



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 10 April 2022
Palm Sunday
11:15am Holy Communion
The Revd Charles Masheder

Today we start the most significant week of the year for Christians throughout the world – Holy Week. Palm Sunday has its own apparent concept of the message of Jesus as he is welcomed into Jerusalem ‘and the whole city went wild with excitement’ (Matthew 21:10). Those who had been looking forward for the coming of a Messiah as the one to overthrow the Romans and establish a truly Jewish land of hope and peace were drawn into the thrill of the occasion. However they failed to see that Jesus, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah, was riding a donkey and coming in gentleness.

It is my joy to be with you this morning as we recognise that the greater power of love and peace is more powerful than armed force; how relevant that feels this year with the horrific events in Ukraine. Surely, though, we will have seen it during our lives in various ways. We will receive a palm cross which reminds us that the victory that Jesus won was achieved only through self-sacrifice; that too sets us an example. We need to travel through this Holy Week, remembering that the crowds that welcomed him were turned against him on Good Friday. That was all in the public forum. On Easter Day all begins to make absolute sense as he appears, very personally, in his risen form to those who had invested in his earthly ministry and turns their sorrow and despair into wonderful joy – may he do that for you this week and especially next Sunday.

With my love and prayers,
Charles Masheder

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-16*

Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 22.14 - 23.56 or Luke 23.1-49

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.

Sunday 17 April – Easter Day

8:00am Holy Communion – *The Revd Charles Mashedor (at St H)*

11:15am Holy Communion – The Revd Jen Brown / the Revd Paul Smith

We ask that you sanitise your hands on arrival and departure and wear a mask even for congregational singing. Thank you for helping to keep one another safe.

Holy Week and Easter in the Parish:

Mon-Wed:	St H	8:00 pm	Compline with Address
	St M	7:00 pm	Said Mass and Address
Maundy Thursday:	St N	7:30 pm	Holy Communion
	St H	8:00 pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Vigil
	St M	8:00 pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Vigil
Good Friday:	St N	10:00 am	Liturgy for Good Friday
	St H	2:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
	St M	10:00 am	Children's Liturgy
		2:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday/Easter Eve:	St H	9:10 am	Morning Prayer
		8:00 pm	Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
	St M	8:00 pm	Lighting of Easter Fire, Vigil of Readings, First Mass of Easter
Easter Day:	St N	11:15 am	Lighting of Paschal Candle, Holy Communion
		St H	8:00 am
		10:30 am	Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection
	St M	9:30 am	Sung Mass of the Resurrection

CHURCH NEWS

The Parish has a new website, covering all three churches. Take a look at

<http://abingdonparish.org.uk/>

The Easter edition of 'A Candle in the Window' will be with you by Sunday 10th April. To download it go to the new Parish Website at abingdonparish.org.uk and click the Communications tab at the top of the screen. Then select Issue 3 (April 2022).

The Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames has a **part time vacancy for a Personal Assistant**. The post requires a variety of administrative skills to enable support for the Team Vicar and his ministry in 2 Abingdon churches, also working closely with other clergy and lay members of the team. The post will be 6 hours per week, tba. over at least 2 days. Salary £9.45 per hour. Please contact Miss Joyce Kelly for more information and application details: joycek1956@gmail.com Telephone: 07883 535768 Closing Date for applications Wednesday 13th April 2022. Interviews Thursday 5th May

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Thursday 28 April at 7pm at St Helen's, in the South Aisle.

Electoral Roll Revision The revision of the roll has now been completed. The draft roll is available on the notice board for inspection. Would you please let Eluned know of any errors or omissions by Thursday 21 April.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 9 April, the choir and orchestra of Abingdon and District Musical Society and the Wantage Choral Society choir will perform the **St Matthew Passion** by J S Bach. School of St Helen and St Katherine, Faringdon Road and will start at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at the door cost £14 / £12 in advance.

This afternoon: Abbey Chamber Concert, St Nic's 3pm, **Mozart Clarinet Quintet**. Newman string ensemble with Barbara Stuart; Martin Reed, Evelyn Sanderson violins; Catherine Coldstream viola; David Whitaker cello. Tickets £10

Wednesday 20 April: Book Launch - The Mercenary River with Nick Higham
20th April, 7pm, St Nicolas Church. *'Private Greed, Public Good; A History of London's Water'*. Tickets £10 or £24 (to include a copy of the book).

Read more: <https://mostly-books.co.uk/product-category/events/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Famous Abingdon People: Sustrans are installing a new 'Portrait Bench' on Hanson (Cycle) Way to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They are inviting suggestions of local heroes from the last 70 years for inclusion. To contribute go to:

www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/portrait-benches-project-2022

by 11 April.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal Many charities have launched appeals to provide help in the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, including the British Red Cross - <https://www.redcross.org.uk>; UNHCR - <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk>; the Disasters Emergency Committee - <https://www.dec.org.uk>.

WORSHIP

Daily: Morning Prayer is said at St Helen's each week day at 9:10am

Wednesdays: Holy Communion in the Parish Centre Hall / St Helen's Church at 10:30am

Thursdays: Said Mass at St Michael's at 12:30pm

The [St Nicolas' website](#) has recordings of our 11:15 am Service sermons.

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Steven, Gavin, and Henry our bishops; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- Her Majesty the Queen, and all the Royal Family;
- Our Government and nation and those seriously threatened by the cost of living crisis;
- The people of the Ukraine and for peace in that land and throughout the world;
- All Ukrainians migrants seeking refuge in the UK, in our locality, and throughout Europe;
- That we may be drawn closer to Jesus in his passion, death and resurrection;
- Any known to us suffering in body, mind and spirit, especially those among our congregations who are suffering with Covid at this time;
- 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;
- Those children and teachers beginning school holidays this weekend, especially for families under strain;

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

*Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby
Archbishop of York, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell*

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