



St NICOLAS' CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 11 October 2020

Harvest / Trinity 17

Father Paul returned to the Vicarage on Saturday 3 October, and was signed off by his GP for an initial two weeks. At present he is very weak and tired. He is being well cared for at home, and receiving daily visits from the District Nurse. His recovery depends on complete rest and recuperation and he may be leaving the Vicarage for convalescence during his time of sick-leave. He is deeply appreciative of offers of help and if he needs additional support he assures everyone that he will not be slow in coming forward. He thanks you also for the messages, cards and texts he has received. He regrets that he is not able to answer them individually, and hopes this message comes as a big thank you to everyone.

He asks you to pray for him as he will for you, and sends his love and blessings as always.

WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 26 v 1 - 5a and 9 - 11

Psalm 65 v 8 – 13

John 6 v 1-13

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

**Our loose plate collection today will be shared between
the Abingdon Food Bank and Christian Aid**

CHURCH NEWS

Our Service today is Harvest Holy Communion at 11:15am,
led by the Revd David Bevington

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

On Sunday 25 October our Service will be Morning Worship at 11:15am

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)
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 or 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>) 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



**We give thanks for the life of
Bill Hobbs**

who died on Tuesday 6th October.

The funeral will be on Monday 19th at 11 am, at St Michael's
(where all Parish funerals are taking place at the moment)

We remember Joy, and all who mourn.

Pastoral Care: While Paul is off sick and the Rector on leave, Canon Charles Masheder will be available for pastoral support, and may be contacted on 520959.

Abingdon Mother's Union is holding a Quiet Evening in church on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00 pm. The theme is ***Building Hope and Confidence***, led by Charles Masheder. Anyone is welcome to join.

Issue 8 of '***A Candle in the Window***' is available if you have not yet seen it. We hope to bring out Issue 9 on Sunday 1st November but it can only happen if we can persuade you to write something! The theme is 'Saints' so you could write a paragraph about your favourite Saint or someone that has inspired you. Other subjects are, as always, welcome. Deadline ***Friday 23rd October***. Thank you in anticipation!

http://stnicolasabingdon.org.uk/downloads/CandleInTheWindow202010_8.pdf

The **St Nicolas Annual Church Meeting (ADCM)** will take place on **Monday 12 October online via Zoom**. Papers are now on the website and via email. 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 get in touch with 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.

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Joy Hobbs and all who mourn;
- Father Paul, and all suffering in body, mind or spirit;
- Health care professionals and support staff;

- Preparations for our annual meetings, our Wardens and all members of our Parish and District Church Councils (DCC);
- The hungry, and all working to alleviate hunger worldwide;
- Food producers, processors and transporters;
- The Church of England's response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse;
- Those 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](#) 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.

CONTACT US

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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/stnicolasabingdon	

You can contact the Parish Administrator on administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk leave a message on the office phone [01235 520144](tel:01235520144) or use the office mobile: [07395 943957](tel:07395943957)

***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***