

**TOM BELCHER, RIP** Tom died on Sunday 7 January after a long illness. We have very much valued his support for St Michael's even though it is some years since he was well enough to come to church. His funeral will be at St Michael's on Tuesday 23 January at 1 pm. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

**NEW DAYLIGHT BOOKS** Brenda has taken over the ordering of these books of daily readings, comment and prayer which are edited by the Revd Sally Welch and published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. The order for this year has to be in by the beginning of February. If you wish to place and order, please speak to Brenda or Eileen.

**THE INTER-CHURCH QUIZ** will take place on Friday, 19 January at 7.30 p.m. at Christ Church Northcourt (main church). Please contact Hilary Clare if you are interested in joining the St Michael's team. (525898 or [hilarymclare@gmail.com](mailto:hilarymclare@gmail.com))

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** 18-25 January. Events will include a United Service on Sunday 21 January, 3 pm at St Helen's Church, led by the Revd Mary Williamson, including refreshments and an exhibition of CiA task groups afterwards. Midday prayers, Monday 22 - Friday 26 January at St Nicolas' Church, will be based on the pre-prepared material from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**DEDICATION FESTIVAL** Thursday 25 January. There will be a Sung Mass at 7.30 pm celebrated by the Revd Dr Charles Miller, in addition to the 12.30 Said Mass.

**THE BEATITUDES: A SHORT COURSE** on Saturday mornings, 27 January, 10, 24 February and 10 March 2018 from 11 am to ca. 12.30. The Beatitudes are recorded by Matthew's Gospel and are central to Jesus' teaching on discipleship. Yet neither Mark nor John records them, and in Luke's Gospel they look quite different. What's going on? What does it mean to be blessed? Do other biblical texts help us? And when we have understood what Jesus is saying, what are we to do about it? How are we to live? Join us as we study these words and use them in an ancient form of Christian practice called "divine reading". We will listen for the Lord to speak to us again and as we hear his voice, we will seek to obey and find the conversion of our life. Speakers: John Barton, Emma Percy, Paul Sheppy and Phillip Tovey.

**VESPERS BY CANDLELIGHT - ON HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** Saturday 27 January at 7.30. An evening of choral music including Rachmaninov's Vespers, Allegri's Miserere, Tippett's Four Spirituals from "A Child of Our Time" and some rousing Klezmer music. Beautifully performed by the Newman Singers to a candlelit setting. Tickets are £10 available from The Bookstore Abingdon, on the door or online at [www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk](http://www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk).

**ABINGDON PASSION PLAY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** Wednesday 31 January at 7.30pm at the Peachcroft Christian Centre. The committee are keen to involve as much of the community as we can with the next production in 2019 and so will be providing updates on what we are working on including all the forthcoming events. Please do come and join us for this EGM.



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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**Web site:** <http://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk>  
**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 midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591, [pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk](mailto:pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk)**

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

## Sunday 14 January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

<b>08.00</b>	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'. The Revd Professor John Barton
<b>09.30</b>	Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Mary Williamson
<b>10.30</b>	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller
<b>11.15</b>	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas. The Reverend Pauline Seaman
<b>17.30</b>	Taizé at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Jane Baun
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]
<b>Psalm</b>	139
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Revelation 5.1-10
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1.43-end

### Weekday services at St Michael's

(Morning and Evening Prayer at St Helen's.)

**Tues:** **Said Mass** on Tuesday evenings is temporarily suspended.  
**Thurs:** Circle Dancing at 11.00. **NO Said Mass** at 12.30 today.  
The Church Council meets at 19.30.

**The Sanctuary Lamps** are sponsored from 15 – 21 January by Louise Heffernan in memory of her mother, Lilian Rea.

## Sunday 21 January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

<b>08.00</b>	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'.
<b>09.30</b>	Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
<b>10.30</b>	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
<b>11.15</b>	'Third Sunday' at St. Nicolas.
<b>15.00</b>	Church in Abingdon United Service at St Helen's Church
<b>17.30</b>	No service at St. Helen's today.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 14.17-20
<b>Psalm</b>	128
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Revelation 19.6-10
<b>Gospel</b>	John 2.1-11

### Clergy Rota for St Michael's

*Not available beyond 14 January at the time of writing.*

Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence
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### **Hymns (NEH)**

<b>Opening:</b>	Hail to the Lord's Anointed!	55
<b>Offertory:</b>	Dear Lord and Father of mankind	353
<b>Communion:</b>	Breathe on me, Breath of God	342 (tune 178)
<b>Communion:</b>	From glory to glory advancing, ...	286
<b>Recessional:</b>	O Jesus, I have promised	420

### **Collect:**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... **Amen**

### **Psalm 139**

#### **Response: How wonderful are your works, O Lord.**

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways. **R.**  
For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it. **R.**  
Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **R.**

#### **Please pray:**

- giving thanks for the life of Tom Belcher;
- for the Parish of North Abingdon, the clergy and people;
- (*from 18<sup>th</sup>*) for the Unity of the Church in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

### **The Extended Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphanytide**

*This text, used in the Mass this week and next, captures key themes of Epiphanytide, which are reflected too in the gospel readings.*

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven ...