



St MICHAEL & ALL
ANGELS CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

18th October 2020
Luke the Evangelist / 19th Sunday after Trinity

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***David Duce by midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591,
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FR PAUL We assure Fr Paul of our prayers and best wishes for his on-going recovery.

PASTORAL CARE Whilst Fr Paul is convalescing, Canon Charles Mashedder has stepped up to provide pastoral care until 23 October when he will be on leave. He is happy for people to contact him by telephone, 01235 520959.

EDITORIAL though more a miscellany than an editorial this week.

Sunday 18 October is the fifth anniversary of the consecration of our nave altar by Bishop Colin in 2015.

The theme for October in the diocesan “how to live well through the next six months” scheme is ‘the beauty of creation and care of the earth’. Bishop Olivia has produced four short films about the environment and how we understand our relationship to the created world. The films will be released each Monday during October. There are links on our *Prayer and Worship* resources web page to the films and additional theological and liturgical resources provided by the diocese. Sadly there doesn’t appear to be a transcript of the first talk that could be made available to those without digital connectivity. Each one introduces an idea related to our faith and offers some questions to ponder. For the first film the questions are:

- How does [this] understanding of incarnation help us to think about our relationship to the rest of creation?
- If God is incarnate in the whole of creation, can there be any separation between sacred and profane?
- What does that mean for each of us, and for how we work out our response to the environmental emergency which faces our world?

We have received a “Thank you” card from Bishop Steven for the parish share we paid in 2019. Normally this would have happened earlier in the year, but the Corvid-19 lockdown came at that time. We paid £37,811 in 2019 of a total diocesan share of £19.8M provided by the 815 churches in the diocese. We also received a leaflet explaining diocesan income and expenditure in 2019 which should be on a notice board in church on Sunday and is also available from the diocesan web site.

Sunday 18 October is designated *Anti-Slavery Day*. Around the world more than 40.3M men, women and children are thought to be locked in modern-day slavery and up to 136,000 in the UK. The *Clewer Initiative* is the national work of the Church of England to combat modern slavery. Beginning initially in 2016 funding to continue until 2030 has been obtained from the Clewer sisters. More formally known as the Order of St John the Baptist, the Clewer

sisters are an order of Anglican nuns who donate generously to causes related to the eradication of human trafficking. Their home is now in the grounds of Rippon College Cuddesdon. More information about the initiative is available at <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/anti-slavery-day-2020> and examples of activities for Anti-slavery Day 2020 can be found in the News section.

Finally, a reminder to anyone wishing to follow the CSMV (Wantage) on-line Quiet Day material, this should be available 16 to 31 October to use at home: <https://csmv.co.uk/2020/07/23/online-retreat-and-quiet-day/>

David Duce

ALL SOULS' DAY The plan is to hold a service at St Michael's on **Monday 2 November at 7 pm** unless further Covid-19 restrictions present this. The hope is that this will be a Requiem Mass but if the restrictions we have to operate under preclude this, the service will be non-Eucharistic and if, through deeper restrictions, that proves impossible, Fr Paul or Canon Charles Masheder will be praying through the list of names at home. Keith Bowman is collating the list of people to be remembered. There will be a list in church on Sunday, do please add names to this as soon as possible. For logistical reasons we ask that names be provided by **Sunday 25 October** at the latest. If you are not able to come to church, please give names to Keith either by email keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or phone 01235 528962.

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, load onto a mobile device or follow the Mass at home. Printed copies of the short form only will be available in church.

ELECTORAL ROLL The revised roll is available in church and also on the website. Please notify Keith Bowman of any errors or omissions by 20 October, either by email to keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or phone 01235 528962.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS £183.60 was raised through the church for the Porch Centre at the time of our Harvest Festival. This obviously excludes donations that individuals sent directly. Remaining Lent collection boxes for TAB and TARIRO brought to church on our Patronal Festival raised a total of £82.33 for the two charities.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be on Thursday 22 October at 7 pm at St Michael's. It is important to book your place with Eluned Hallas, PCC Secretary, eluned@hallas.org.uk or 01235 529462. Papers for the meeting, with the exception (at the time of writing) of the financial report, are available to read in advance of the meeting through our web site.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER St Nicolas' is open on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm. St Michael's on Thursdays from **11 am to 1 pm**. We regret that toilets cannot be opened in either of the churches during the times for private prayer. St Helen's hope to reinstate the Wednesday Holy Communion service on a monthly basis beginning on 14 October at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. There will be no refreshments offered and masks will be mandatory. If you wish to attend (and numbers will be restricted) please contact the Parish Office. During October St Helen's Church will **not** be open for private prayer.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW Issue 8 can be downloaded from <https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/DNR/window.php> 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 who has inspired you. Other subjects are, as always, welcome. Please send contributions to candle@abingdonparish.org.uk deadline Friday 23 October. Thank you in anticipation! *Rob Rutherford*

Worship

Presidents at Mass on Sundays October: 18th The Revd Dr Charles Miller/ Mrs Beryl Clements, 25th The Revd David Bevington/ Mrs Gwen Bevington, 1st November The Revd Paul Smith, 8th November The Revd Canon Charles Mashedder.

This week is somewhat unusual. Sunday is the feast of Luke, the Evangelist. Over the following weekdays the Common Worship lectionary has only one commemoration, Henry Martyn, translator and missionary, 1812, though locally Monday is also the commemoration of St. Frideswide of Oxford.

Henry Martyn joined the East India Company as a chaplain in 1805 and went to Calcutta. The rules in those days were that chaplains would minister to the maritime and local expatriate community and not to indigenous peoples.

According to one account the words of the Magnificat at Evensong were forbidden lest 'put down the mighty from their seats' should 'incite the natives'. Henry however set about learning the local languages and oversaw the translation of the bible into Hindustani then Persian and Arabic. He was the forerunner of Anglican Mission work in Iran which led to the formation of the Diocese of Iran in 1912. He died from tuberculosis in Armenia in 1812. As work by Canon Phillip Tovey on the evolution of the Anglican Communion showed this was much influenced by chaplaincies of trading companies.

Frideswide, Abbess of Oxford was the daughter of a Mercian king, said to have been born in 650 and died on this day in 727. She is the patron saint of the city, university and diocese of Oxford. She founded a monastery in Oxford. Her body was buried in the floor of her Saxon church, then in 1180 placed in a new shrine in St Frideswide's Priory on the site of the present cathedral, subsequently replaced by the present one in 1289. There are various images of St Frideswide in the cathedral, the most recent being the statue by the sculptor Peter Eugene Ball. In normal times there would be a diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine on or around 19 October.

Please pray for:

- all health care professionals;
- whose caught in modern-day slavery and all working for the abolition of slavery;
- The Very Revd Peter Bradley, former Team Vicar, who has announced his resignation as Dean of Sheffield Cathedral from 31 December for health-related reasons;
- Fr Paul and his recovery and Canon Charles Masheder providing pastoral care to our congregation;
- the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday evening;
- the suffering, recently departed and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- we join with the congregation of St Nicolas' Church in giving thanks for the life of William Hobbs and praying for his wife Joy. His funeral will be at St Michael's on Monday. (All parish funerals are currently taking place at St Michael's.)
- People in our parish living Colwell Drive, Conduit Road, Coopers Lane and Coromandel.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun Tr 19	Isaiah 35.3-6 Isaiah 45.1-7	Ps 147.1-7 Ps 96.1-9	2 Timothy 4.5-17 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Luke 10.1-9 Matthew 22.15-22
Mon	Ephesians 2.1-10	Ps 100		Luke 12.13-21
Tues	Ephesians 2.12-end	Ps 85.7-end		Luke 12.35-38
Wed	Ephesians 3.2-12	Ps 98		Luke 12.39-48
Thur	Ephesians 3.14-end	Ps 33.1-6		Luke 12.49-53
Fri	Ephesians 4.1-6	Ps 24.1-6		Luke 12.54-end
Sat	Ephesians 4.7-16	Ps 122		Luke 13.1-9

Collect (Luke, the Evangelist)

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

Collect (19th Sunday of Trinity)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

Some On-line Resources for Worship

Bishop Olivia's films and other resources on 'the beauty of creation and care of the earth'

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/making-a-difference/environment/>

Bishop Steven is producing an increasingly popular weekly podcast. Current and past episodes are available from <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/>
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/> The Diocesan Church at Home is live-streamed at 10 am each Sunday.

Oxford Cathedral on-line services (includes service booklets and sermons). Some changes to the pattern of worship and live-streaming have just been made. The 8.00 am Sunday Eucharist is now live-streamed. Choral worship in the cathedral has resumed and **Choral Evensong will be offered daily to the public at 6pm.**

<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 Recordings should be available from around 11am each Sunday. Simply call 01865 920930 and, once connected, dial 0 for the full service or 1 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.