



# St NICOLAS' CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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## RESUMPTION of PUBLIC WORSHIP

I am pleased to announce that the clergy and wardens have agreed that public worship in the parish will begin again on SUNDAY, JULY 26th 2020.

The schedule of Sunday services in the parish will begin as follows:

- ❖ 8.00 am - Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) – St Nicolas' Church
- ❖ 9.30 am – Mass – St Michael & All Angels Church (each week)
- ❖ 10.30 am – Holy Eucharist – St Helen's Church (each week); this service will be uploaded in full to the parish website and YouTube channel each Sunday afternoon.
- ❖ 11:15 am – Service of the Word (2nd & 4th Sundays) – St Nicolas' Church

In accordance with government and diocesan requirements and recommendations the following protocols will be followed:

- Each of our three churches will have a maximum attendance number to which it will adhere.
- Those wishing to attend will need to book to attend with a designated contact person in each congregation, and do so by the preceding Friday noontime (see over).
- Those booking will need to provide: name, contact information (for Track & Trace), and whether or not (s)he wishes to receive Holy Communion where a Eucharist is celebrated.
- A face covering must be worn.
- Hand sanitizing will be required upon entrance and exit.
- Toilets will be in use at St Michaels's but NOT at St Nicolas' or St Helen's
- Socializing before and after the service must take place outside the church.
- Wherever possible, organ music may accompany a service, but no choir or congregational singing is yet allowed.
- Services will be shortened in appropriate ways so as not to exceed 40-45 minutes.
- Pew slips and the Newsletter will continue to be accessible only online.

Please share this good news as you see fit.

In order to provide additional safeguards for the congregation: all service participants will normally be expected to **wear face coverings**, unless there are medical, or other good reasons for exceptions. Therefore, we request that you bring your own coverings in which you feel reasonably comfortable, although masks will be available in Church should you not be able to do so. We hope you appreciate this necessity in the light of government regulations and, unfortunately, we are not in a position to accept bookings otherwise.

The booking contact for services in each church is:

St Helen's Parish Administrator administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk  
01235 520144 /07395 943957

St Michael's Peter Squire ptscwatstms@gmail.com 01235 797051 / 07711 548015

St Nicolas' Andrew Coker [andrew.r.coker@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.r.coker@gmail.com) 01235 539929

8am service Peter Penfold papenfold@aol.co.uk

***The Revd Dr Charles Miller, Team Rector***

***For St Nicolas:***

Our first service will be at 11.15 in St Nicolas on Sunday 26 July and will be led by Bishop Henry.

Services will be on the Second & Fourth Sundays to allow the 8.00 service to take place on the other Sundays.

We are following the advice from the diocese and government and can only accommodate 20 in the building. We are therefore advising:

- Those wishing to attend will need to book to attend with Andrew Coker at [Andrew.r.coker@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.r.coker@gmail.com) by the preceding Friday noontime (24th July) and on other Fridays preceding the 11.15 service.
- You will be allocated a seat in the church, which will be approximately where you would normally sit.
- A face covering must be worn. If you have not got one, on entering you will be offered one, as per the Team Rector's letter.
- Hand sanitizing will be required upon entrance and exit.
- The West doors will remain open as will the two side doors for ventilation.
- Toilets will not be available unless it is a medical emergency after which they cannot be used again.
- Socializing before and after the service must take place outside the church in the garden or in the lane.
- Services will be shortened.

We hope to continue to record the Service, and make the recordings available on the website.

We recognise that this is a 'new beginning' and thank you for your understanding as we resume worship and fellowship together. As we begin this period of transition let us pray for one another and for all those who will lead us in worship.

With my best wishes,

***Fr Paul***