



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

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**Sunday 8 March**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**The Revd David Bevington**

**11:15 am Holy Communion**

**The Rt Revd Henry Scriven**

Welcome to St Nic's on this Second Sunday of Lent. Thank you to Bishop Henry presiding and preaching at 11.15am. We send him our warmest congratulations as he celebrates today the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his consecration as bishop. We extend a special welcome to his family and friends joining us for our worship today. *Fr Paul*

**Hymn**            432     The Servant King

**Collect**            Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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**        **Genesis 12: 1 - 4a**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**       **Romans 4: 1 - 5,13 - 17**

**Gradual**            259     Morning glory starlit sky

**Gospel**             **John 3: 1 - 17**

**Hymn**             411     Dear Lord and Father of mankind (tune: Repton)

**Hymn**             598     There's a wideness in God's mercy

**Hymn**             525     Name of all majesty

## CHURCH NEWS

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** We will be revising the parish electoral roll during February and March, and would welcome anyone not on the register who worships with us to join. A lay person is entitled to have their name on the parish roll if they have been baptised, and are aged sixteen or more. At St Nicolas a simple application form is available from Eluned, or from the website, and should be returned by 28 March please.

The latest edition of **Pathways** – the Oxford Diocesan magazine is now available at the back of church. Do take a copy.

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 9 March** – the second **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.

**Wednesday March 11, Stations of the Cross:** St Michael's 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.

**Saturday 14 March, Christian Aid Super-Swish Clothes Exchange Event**, 2 – 4 pm, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd. Renew your wardrobe – without costing the earth at Abingdon's first super-swish. Please bring along clothing in good condition that you would like to offer in exchange for items brought by others. Note that this is not a jumble sale. All donated clothes must go home with new owners or be taken back by the would-be donors. Christian Aid is organising this event as part of its commitment to reducing overall global carbon emissions. Delicious refreshments will be available, and a small donation for the work of Christian Aid will be invited at the event. Please call 01235 530480 with any queries.

**Saturday 4th April, The Village Centre, Kennington, 7pm;** St. Swithun's Church is hosting a performance of LAMPS theatre company's production of The Passion, featuring the events of Holy Week as seen through the eyes of Simon Peter, Mary Magdalen and a Roman centurion named Marcus. This is the only local performance this year and is a great

opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the Easter story dramatised in such a powerful way. Tickets (£10 adults and £5 Under 16s) available online at <https://buytickets.at/stjamesradley/351739> and in person from FOKL (Friends of Kennington Library) at Kennington Library and the Apple Cafe, Kennington. See poster at the back of church.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**Fun in the Park** – Face painting. Crafts. Laughter. Chatting. Churches united in mission. Fun in the Park is a free event organised by Abingdon Town Council aimed at families, on **Saturday 6 June** in the Abbey Grounds, 11 am - 3 pm. The Church in Abingdon has hosted a stall there to make the most of the outreach opportunity. Can you be part of the team? There's plenty of scope for using your gifts, even for just an hour: we need set up/clear up teams; face painters; crafty people; chatty people. We need to know who is onboard by 12 March to decide whether we can bring this together. So please contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, if you can be involved. [dhmcknight@aol.com](mailto:dhmcknight@aol.com)

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- Bishop Henry and Catherine, as he celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his consecration today, giving thanks for his episcopal ministry;
- that we grow in grace during this season of Lent;
- all called to a ministry of listening;
- 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 15 Mar**

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Revd Canon Charles Masheder

11:15 am Third Sunday Service Mr Roderick 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

Thur StM 12:30 pm Said Mass followed by lunch

**Sun 15 StH 8:00 am Holy Communion at St Nicolas' this month**

10:30 am Sung Eucharist

5:30pm Choral Evensong

**StM 9:30 am Sung Mass**

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***Please send information for next week's pew slip to  
[eluned@hallas.org.uk](mailto:eluned@hallas.org.uk) by Wednesday***

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