak to Eluned or Carol.

The Diocese has announced a **LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service**, which begins its work in the hope and expectation that LGBTI+ people, and those close to them, are no longer left feeling on the margins of the Church. Read more: www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/lgbti-chaplaincy-service

Beryl mentioned one of this year's Lent books/courses in her sermon last Sunday, **Live Lent: Care for God's Creation**, published by Church House Publishing. For details of this and other material in the LiveLent: Caring for God's Creation series, see <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19th February, 7:30pm Abingdon Carbon Cutters meet in the Roysse Room at the Guildhall. Showing the film, **"In Our Hands - Seeding Change"**. Entry by donation £3 suggested.

Friday 21 - 22 February The Festival of Faith and Literature: takes place every two years at Bloxham School in Oxfordshire creating a thoughtful

and relaxing space to consider works of literature and their religious and moral themes. Read more

<https://bloxhamfaithandliterature.hymnsam.co.uk/>.

Tuesday 25 February, Silent Reflections at St. Michael's 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Material will be available to support your prayer in the quiet of the sanctuary. Entry is through the door by the church room.

Thursday 27 February, Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group, Public Lecture, 7.30pm in Trinity Church. Prof. John Barton on 'How Jews and Christians Read the Bible'. Tickets, £5 to cover costs and light refreshments, available on the door. Cliff Marshall

Ash Wednesday – 26 February

St Helen's 10.30am Liturgy of the Day

St Michael's 7.30 pm Liturgy of the Day

Saturday 29 February, Quiet Garden Day for Reflection, 10 am – 4 pm, at Aston Tirrold, organised by Sue Sheppy and Jill Draper. The theme is:

For everything there is a season. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Recommended donation £15. Contact Keith Green at rkeith1037@gmail.com to book your place.

Church in Abingdon Lent Lectures: 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 March at 8pm in St Helen's Church, South Aisle led by the Revd Dr Charles Miller: ***The Spiritual Adventure of Henri Matisse, Vence's Chapel of the Rosary. Pilgrimage to Vence: Henri Matisse's 'Chapel of the Rosary' and the transformation of Christian art in the 20th century.*** Cards advertising the event are on the table at the back of church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christ's Hospital Abingdon: currently have available a small first floor self-contained dwelling, near the centre of Abingdon. Suitable for occupation by an age 50+ person or couple, with connections to the area, looking for a compact home in a small community of residents and with most facilities/utilities provided within one modest charge. For more details and/or an application form contact: 01235 526487 or visit:

www.ch-of-abingdon.org

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Our stewardship of all creation and response to climate change;

- the work of the newly appointed Diocesan LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service;
- the PCC meeting next week;
- those in our congregation who cannot be with us today;
- all those affected by the Coronavirus;
- those suffering from sickness of mind, body or spirit and those working to heal, support and comfort them;
- our ministers, and all who support the ministry of teaching, and welcome in this place;
- our troubled and divided world.

NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas

Sunday 23 Feb *8:00 am Holy Communion – at St Helen’s*
 11:15 am Holy Communion 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	StH	10:30 am	Holy Communion – The Parish Centre
Thur	StM	12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
Sun 23	StH	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30pm	Healing & Wholeness
	StM	9:30 am	Sung Mass

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***Please send information for next week’s pew slip to
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