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Bartholomew the Apostle / 11th Sunday after Trinity

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PASTORAL LETTER – Bartholomew the Apostle

Dear Friends

Today we welcome the Revd Jen Brown, our Associate Priest, as our president and preacher. It is very good to have her with us.

We celebrate the Feast of Bartholomew the Apostle. Actually, we are not quite sure who he was! It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not certain. The important thing to remember is that he was an 'apostle'. Anyone who is an 'apostle' is sent out to preach the good news of Jesus. Apostle literally means 'sent'. We know that in this and every Eucharist we are prepared for what is our apostolic calling and ministry, that for which we must be constantly fed, renewed and enabled through word and sacrament. Every Eucharist ends with the great sending out: 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'. We are commissioned, whether preachers *per se* or not, to tell the good news of Jesus in word and deed.

Therein lies the great challenge for us all to ask ourselves: 'When did we last share the good news of Jesus with others?' Not in a grand or complicated way; the simpler the better! But it is good to ask ourselves when we last gave a reason for the hope that is within us. Or when did we in an intentional way act in kindness to another person to show the love of our Saviour?

If we do anything following this Eucharist, in the coming week, let us pray for grace to find ways to speak and act with joy and courage showing the good news of Jesus. This is so much needed in a community and world which is crying out for the fresh promise of hope.

With love and blessings, *Fr Paul*

SUNDAY MASS If you wish to come to Mass on Sundays, please contact Peter Squire (details on the cover) before 12 noon on Fridays. The Order Of Mass for each Sunday can be found on the web site, in short and long forms:

https://stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm

Should you wish to bring your own printed copy or load onto a mobile device or follow the Mass at home. There will be printed copies of the short form only available in church.

SILENT REFLECTIONS on 25 August will still be held at home. The material, written this month by the Revd Rosalind Rutherford, is available from our website (on the Prayer and Worship Resources page), and emailed to those on the Silent Reflections list. The theme is: *Companions on our Journey*.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2020 Oxford Historic Churches Trust's annual sponsored Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 12 September, respecting the appropriate government guidelines. **Louise** and **Nicola** are willing to cycle on the day so do please speak to them and be generous in your sponsorship. Half the money raised comes to St Michael's. We are not allowed to serve refreshments, nor can we offer toilet facilities, but St Michael's will be offering a socially-distanced sign-in desk for riders. Please speak to **Julie Woodley** if you can help staffing the desk and also sign up for rota slots on the sheet in church. These are difficult times but this is an important aspect of our ministry of welcome.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - AGAIN! The Electoral Roll has to be revised again because of the postponement of the Annual Church Meetings back in April. The new revision will take place in the period Friday 11th September to Saturday 26th September. The Electoral Roll is our official membership list, and you need to be on the Electoral Roll in order to be able to vote at the Annual Church Meetings. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like your name to be added, please complete the simple application form, available at the back of the church, or from Keith Bowman. Your name can be added to the Roll if you are baptised and aged 16 or over, and you satisfy some other simple conditions. Please speak to Keith (01235 528962) if you have any questions about this. Would you also let him know if you have changed your name or address in the past year.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER **St Nicolas'** is open on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm. **St Helen's Church** on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 am to 1 pm, and **St Michael's** on Thursdays from **11 am to 1 pm**. We regret that toilets cannot be opened in any of the churches during the times for private prayer. *Fr Paul*.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW We are hoping to bring out Issue 7. Thank you for your encouragement! The theme will be 'Journeys', possibly in time, possibly in space. Think laterally and send us your contributions on the theme or not to candle@abingdonparish.org.uk by the end of August.

PATHWAYS MAGAZINE The Oxford Diocesan Pathways magazine is available online at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/> and a PDF version can be downloaded from:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/> It is hoped that the autumn edition will be distributed to churches in print form.

Worship

Presidents at Mass on Sundays in August: 23rd The Revd Jen Brown, 30th The Revd Paul Smith. The rota beyond 30th August was not available at the time of writing.

The Sanctuary Lamps are sponsored from 24th to 30th August by Fr Paul in memory of his father, Gordon Smith.

This week in our parish the feast of Bartholomew the Apostle will be celebrated on Sunday, transferred from Monday 24th August. Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo is commemorated on Thursday and her son, on Friday. The Beheading of John the Baptist is commemorated on Saturday. The readings for this festival are also included.

Monica and Augustine The materials for Silent Reflections at Home this month (see *Prayer and Worship* resources page) reflect on Monica and Augustine and reflect on the communities of which we are a part and the labyrinth journey – travelling in, the centre and travelling out.

Beheading of John the Baptist From a sermon by the Venerable Bede.

Such was the quality and strength of the one who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of the heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by the ungodly; he was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. John was baptized in his own blood, though he had been privileged to baptize the redeemer of the world, to hear the voice of the Father above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him. But to endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward. ... 'The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us' (St. Paul).

Collect: Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death: strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and vice and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Please pray for:

- grace and courage to live our apostolic calling as those who are 'sent out';
- all authorised preachers in our diocese;
- all young people who continue to plan their mid and long-term futures following their recent examination results;
- the suffering, recently departed and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people in our parish living in Baillie Close, Baker Road, Banbury Court and Barton Lane.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun	Isaiah 43.8-13	Ps 145.1-7	Acts 5.12-16	Luke 22.24-30
Tr. 11	Isaiah 51.1-6	Ps. 138	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20
Mon	2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11-end	Ps 39.1-9		Matthew 23.13-22
Tues	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-end	Ps 98		Matthew 23.23-26
Wed	2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-end	Ps 128		Matthew 23.27-32
Thur	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Ps 145.1-7		Matthew 24.42-end
Fri	1 Corinthians 1.17-25	Ps 33.6-12		Matthew 25.1-13
Sat	1 Corinthians 1.26-end	Ps 33.12-15, 20-end		Matthew 25.14-30
John the Baptist	Jeremiah 1.4-10	Ps 11	Hebrews 11.32-12.2	Matthew 14.1-12

Collect (Bartholomew the Apostle)

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

Collect (11th Sunday of Trinity)

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Some On-line Resources for Worship

Parish resources page

http://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/Parish/P_resources.html.

St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page

https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm

Diocesan Church at Home (Live-streamed Eucharist) page.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/> During August a range of family, all-age, modern and traditional services will be available. Two different churches are streaming their services each Sunday. Please check the web page as service times vary. The Diocesan Church at Home services resume on Sunday 6 September. *Oxford Cathedral* on-line services (includes service booklets and sermons)

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxfords-cathedral/online-worship>.

An archive of cathedral services and sermons is available on Soundcloud <https://soundcloud.com/user-867515242>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise

<https://www.facebook.com/CoRMirfield/> Details of services at <https://mirfield.org.uk/community-of-the-resurrection/our-life-and-work/worship/>

Walsingham In addition to the daily live-streaming of Shrine Prayers at 6 pm. the Sunday Mass is live-streamed at 9.00 am, <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/>

RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE

Diocesan Eucharist Not available during August. Please use the service below instead.

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

THE LABYRINTH IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

As this month's Silent Reflections material refers to a labyrinth, a representation of our labyrinth is included below. It can be used as a finger labyrinth.

