

THE SCOUTS' POST BOX will be in church until Sunday 11 December. They will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to Abingdon, Radley and Shippon only. 25p per card.

SILENT REFLECTIONS Tuesday 28 November. Enjoy prayerful activities in the quiet of the sanctuary with the option of coming together to share your journey at the end of the session. Open to anyone who wants to 'come and see'. Theme: *Be consent*.

LUNCH CLUB AT ST. MICHAEL'S the Christmas lunch including mince pies with coffee (£6.50) will be on Wednesday 29 November. **Booking is essential.** Please let Jane Cadogan (tel 538758) or Jane Duce (tel 522591) know if you would like to come.

CEILIDH (for the Passion Play) Friday 1 December, 7pm for 7.30pm to 11pm. Trinity Church Hall. Tickets price £8, from the Bookstore in the Precinct or at the door.

ABINGDON CONCERT BAND, Saturday 2 December at St Michael's Church at 4pm *It's Christmas* <http://www.abingdonconcertband.org.uk/event/its-christmas/>.

EXTRAVAGANZA IN ST NICOLAS' CHURCH As usual we are taking part in Abingdon's Extravaganza on Saturday 2 December. The church will be open from 10.30am for the Christmas Market, Children's Craft Activities, Refreshments and six of our famous Mini Concerts. These will be followed at 6.00pm by a short service of Evening Prayer.

MYSY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, Saturday 2 December, at St Helen's Church. Doors open 6.30pm, starts at 7pm. Featuring Mike Hugg on piano, Simon Currie on sax and woodwind and with Jude Barnby and Ben Twyford on cello and drums respectively. Tickets price £8 at the door. For more information see www.simoncurrie.co.uk.

ADVENT LABYRINTH The church will be open on **Tuesday 5, 12 and 19 December** between 11am and noon, and 7pm and 8pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Entry through the south door.

ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH - SUNDAY 7 JANUARY, Midday at the Prince of Wales pub in Shippon. Cost £18.50 per person. Book your place and order your food choices on the noticeboard or speak to Jenni. Last date for signing up will be **Sunday 3 December**.

ST NICOLAS CHURCH celebrates its Patronal Festival on **Sunday 10 December** - Parish Evensong at 5.30 pm. As usual they will also be having a St Nicolas' Day Lunch at the Cosener's House. **All are welcome** to join them both for Evensong and the Lunch. Menus and booking forms are at the back of church, **deadline 30 November**.

VOLUNTEER KEYBOARD PLAYER NEEDED. I will be leading a simple Carol Service at the Health & Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive on Tuesday 19 December, from 11.00 am. The Centre has a keyboard but I need a willing volunteer to play it to accompany the carols; they will be very well known traditional carols! *Mary Williamson*

FROM FR PAUL: I will be going into hospital on 30 November for surgery and will be recovering for most of Advent. I shall be sorry not to be with you for one of the most beautiful seasons of the Church year, but look forward to being well in time for Christmas, if not before. My thanks to all those colleagues who will provide cover in my absence. I will be praying for you all during my absence and ask for your prayers at this time. With every blessing and my gratitude, *Fr Paul*.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

26th November 2017

Christ the King

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Please join us for coffee or tea after our 9.30am service today.

If you are a visitor to St Michael's and would like us to keep in touch with you please speak to a churchwarden or sidesperson.

Please take home copies of this Leaflet for your friends and family who are not in church this weekend.

Items for inclusion in the next Leaflet to be sent to David Duce by Tuesday midday. Telephone 522591, pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk

[*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]

Sunday 26 November Christ the King

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'. The Rt Revd Henry Scriven
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Paul Smith/ Dr Francesca Elloway
10.30	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd John Coombs/ The Revd Mary Williamson
11.15	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas. The Revd Paul Smith
17.30	Healing and Wholeness at St Helen's. The Revd Mary Williamson
1st Reading	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Psalm	95.1-7
2nd Reading	Ephesians 1.15-end
Gospel	Matthew 25.31-end

Weekday services

Morning and Evening Prayer at St Helen's.

Tues: at St Michaels. **Silent Reflections** at 19.30.

Thurs: at St Michael's. **Said Mass** at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; preceded by Circle Dancing at 11.00.

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's.
09.30	Sung Mass & Welcome at St. Michael's.
10.30	Sung Eucharist & Welcome at St. Helen's.
11.15	Mattins at St. Nicolas.
17.30	Service of Advent Readings and Music at St Helen's.
1st Reading	Isaiah 64.1-9
Psalm	80.1-8
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel	Mark 13.24-end

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

3 December	Canon Robert Teare
10 December	The Revd Professor John Barton
17 December	The Revd Pauline Seaman/ Mrs Beryl Clements

Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence

Hymns (NEH/SOP)

Opening:	Christ is the King	345
Offertory:	At the name of Jesus	338
Communion:	Come, let us join our cheerful songs	349
Communion:	King of glory, King of peace	391
Recessional:	Hail Redeemer, King divine	SOP 123

Collect:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 95.1-17

Response: O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. **R** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made, it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

Please pray for:

- the people of Zimbabwe at this time, for peace and stability;
- Dr Francesca Elloway and for her ongoing work with CMS;
- those who go hungry or are homeless, especially in our own town;
- the work of the Abingdon Foodbank and all volunteers who support it;
- all prisoners, especially those who are imprisoned unjustly.