



St NICOLAS' CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 4 October 2020

Trinity 17

Father Paul was admitted to hospital for tests last week, and was unable to write his Pastoral Letter. He assures us that it is not serious, he is making progress and is in good spirits. He hopes to be home again very soon, and meanwhile sends us his love and prayers and asks us to pray for him also.

WORSHIP

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.9-17

Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-46

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Our Service today is Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am, led by the Revd David Bevington

On Sunday 11 October our Service will be Harvest Holy Communion at 11:15am, led by the Revd Paul Smith

On Sunday 18 October our Service will be Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am led by Bishop Henry Scriven

On **Sunday afternoon** the Diocese will be live-streaming ***Bishop Colin's Leaving Service*** from Dorchester Abbey. Don't miss this opportunity to share the celebration of Bishop Colin's ministry and give thanks for all that he has given to the Diocese

Congregation members need to register in advance to attend a service in one of our three churches by 12 noon on the preceding Friday.

For St Nicolas:

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

Please see the [website](#) for details of how to book for all three Churches in the Parish.

We will make the 11:15am Service at St Nic's available, live, via Zoom and extracts from the Service will also be loaded onto the [St Nic's website](https://stnicolasabingdon.org.uk/download.html) (<https://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 Nicolas' will also be open on Friday's 10am – 1pm, when crafts and jams etc will also be available
- St Michael's: Thursdays 11 am – 1 pm.
- St Helen's is not open in October

Congratulations to Philippa whose sponsored ride has raised over £225 to be split between OHCT and St Nicolas'. Many thanks to all who sponsored her.

Issue 8 of **A Candle in the Window** will be available this Sunday, October 4th. Download from http://stnicolasabingdon.org.uk/downloads/CandleInTheWindow202010_8.pdf

We will be celebrating Sunday 11 October as our **Harvest Festival**. We will not, this year, be asking for donations of flowers for the church, or goods to donate. However our loose plate collection on the day will be shared between the Abingdon Food Bank and Christian Aid for the relief of hunger overseas.

The **St Nicolas Annual Church Meeting (ADCM)** will take place on **Monday 12 October online via Zoom**. Papers are now on the website – through email and on the church website. If you, or anyone you know, would like a hard copy, please contact Eluned. We hope that as many as possible will be able to join us on the evening. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom do speak to one of the Wardens or Eluned who will help you get set up.

If having seen the papers you wish to ask any questions or raise any points, but do not wish to join online please contact one of the Wardens or Eluned and we will make sure your point is raised, and that you hear the response.

We are seeking **nominations** for Church Wardens and members of the Parochial & District Church Councils. If you have someone in mind, please contact them to get their consent, then copy their letter / email of consent to Eluned as a formal nomination. It would help if you can find a seconder but if not we can take it forward. Nominations must close on Saturday 10 October.

No one can be nominated without their consent, and all nominees will be posted on the website on Sunday 11th.

The revised Electoral Roll is now available for checking on the website -please let me know of any corrections by October 20th.

Eluned Hallas, Secretary to the DCC. eluned@hallas.org.uk / 01235 529462

We hope that it is still possible for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** to take place, in a socially distanced manner, on Thursday, 22 October, at 7.00pm in St Michael & All Angels Church, Park Road. To book your place, please contact, Eluned, PCC Secretary (as above). As usual papers will be available in advance.

Learning for discipleship and ministry: Online autumn courses from the Diocese are out now. These courses are for those training as Licensed Lay Ministers or for ordination, and also for anyone with a passion to learn more about their faith, about God and our place in his world.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nasio Trust have an exciting new opportunity for an Admin Officer to join their UK team. This is a flexible, part time role (15 hours per week) ideal for an individual with excellent interpersonal and administrative skills. Home-working will be considered, or working from Nasio's office in the centre of Abingdon (10 Broad Street).

Interested in using your skills to help Nasio change lives for good? Know anyone who would be a good fit for this role? Please share these details with anyone who may be interested. Full details on our website:

<https://www.thenasiotrust.org/join-the-nasio-team-as-an-admin-officer/>

Contact marie.hooper@thenasiotrust.org with your CV and covering letter by 12th October to apply

The Nasio Trust is a registered charity based in the UK and Kenya that derives its inspiration and values from the Christian faith working and supporting individuals regardless of their beliefs or background. They have a community-based approach aimed at providing a holistic solution to ending the cycle of poverty, working with the community and creating strong partnerships, with a three-pronged approach to tackling poverty, focusing on: Education and child care; Healthcare provision; Sustainable income generating projects

Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group: The group's next meeting via the Zoom platform will be on Tuesday 6 October at 7.30 pm. The meeting will discuss the activities for the coming year. We welcome new members to this group and this would be a good meeting to attend if you are wondering what we are about. You do not need to be a member of the Progressive Christianity Network, or even a member of a church, but we hope you will be interested in exploring open and contemporary Christian understanding. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Cliff Marshall at cliff.marshall@pcnbritain.org.uk and he will provide the Zoom link.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Father Paul, and all in hospital at this time, all health care professionals and support staff;
- Bishop Colin as he prepares to retire;
- Preparations for our annual meetings, our Wardens and all members of our Parish and District Church Councils (DCC);
- Those unable to join us physically for worship at this time;
- The work of the Nasio Trust;

- All those suffering, throughout the world, from the health, economic and political effects of the coronavirus;
- Those affected by fear and anxiety as a result of the new restrictions imposed;
- 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](#) has recordings of 11:15am Services.

ONLINE:

[Diocesan Church at Home](#) (Live-streamed). The order of service, together with links to view or listen to the service will be posted on the Diocesan [website](#) on Saturday.

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

An archive of cathedral services and sermons is available on Soundcloud

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

BY TELEPHONE:

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

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You can contact the Parish Administrator on
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 phone [01235 520144](tel:01235 520144) or use the office mobile: [07395 943957](tel:07395 943957)

***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 by Wednesday***