



St NICOLAS' CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 28 March 2021

Palm Sunday

Message from Fr Paul: On the way to the cross...

Dear Friends

It is wonderful that we can join together in-person once again for worship today and at a significant time: as we begin the most solemn week in the church's year. Today we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and look to the cross on which he won our salvation as we hear the Passion reading.

It is very good to welcome the Revd Rosalind Rutherford who is officiating for us today. Thank you to Rosalind for coming and for what she will bring to us and share with us.

Holy Week and Easter services are listed in full on the final page of this pewleaflet. We worship together in safety which means making a booking in advance; observing appropriate distancing; sanitising our hands on entry; and leaving the building as soon as possible after the service is over. Thank you very much for taking care of one another as we re-gather for worship.

Please can I draw your attention specifically to worship here on Maundy Thursday. A service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm has been planned with a president and preacher. However, at the time of writing there has been little take-up for this. If you would like to attend please contact Paul Rast-Lindsell by the end of today, Palm Sunday. This service may have to go ahead on Zoom only if there are too few people.

Secondly, please can I draw your attention to Eluned's comprehensive notice regarding our Annual District Church Meeting which will take place on Zoom on Monday 12 April at 7.00pm. Please consider prayerfully whether you feel called to fill a vacancy. Each of us have different skills and gifts by which we can work together to build up the body of Christ in this place to the greater glory of God. So if you have any questions about filling a vacancy, or are wishing to be nominated, please do let me know. I will be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, I pray that you all may be drawn closer to Christ on the way to the cross this Holy Week so that you may come to celebrate with great joy the resurrection on Easter Day.

With love and blessings,

Fr Paul



**DON'T FORGET
CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS WEEKEND**



READINGS & COLLECTS

Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16 Psalm 118.1-2,19-24*

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16*

Philippians 2.5-11 Mark 14.1 - 15.47 or Mark 15.1-39[40-47]

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

For Details of Holy Week and Easter Services – see p5

CHURCH NEWS

Traidcraft: Jan has recently sent £100 to Traidcraft Exchange, from the profits on Traidcraft sales over the past year. Jan is always happy to take orders for Traidcraft goods (see <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>). So why not take a look and benefit from free delivery!

Our **Annual District Church Meeting** will be held (via Zoom) on Monday 12 April at 7.00pm. All papers will be issued in advance – 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 Fr Paul, Paul Rast-Lindsell 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 above and we will make sure your point is raised, and that you hear the response.

We are seeking **nominations** for two Churchwardens 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 April.

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

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

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Thursday 29 April also via Zoom. papers to follow.

A Candle in the Window: the next issue will be on Easter Day. We would like some photographs to illustrate 'New Life' which is springing up everywhere. Email contributions to Candle@abingdonparish.org.uk by the end of Monday 29th March. Thank you!

Silent Reflections: We will still be 'at home' for Silent Reflections on Tuesday 30 March. Fr Paul Smith is providing material on the theme "Who do you say I am?". A copy will be emailed to those on our list, and made available from St Michael's website. The good news is that there is a strong possibility that we will be able to return to St Michael's for our April session.

St Helen's West Porch Easter Garden: Drop in to see the garden and display and pick up an Easter activity pack, from Palm Sunday until 7 April, 2.00 – 4.00 pm; also 10 am-12 noon on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Bishop Steven's series of podcasts from the autumn on *Isaiah 40-55* have now been published as a short book under the title ***Comfortable Words: a call to restoration***. The book is dedicated to the clergy and lay ministers, church wardens and volunteers of the Diocese of Oxford for "your outstanding and inspiring service over the past year". The book is also been profiled in 'The Big Church Read' when each week Bishop Steven will release a video that will explore two reflections. Read more:

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/comfortable-words/>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- our nation and Government;
- our observance of Holy Week that we may be drawn closer to Jesus;
- our parish clergy, wardens, and our congregations especially as make the return to worship in-person;
- preparation for our ADCM on Monday 12 April;
- those administering and receiving the Covid-19 vaccine and those anxiously waiting for their vaccination;
- all teachers and children, especially those connected with St Nicolas School;
- the care homes in our parish, for all residents, families and staff at Bridge House and Old Station House, with whom we have special links;
- all suffering in body, mind or spirit and, throughout the world, from the health, economic and political effects of the coronavirus.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Diocesan Church at Home (Live-streamed Eucharist) online each Sunday at 10:00am (with recordings of previous services and other resources also available):

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

[Oxford Cathedral on-line services](#) - Sunday Sung Eucharist and Evensong, and weekday Services (includes service booklets and sermons). Recorded archive available.

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 our 11:15 am Service sermons.

RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE

Diocesan Eucharist Recordings of most of the Sunday services should be available from around 11 am each Sunday. Simply call 01865 920930 and, once connected, dial 0 for the full service or 1 for a shortened form. Standard call rates apply.

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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When the office is closed (Fridays until further notice) please contact the Revd Canon Charles Masheder on 01235 520959 for any **urgent pastoral issues**.

Please note: The Parish office is now open again Mondays to Thursdays, 10am-1pm until further notice. (Or other times by arrangement.) **Over Easter the office will be closed from 2-6 April.** To contact Jenny leave a message on the office phone 01235 520144, use the office mobile: 07395 943957 or email administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk

Please send any information for next week's pew slip to eluned@hallas.org.uk by Wednesday

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Our churches are now **re-opening for Sunday worship from Palm Sunday**

Covid-19 guidance needs to be adhered to with due care

Holy Week Services are shown below

If you would like to attend any Service at St Nicolas please making your booking by contacting Paul Rast-Lindsell

(e-mail: paulrl.stnics@gmail.com tel: 07876 277363)

We hope to share all St Nicolas Services via zoom, Services at St Helen's will be available later in the day on the Parish webpage. Audio Recordings of Sermons at St Nic's are also made available on the St Nicolas' website.

Sunday 28 Palm Sunday

St N 11:15 Service of the Word with Blessing of Palms

led by the Revd Rosalind Rutherford

8am BCP Holy Communion St Helen's

St M 9:30am Said Mass with Blessing of Palms

St H 10:30am Eucharist with Blessing of Palms

Monday 29th-Wednesday 31st in Holy Week

St H 8:00pm, Compline & address

Thursday 1 Maundy Thursday

St N 7:30pm, **Holy Communion (TBC)***

St H 8:00pm Eucharist

St M 7:30pm Said Mass for Maundy Thursday

Friday 2 Good Friday

St N 10:00am, Service of the Word & Proclamation of Cross

St M 2:00pm, Liturgy of Good Friday

St H 2:00pm, Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday 3 Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

St M 7:30pm, Lighting of the Paschal Candle,

Vigil & Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and First Mass of Easter

St H 8:00pm, Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 4 Easter Day

St N 11:15am, **Holy Communion with Blessing of Paschal Candle**

St H 8:00am BCP Holy Communion (1662)

St H 10:30am, Festive Eucharist of the Resurrection

St M 9:30am, Mass of the Resurrection

*** Please note** – if you would like to attend this service in Church please contact Paul RL by the end of Sunday. It is possible that this service will take place on zoom only.

To request a place at:

St Helen's: contact the Church Office (see p4)

St Michael's: contact Peter Squire (01235 797051 / 07711 548015)

ptscwatstms@gmail.com