



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 18 October 2020
Luke the Evangelist / Trinity 19

WORSHIP

Readings for the Feast of St Luke

Isaiah 35.3-6 or Acts 16.6-12a Psalm 147.1-7
2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9

Collect: 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Trinity 19

Isaiah 45.1-7 Psalm 96.1-9[10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22

Collect: 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

CHURCH NEWS

Our Service today is Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am
led by Bishop Henry Scriven

On Sunday 25 October our Service will be Morning Worship at 11:15am

On Sunday 1 November our Service will be Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am
led by Revd Roger Williams

Congregation members need to register in advance to attend a service in one of our three churches by 12 noon on the preceding Friday.

For St Nicolas:

- ❖ 8.00 am – Holy Communion (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)
Register with Peter Penfold papenfold@aol.co.uk or 01235 553411
- ❖ 11:15 am – Holy Communion (2nd) & Service of the Word (4th Sundays)
Register with Andrew Coker andrew.r.coker@gmail.com or 01235 539929

Please see the [website](#) for details of how to book for all three Churches in the Parish.

We will make the 11:15am Service at St Nic's available, live, via Zoom and extracts from the Service will also be loaded onto the [St Nic's website](#) (<https://stnicolasabingdon.org.uk/download.html>) as soon as possible during the day.

Parish Opening for private prayer:

- St Nicolas': Mondays 10 am – 1 pm.
St Nicolas' will also be open on Friday's 10am – 12noon, when crafts and jams etc will also be available
- St Michael's: Thursdays 11 am – 1 pm.
- St Helen's is not open in October

A poem by Judith Hicks:

Late at night
I survey a wonderous sight
Often a solitary star
shining from heaven afar
Ending our day to pray

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We give thanks for the life of Bill Hobbs who died on Tuesday 6th October. The funeral will be on Monday 19th at 11 am, at St Michael's (where all Parish funerals are taking place at the moment). We remember Joy, and all who mourn.

Harvest Thanks: the loose plate collection at our Harvest Service was over £270 to be shared between the Abingdon Food Bank and Christian Aid

A Candle in the Window: The theme for November is 'Saints' so you could write a paragraph about your favourite Saint or someone that has inspired you. Other subjects are, as always, welcome. Deadline **Friday 23rd October**. Thank you in anticipation!

At the **St Nicolas Annual Church Meeting (ADCM)** on **Monday 12 October** Paul Rast-Lindsell and Andrew Coker were nominated as Church Wardens, their nomination to be ratified at the APCM on Thursday 22nd.

We were pleased to re-elect Hildegard Nagel-Hyde and Emma Coker to the DCC, and delighted to welcome Gwyneth Lewis and Abielle Hallas to join them. Hugh Bishop has retired from the PCC but has been elected to the DCC. Eluned Hallas has been nominated to Deanery Synod, and Andrew Birks to PCC.

The full minutes will be made available on the website as soon as possible.

Pastoral Care: Canon Charles Masheder has offered to provide pastoral care while Fr Paul is convalescing. He can be contacted on Abingdon 520959 until 23 October, after which he will be on holiday.

We plan to hold the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**,
in a socially distanced manner,
on **Thursday 22 October, at 7.00pm in St Michael & All Angels Church.**

To book your place, please contact the PCC Secretary,
Eluned, on 01235 529462 / eluned@hallas.org.uk
Papers are available on [the website](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday 18 October is Anti-Slavery Day providing an important opportunity to remember the many victims of modern slavery and join the fight against it. More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 40.3 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery, and up to 136,000 potential victims in the UK alone.

[The Clewer Initiative](#) enables church networks to raise awareness of modern slavery, identify victims and to help provide victim support and care.

Abingdon Artists' Autumn Art Exhibition: Tuesday 27 – Saturday 31 October, Christchurch Barn, Northcourt Rd. Open Daily: 10am-4:30pm, Saturday close at 4pm. Free entrance. New and original work by local artists, including sculpture, cards and unframed items. Covid 19 safety arrangements apply: face masks, sanitizer, track and trace and limited numbers at any one time. [Please check website](#) for latest opening information.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Joy Hobbs and all who mourn;
- Father Paul, and all suffering in body, mind or spirit;
- All victims of modern slavery, and those who work to abolish the practice;
- Health care professionals and support staff;
- Those unable to join us physically for worship at this time;
- Our APCM next week;
- All those suffering, throughout the world, from the health, economic and political effects of the coronavirus;
- Residents, relatives and all the staff of the care homes in our parish, especially Old Station House and Bridge House with whom we are especially linked.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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 11:15am Services.

ONLINE:

[Diocesan Church at Home](#) (Live-streamed). The order of service, together with links to view or listen to the service will be posted on the Diocesan [website](#) on Saturday.

[Oxford Cathedral on-line services](#) (includes service booklets and sermons)

An archive of cathedral services and sermons is available on Soundcloud

<https://soundcloud.com/user-867515242>

BY TELEPHONE:

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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***Please send any information for next week's pew slip to
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