



St NICOLAS' CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 27 June 2021
Fourth Sunday after Trinity
11.15am Holy Communion
Bishop Henry Scriven

Dear Friends

A warm welcome to St Nic's today for this service of Holy Communion and special thanks to Bishop Henry for presiding and preaching this morning.

Team Ministry Review

A review of all Team Ministry's is taking place across the diocese, leading to written documents known as a Team Instruments or Schemes whichever is applicable in each situation/location. At last week's PCC, our Associate Archdeacon, Canon David Tyler, (who in fact lives in the parish, in St Nicolas' Vicarage), spoke to the meeting about the process. This will involve Canon David interviewing team clergy, Wardens from each congregation, and other members of the PCC as he discerns to be appropriate. The process will happen over a matter of months. The findings of the Canon David's report will be presented to the PCC in the first instance. This is to alert you to this significant piece of work in our parish and ask you to remember the process regularly in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversary

This coming week, on Thursday 1 July, I will celebrate the 20th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. It seems extraordinary that this length of time has elapsed already. I have written a reflection for the upcoming issue of *A Candle in Window* on those twenty years – just over half of which I have been privileged to serve among all of you here. I will be offering heartfelt thanks for all the blessings God has given to me, for the constant inward strengthening of the Spirit, and not least for all of you. Thanks be to God!

With love and prayers,

Fr Paul

Silent Reflections on Tuesday 29 June at 7.30 pm will be held in St Michael and All Angels in the following manner. If you wish to attend, please text Sue on 07786 736 226. Entry will be by the north door of the church (by Albert Park). Masks will need to be worn and hand sanitisers will be available. Father Paul will introduce material on the theme: ***Sinking Sand to Solid Rock: Reflections on the Feast of the Peter the Apostle***. A copy will still be emailed to all those on our list, and made available from St Michael's website. If you can, print off your own copy to bring, but further copies will be available in church. Labyrinth walks will be possible one at a time.

St Helen's Church is open from 11am to 1pm for **private prayer** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On Wednesday Holy Communion will be in the South aisle of St Helen's at 10.30 am. No need to book.

On Thursday the Said Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's at 12.30pm (and will now take place weekly). No need to book.

Abingdon Mothers' Union: Tuesday 6 July, 10:30am Tuesday 6 July, Parish Centre, Literacy in Nigeria – Rebuilding Hope and Confidence. Speaker Mary Anderson.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NSPCC Table Top Sale Saturday July 3 Abingdon Market Place from 9:30. Plants, bric-a-brac, tombola, books. If you are able to help or can donate goods please contact Angela Lawrence Ab 525436.

Albert Lodge, Ock Street, Summer Party: Thursday 15 July 2-4pm. Come and visit. Places limited, booking needed on 01235 885330. A Churchill Retirement Living development.

The **Bible Reading Fellowship** is recruiting for a new full-time Editorial Assistant to join the Content Creation team. Home-based with regular visits to the BRF offices in Abingdon required; Full-time (37.5 hours per week); Closing date: Friday 9 July at 5.00 pm. [Read more](#)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Steven, Gavin, and Henry our bishops, especially at this time in the life of our diocese;
- The work of the PCC especially as it looks towards the Team Ministry Review with Canon David Tyler;
- All preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood at this time;
- All those celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination at this time;

- All suffering in body, mind or spirit especially those in our own church community;
- for the family of Amanda Fordyce currently on life support in the JR;
- 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;
- Our church school of St Nicolas, for Andy Spooner, Headteacher and all his staff, and Eluned Hallas, Chair of Governors

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Although the live-streaming of a Sunday diocesan service has now ended, Church at Home is continuing to offer invitations to attend live-streamed services from churches around the diocese. See

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

[Oxford Cathedral on-line services](#) - Sunday Sung Eucharist and Evensong, and weekday Services (includes service booklets and sermons). Archive available.

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 our 11:15 am Service sermons.

RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE

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

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When the office is closed (Fridays until further notice) please contact the Revd Canon Charles Masheder on 01235 520959 for any **urgent pastoral issues**.

The Parish office is now open again Mondays to Thursdays, 10am-1pm until further notice (or other times by arrangement). To contact the office leave a message on the office phone 01235 520144, use the office mobile: 07395 943957 or email

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***Please send any information for next week's pew slip to
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or by post to 16 Conduit Rd, OX14 1DB***