



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

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**Sunday 15 March**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**The Revd Canon Charles Masheder**

**11:15 am Third Sunday Service**  
**Mr Roderick Smith**

Welcome to St Nic's today and particular thanks to Roderick Smith who will be continuing our series in the Old Testament leading us in thinking about Redemption: The Passover and the Last Supper. Please can I refer you to taking note of the notice concerning the update in contingency for the Coronavirus and ask for ongoing prayers. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

**Hymn** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Collect** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through 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. **Amen**

**Hymn** There is a Redeemer

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** **Exodus 12: 1 - 14 and 13: 3**

**The Benedictus**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** **Luke 22: 7 - 8,14 - 20**

**Hymn** To God be the glory

**Hymn** I come with joy, a child of God

**Please do stay for refreshments after the Service**

## CHURCH NEWS

**CORONA VIRUS** Following instructions from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York the church has suspended the use of the Common Chalice at the Eucharist. Only the presiding priest shall receive from the chalice. We shall receive in one kind only, which is sufficient for our Holy Communion. We shall also continue to refrain from sharing the Peace. If you are concerned about a time which might come when you will have to self-isolate and wonder how you will manage, help will be available. The parish is compiling a list of those who may need help or just to keep in contact. If you would like to be on such a list, please let the Office know (01235-520144). If you have other concerns, please do speak with me, and in this time of uncertainty we pray for ourselves and for others. *Fr Paul*

**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.

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 16 March** – the third **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 18, 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 21 March, 6:30pm 'Quiz & Chips' at Abingdon Baptist Church.** See poster for more details and how to order your supper.

**Tuesday 24 March Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Oxford, 6.30-8.30pm Christian Concern for One World** invite you to an informal event "Churches Supporting Refugees". An opportunity to meet and hear

from people in churches and charities who are actively supporting refugees.

**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. 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.

**FESTIVAL OF PRAYER, Saturday 11 July,** Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Featuring a keynote address from Gemma Simmonds CJ, thought-provoking workshops led by authors, speakers, teachers and clergy, one-to-one sessions on spiritual direction, as well as dedicated time and space for personal reflection. It is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment. <https://www.brfoonline.org.uk/fop2020>

### **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**, 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. If so please contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator: [dhmcknight@aol.com](mailto:dhmcknight@aol.com)

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

- That we grow in grace during this season of Lent;
- those in our congregation who cannot be with us today;
- all those affected by the Coronavirus, for those who are vulnerable, anxious, or afraid at this time;
- 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.

## **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus:**

Keep us, good lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious,

Be with those who care for the sick,

And lift up all who are brought low;

That we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love

In Christ Jesus our lord. Amen

### **NEXT WEEK at St Nicolas**

<b>Sunday 22 Mar</b>	8:00 am	Holy Communion	Bishop Henry Scriven
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	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
Thur	StM	12:30 pm	Said Mass followed by lunch
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>StH</b>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion at St Nicolas' this month</i>
		10:30 am	Sung Eucharist
		5:30pm	Healing & Wholeness
	<b>StM</b>	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**