



*St* NICOLAS' CHURCH  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 23 August 2020**

**St Bartholomew / Eleventh after Trinity**

Dear Friends

Today we welcome the Revd Rosalind Rutherford to lead this Morning Worship as we celebrate St Bartholomew. It is very good to have her with us.

We are not quite sure who Bartholomew was! It has long been assumed that he is the same as Nathanael though it is not certain. The important thing to remember is that he was an 'apostle'. Anyone who is an 'apostle' is sent out to preach the good news of Jesus. Apostle literally means 'sent'. We know that in every act of worship we are renewed and enabled to live out our apostolic calling and ministry. We are commissioned, whether preachers *per se* or not, to tell the good news of Jesus in word and deed.

Therein lies the great challenge for us all: 'When did we last share the good news of Jesus with others?' Not in a grand or complicated way; the simpler the better! But it is good to ask ourselves when we last gave a reason for the hope that is within us. Or when did we in an intentional way act in kindness to another person to show the love of our Saviour?

If we do anything following this worship together today, in the coming week, let us pray for grace to find ways to speak and act with joy and courage showing the good news of Jesus. This is so much needed in a community and world which is crying out for the fresh promise of hope.

With love and prayers

***Fr Paul***

## WORSHIP

### The Readings & Collect for the Feast of St Bartholomew

Acts 5.12-16

Psalm 145.1-7

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

Luke 22.24-30

**Collect for St Bartholomew:** Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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.

## CHURCH NEWS

**This Sunday our service is Morning Worship at 11:15am led by The Revd Rosalind Rutherford**

On Sunday 30 August our Service will be Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am led by The Revd David Bevington

On Sunday 6 September our Service will be Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am led by Canon Charles Mashedor

**Congregation members need to register in advance to attend a service in one of our three churches by 12 noon on the preceding Friday. Please see the [website](#) for details of how to book for all three Churches.**

**For St Nicolas:**

- ❖ 8.00 am - Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) – St Nicolas' Church  
Register with Peter Penfold [papenfold@aol.co.uk](mailto:papenfold@aol.co.uk) or 01235 553411
- ❖ 11:15 am – Service of the Word (2nd & 4th Sundays) – St Nicolas' Church  
Register with Andrew Coker [andrew.r.coker@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.r.coker@gmail.com) 01235 539929

We will make the 11:15am Service at St Nic's available, live, via Zoom.

Extracts from the Service will also be loaded onto the [St Nic's website](#) (<http://stnicolasabingdon.org.uk/download.html>) as soon as possible during the day.

**Parish Opening for private prayer:**

- St Nicolas': Mondays 10 am – 1 pm
- St Helen's: Wednesdays and Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm.
- St Michael's: Thursdays 11 am – 1 pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tony and Lyn Richmond who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, having been married in Cape Town on 22 August 1970. We send them our warmest congratulations and prayers on this happy occasion and every blessing for the future.

**Faith Forum:** The first Faith Forum of the new term will be on **Sunday 6th September**. We currently expect to be meeting in the parish centre, as per usual. Because of the need for social distancing, places are limited and booking is necessary. Please contact the parish office to book a place if you wish to attend. We hope to record the talk and make it available on the parish YouTube channel for those who aren't able to attend in person. We are not currently able to offer refreshments so there will be no gathering for breakfast before the talk, which will start at 9.30am. Our theme for this series is 'Other voices: Women, Theology and the Church'. Our speaker in September will be the Revd Dr Jane Baun, speaking about the life and work of Mother Maria of Paris. Please note that if for some reason it is not possible to hold the talk in the parish centre, those who have booked to attend will be notified and we will offer the talk via Zoom instead.

The **OHCT Sponsored Ride & Stride** will be on Saturday 12th September. Philippa Randles is hoping to participate and any funds raised will be shared equally between OHCT & St Nic's. If you'd like to sponsor her please email - [philippa.g.randles1@gmail.com](mailto:philippa.g.randles1@gmail.com).

We are hoping to bring out Issue 7 of '**A Candle in the Window**' in September. Thank you for your encouragement! The theme will be '**Journeys**', possibly in time, possibly in space. Think laterally and send us your contributions on the theme, or not, to [candle@abingdonparish.org.uk](mailto:candle@abingdonparish.org.uk) by the end of August. *Thanks.*

**Parish Electoral Roll** Due to recent Covid-19 lockdown the Parish Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was postponed until 22nd October so a further revision of the Roll is required. Lay people who worship with us can join the roll if you have been baptised and are aged 16 or over. You need do nothing if you completed a form in 2019 and have no changes to contact details. Application forms are available from Eluned Hallas – Ab 529462 or [eluned@hallas.org.uk](mailto:eluned@hallas.org.uk).

**Buying on-line?** Don't forget, by signing up to EasyFundraising and selecting St Nicolas' as your chosen charity you could make a contribution to St Nic's while shopping online – at no extra cost to yourself. **Read more:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stnicolasabingdon/>. So far we have raised almost £300

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- James & Claire to be married in St Nic's on Thursday this week, their family and friends and their life together;
- For Tony and Lyn Richmond having celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary yesterday on Saturday 22 August;
- All those who have received exam results this week, for those who can rejoice and move forward, and for those who are disappointed, whose future is affected by uncertainty and anxiety and for all who seek to support them;
- All those who lead the church, our bishops and clergy;
- That we may be faithful in living out our apostolic calling and ministry;
- For those who are unable to join us physically for worship at this time;
- All those suffering, throughout the world, from the health, economic and political effects of the coronavirus;
- Residents, relatives and all the staff of the care homes in our parish, especially Old Station House and Bridge House with whom we are especially linked.

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

The [Parish resources](#) page contains links to Sunday's Service at St Helen's, plus an archive of Parish resources.

The St Nicolas' website will have recordings of 11:15am Services.

### ONLINE:

[Diocesan Church at Home](#) (Live-streamed) page. During August a range of family, all-age, modern and traditional services will be available. Two different churches are streaming their services each Sunday. Please check the web page for service times as these vary.

The Diocesan Church at Home services resume on Sunday 6 September

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

[Oxford Cathedral on-line services](#) (includes service booklets and sermons)

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxfords-cathedral/online-worship>.

An archive of cathedral services and sermons is available on Soundcloud

<https://soundcloud.com/user-867515242>

### BY TELEPHONE:

Diocesan Eucharist not available during August.

Daily Hope A Church of England resource offering hymns, prayers and reflections as well as full services via a freephone number 0800 804 8044.

## CONTACT US

**The Parish office is closed to visitors for the time being.** You can contact the Parish Administrator as usual on [administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk) leave a message on the office phone [01235 520144](tel:01235 520144) or use the office mobile: [07395 943957](tel:07395 943957).

**Parish Support:** If you are on your own and feel cut off and need a chat, or help with shopping, or for us to pray for you, do please get in touch.

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***We now have a new [online donations page](#) accessible from the website***  
***Please send any information for next week's pew slip to***  
***[eluned@hallas.org.uk](mailto:eluned@hallas.org.uk) by Wednesday***