

CHURCH HEATING There have been problems with the heating during the last week so please wrap up warm in case it is not working on Sunday and the following days.

PARISH OFFICE EASTER CLOSURE The office will be closed on Friday 19 April and will reopen on Tuesday 23 April.

EASTER CARDS See the book and card stall for 50p Easter cards raising funds for St Michael's.

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers at Easter (lilies and other flowers) please sign the list on the Notice Board and speak to Hilary Clare before Palm Sunday (14 April). A contribution of £5 is suggested.

KEEP EASTER SPECIAL: We achieve this only by following Jesus on the Way to the Cross through the days of Holy Week. The Bishop of Oxford's Chaplain, The Revd Paul Cowan, will preach at the evening Masses on Mon – Weds inclusive on 'The Last Words of Jesus'. Please do come to these celebrations and give him your customary warm welcome. On Maundy Thursday, 18 April, Mass will be celebrated at 12.30 pm as usual and there will be a Sung Mass at 8.00 pm which will include the Washing of Feet. If you would like to participate in this, please let me know before or by Palm Sunday (14 April). This Mass will conclude with the Watch of the Passion, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, until midnight (when Compline will be said). I would encourage you to spend some time in prayer on this solemn and holy night, but please remember it is important for at least two people to be in church at all times. If you can cover a part of this period, please sign the sheet on the notice board at the back of church. On Good Friday, we contemplate the Passion of the Lord, and centre our prayer on His death for us. The next evening, on Holy Saturday, I invite you to join us for a vigil of prayer and readings as we prepare for the First Mass of Easter and proclaim Christ as our Risen Lord. Our Mass on Sunday morning is at the usual time when we celebrate the Resurrection with joy and thanksgiving.

Full details of times of services appear elsewhere in today's pewleaflet. Please check those and join in as much as you can for a blessed Holy Week and Easter. *Father Paul*

TIDYING UP THE CHURCH GARDENS - work is underway to spruce up the borders around the Church. If you would like to donate plants please bring them to Church.

BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION, one of the greatest musical representations of the passion of Christ will be performed in St Helen's Church on Good Friday at 7.00 pm; admission is free (but donations are invited). Please book the date in your diaries and invite your friends and neighbours.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY is Saturday 4 May. The church will be open from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm for people to walk and pray the Labyrinth. In particular we hope to have a good number of participants at 1 pm to join in the worldwide 'Walk as One at 1'. At St Michael's this will be followed by prayers and a simple bread and cheese lunch. All are welcome.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

7th April 2019

Passion Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent)

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Web site: <https://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

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

Sunday 7th April Passion Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent)

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helens'. The Revd Mary Williamson
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Paul Smith
10.30	Sung Eucharist with Great Litany at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller and Dominik Chmielewski
11.15	Matins at St. Nicolas'. The Revd Mary Williamson
17.30	Vespers at St. Helen's.

1st Reading	Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm	Psalm 126
2nd Reading	Philippians 3.4b-14
Gospel	John 12.1-8

Weekday services at St Michael's

(Morning (9.10) and Evening Prayer (17.10) at St Helen's.)

Tues:	Stations of the Cross at 19.30.
Thurs:	Said Mass at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; preceded by Circle Dancing at 11.00.

The Sanctuary Lamps are sponsored from 8 to 14 April by Val Jones in memory of Gordon.

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

08.00	Palm Blessing & Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helens'.
09.30	Palm Procession & Sung Mass at St. Michael's. Joint service with the congregation of Trinity Church.
10.30	Palm Procession & Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15	Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms at St. Nicolas'.
17.30	Taizé at St. Helen's.

Palm Gospel	Luke 19.28-40
1st Reading	Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 31.9-16
2nd Reading	Philippians 2.5-11
Passion	Luke (22.14 – 23 end)

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

14 April	The Revd Paul Smith
21 April	The Revd Paul Smith
28 April	The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
5 May	The Revd Mary Williamson

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

Hymns (Songs of Praise/ NEH)

Opening:	When I survey the wondrous cross	99
Offertory:	My song is love unknown	84
Communion:	<i>A Lent Prose</i>	NEH 507
Communion:	Glory be to Jesus	81
Recessional:	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	20

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... Amen

Psalm

No psalm today.

Holy Week Services

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

Palm Sunday	9.30 Palm Procession & Sung Mass
Mon - Wed:	19.30 Said Mass with Address. The Revd Paul Cowan, Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford
Maundy Thurs:	12.30 Said Mass. Circle Dancing at 11.00 as usual. 20.00 Sung Mass followed by Watch of the Passion and Compline at midnight.
Good Friday:	10.00 Children's Service with craft activities followed by refreshments 14.00 Good Friday Liturgy.
Saturday:	20.00 Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.
Easter Day:	9.30 Sung Mass.

Please pray for:

- our Wardens Peter and Joyce elected at our APCM last Thursday;
- Steven and Colin our Bishops and the Chrism Mass at Dorchester Abbey on Maundy Thursday;
- the poor throughout the nation and in our town;
- grace and courage to 'begin again' with Jesus;
- people in our parish living in Thames View, The Charter, The Holt and The Hyde.