



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

Sunday 23 February
Next Before Lent
11:15 am Holy Communion
Revd Paul Smith

Welcome to St Nic's today. We are almost in Lent! On Ash Wednesday this week there will be two opportunities for worship in the parish: please see the notices. But for today we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Signs of God's glory have appeared in all ages, but are fully revealed in Jesus Christ. We notice it is not all about glory on the mountain, however. The disciples are made ready for what is yet to come. *Fr Paul*

Hymn	248	Tis good Lord, to be here
Collect		Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
1st Reading		Exodus 24: 12 - 18
2nd Reading		2 Peter 1: 16 - 21
Gradual	2	Christ whose glory fills the skies
Gospel		Matthew 17: 1 - 9
Hymn	295	Deck thyself my soul with gladness
Hymn		Be still and know that I am God (over)
Hymn	591	The kingdom of 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

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God; be still and know that I am God;
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth you, I am the Lord that healeth you,
I am the Lord that healeth you.

In You, O Lord I put my trust, In You, O Lord I put my trust,
In You, O Lord I put my trust.

CHURCH NEWS

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

Training Opportunity: 'Listening Well' to be held in *Radley Church Room Tuesday 31 March 2pm to 4pm*. The training is designed for what might be called 'informal listening' which is so valuable in church and community settings, and the course is open to those who will find this useful in their roles around church (eg Welcomers, small group leaders etc) or in the community (eg cafes, charity helpers, hospital shops etc). There will be a modest charge – probably £10 – to cover costs. If you are interested please email the course convenor – Mary O'Brien at mfaobrien@gmail.com - with some indication of how the training would be relevant to you, by 13 March if possible. If the course is oversubscribed, another may be run later in the year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 This year services will take place at Trinity Church on **Friday 6 March**, at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. All welcome – men, women, children. The service this year has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. There will also be a reflective service on **Friday 28 February** at 7.30pm at Trinity focusing on Zimbabwe.

'A Window on Christianity' is a new book by Carol Worthington, a member of our parish 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. 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.

DIARY DATES

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

Sunday 1 March, 3:00 pm, Abbey Chamber Concert, Nocturne: an original programme of French piano music, dance and song. Music by Faure, Debussy, Duparc, Hahn, Takemitsu. Diana Hinds piano, Rory Carver tenor, Joëlle Pappas dancer/choreographer. Tickets, £10, available from 07775 904626, online or on the door.

Monday 2 March – the first Church in Abingdon Lent Lecture 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.

Tuesday 3 March, 10.30 am, St Helen's Parish Centre. Mothers' Union Meeting. Linda Hobbs will be speaking on the Abingdon Food Bank. Everyone welcome. Please bring items for the Food Bank

Stations of the Cross: St Michael's Wednesday March 4, 11 and 18 from 7.30 pm for about 40 minutes. These walks will be clergy and lay led. Entry is through the porch on the south side of the church. If you park in Park Road or Crescent, come in to get a parking permit, otherwise the parking is free in the surrounding streets.

Thursday 5 March Moving into Stillness at St Michael and All Angels: circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes on from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- All those called to a ministry of listening;
- those in our congregation who cannot be with us today;

- those affected by recent storms
- 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

Mon 24 Feb	3:00 pm Communion by Extension	Old Station House
Sunday 1 Mar	8:00 am Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Charles Masheder
	11:15 am Mattins	The Revd Jen Brown

& 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

Ash Wednesday – 26 February

St Helen's 10:30am Liturgy of the Day

St Michael's 7:30 pm Liturgy of the Day

Thur StM 12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

Sun 1 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion at St Nicolas' this month

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30pm Vespers

StM 9:30 am Family Mass

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