

TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY when we are encouraged to reflect and discover what God is calling us to do. "The young are called; the elderly are called. There is no retirement from the Christian pilgrimage. ... Women are called and men are called ... God 'has no favourites' ... We are all called no matter what our occupations may be. There is no special status in the Kingdom for those in 'top jobs' or 'important responsibilities'" *Diocese of St Albans*

THE CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Thursday 16 May at 7.30 pm in the Church Room.

CHURCH CLEANING We are in urgent need of two volunteers to take over church cleaning duties from Sylvia Bond and Cecilia Iles who have taken on this task for many years. We express our sincere thanks to Sylvia and Cecilia. The commitment would be for one cleaning session per month. Eileen Duckett would be pleased to answer queries about this and to receive offers of help.

TRINITY LEARNING has operated as a church project for almost ten years, and has recently become a registered charity. The Chair of Trustees has had to stand down and the charity urgently needs someone with experience in Business, Education or the Charity sector, to lead the Board. If you are interested in this position or know of anyone else who might be, please contact Rosemary: trinitylearning@gmail.com.

PARKING PERMITS There are currently only 8 car parking permits available; seven (numbers 840, 846, 849, 853, 854, 882, 884) have disappeared. If you have one, please return it after each use so as not to compromise other users who may find themselves without. Thank you. *Peter Squire, Churchwarden*

THE ANNUAL JOHN WESLEY LECTURE will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019, 5.15 pm, in Lincoln College, University of Oxford. John Wesley was a Fellow of Lincoln College. The 18th-century historian, Dr Colin Haydon, will speak on 'John Wesley, Roman Catholicism and 'No Popery!' This free public lecture is organised by the Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University, in conjunction with Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and Lincoln College. All are welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

12- 18 May – Christian Aid Week including the usual Market Place sale on Saturday.

Thursday 30 May – Ascension Day – Parish Corporate Communion at St Nicolas' Church at 7.00 pm.

Sunday 9 June – Fete at Hft Milton Heights, 12 noon to 3pm. Cake Stall, Ice Cream Parlour, BBQ and raffle. All proceeds to Hft Milton Heights.

16 June – Trinity Sunday – Parish Corporate Communion at St Michael's at **10 am**.

Saturday 29 June at 7pm, concert by Wantage Academy Brass with guest appearance by the recently formed Oxfordshire Youth Brass, raising funds for TAB and TARIRO – Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe.

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St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

12th May 2019

Vocations Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter)

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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 12th May Vocations Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter)

08.00 Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'.
09.30 Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30 Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15 Holy Communion at St. Nicolas'.
17.30 Taizé at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Acts 9.36 – end
Psalm Psalm 23
2nd Reading Revelation 7.9-end
Gospel John 10.22-30

Week Day Services

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

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

Sunday 19th May 5th Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'.
09.30 Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30 Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15 'Third Sunday' at St. Nicolas'.
17.30 Choral Evensong at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Genesis 22.1-18
Psalm Psalm 148.1-6
2nd Reading Acts 11.1-18
Gospel John 13.31-35

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

19 May The Revd Paul Smith
26 May The Revd Paul Smith
2 June The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements

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

Hymns (NEH and Final Hymn SOP)

Opening: Come ye faithful, raise the anthem 351
Offertory: Alleluya! Alleluya! 103
Communion: Alleluya, sing to Jesus 271
Communion: The Lord my pasture shall prepare 458
Post Communion: I the Lord of sea and sky SOP 330

Collect for Vocations Sunday:

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your Church a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord... Amen

Psalm 23

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. **R.**

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

Please pray:

- that we may recognise and have the courage to answer our calling;
- for those called to ordained and lay ministry in the church;
- for the discernment and appointment process of a new House for Duty Priest for the parish;
- for vocations to the religious life and for all those living under vows in religious communities, their Associates and Oblates;
- the Vocations Advisors, Area Directors of Ordinands, the Warden LLM and all staff of the Mission and Ministry Division of Church House;
- for the work of Christian Aid and all collectors in this Christian Aid Week;
- people in our parish living in Virginia Way, Wallace Close, Wellesbourne Close and West Quay.