



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

11th October 2020
18th Sunday after Trinity

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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]*

FR PAUL developed a medical problem last week and was admitted to hospital for treatment. He is now receiving convalescent care at home and has been ordered to take complete rest for the next two weeks; this being key to his recovery. He is deeply appreciative of offers of help and if he needs additional support he assures everyone that he will not be slow in coming forward. He thanks you also for the messages, cards, and texts he has received. He regrets that he is not able to answer them individually, and hopes this message comes as a big thank you to everyone. We assure him of our prayers and best wishes.

PASTORAL CARE Whilst Fr Paul is convalescing, Canon Charles Masheder has stepped up to provide pastoral care until 23 October when he will be on leave. He is happy for people to contact him by telephone, 01235 520959.

EDITORIAL

Bishop Steven in new material available on the diocesan web site (link on our *Prayer and Resources* page) expands on the Prime Minister's Rule of Six: Six months is the new horizon, six days to work and a sabbath to rest, six people to journey with, six ways to be salt and light, six percent to your church, six people to pray for. Themes suggested from October to March are the beauty of creation and care for the earth, mortality and hope of resurrection, God's kingdom and the coming of Jesus, Christ the light shining in the darkness, the gift of our baptism and everyday faith, our salvation: the cross and resurrection.

On the first theme, the editor was minded to reread the encyclical letter from Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, on care for our common home. The title is taken from a canticle by Francis of Assisi. Fr Crispin CR in a recent sermon noted the Ten Commandments as one of the ways in which we may know the will of God. It was thought-provoking to read in paragraph 95 of *Laudato Si'*:

The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others. That is why the New Zealand [*Roman Catholic*] bishops asked what the commandment "Thou shall not kill" means when "twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive".

David Duce

BRYAN BOND We are saddened to hear of the death of Bryan Bond on Monday 5 October and send our prayers and very best wishes to Sylvia and the family. Bryan's funeral will be a private service at St Peter's Church in Drayton, the village where he lived.

CHARLES COTTELL died peacefully in Exmouth on 23 September. His funeral was held there on 7 October. His family have asked for any donations in his memory to be sent to the British Red Cross. St Michael's owes a great deal to Charles, not least for the key role he played in acquiring our Church Room. Charles used his professional expertise to the full doing the design work for the room and as a Church Newsletter for November 1967 said "... has been tireless in coping with the innumerable details connected with its construction". At that time Charles was treasurer. Prior to the establishment of the Team Ministry in Abingdon in 1989, we had Pro Wardens rather than Church Wardens, of whom Charles was one for a considerable time. Readers of the 150th Anniversary book may recall that Charles was responsible for the cleaning of the frescos at East End of the church in 1975, using a professionally approved combination of boiled rain water and Lux flakes. He chaired the Pastoral Re-organisation Working Party that was eventually to lead to the establishment of the Team Ministry. At the first meeting on 14 March 1979 it was agreed that Charles would chair the meeting and that I would be secretary. It was always a delight to work with Charles who consistently took a calm and collected approach to establishing an atmosphere of trust amongst the members. In later life Charles moved from Abingdon to Marcham but always stayed in touch with St Michael's. He came to the 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2017 and was a frequent guest at the Lunch Club at St Michael's. Latterly he moved to Exmouth to live with one of his daughters. We send our condolences to his family, Clare, Julian and Ruth. May he rest in peace. *David Duce*

SUNDAY MASS If you wish to come to Mass on Sundays, please contact Peter Squire (details on the cover) before 12 noon on Fridays. The Order Of Mass for each Sunday can be found on the web site, in short and long forms: https://stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm should you wish to bring your own printed copy, load onto a mobile device or follow the Mass at home. Printed copies of the short form only will be available in church.

ELECTORAL ROLL The revised roll is available in church and also on the website. Please notify Keith Bowman of any errors or omissions by 20 October, either by email to keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or phone 0777 325 3898.

ST MICHAEL'S ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING was held after Mass last Sunday. The minutes are available on the church web site and a copy will be displayed on the notice board in church.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER St Nicolas' is open on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm. St Michael's on Thursdays from **11 am to 1 pm**. We regret that toilets cannot be opened in either of the churches during the times for private prayer. St Helen's hope to reinstate the Wednesday Holy Communion service on a monthly basis beginning on 14 October at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. There will be no refreshments offered and masks will be mandatory. If you wish to attend (and numbers will be restricted) please contact the Parish Office. During October St Helen's Church will **not** be open for private prayer.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be on Thursday 22 October at 7 pm at St Michael's. It is important to book your place with Eluned Hallas, PCC Secretary, eluned@hallas.org.uk or 01235 529462

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW Issue 8 can be downloaded from <https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/DNR/window.php> We hope to bring out Issue 9 on Sunday 1st November but it can only happen if we can persuade you to write something! The theme is 'Saints' so you could write a paragraph about your favourite Saint or someone who has inspired you. Other subjects are, as always, welcome. Please send contributions to candle@abingdonparish.org.uk deadline Friday 23 October. Thank you in anticipation! *Rob Rutherford*

Worship

Presidents at Mass on Sundays October: 11th October The Revd Canon Charles Masheded, 18th The Revd Dr Charles Miller/ Mrs Beryl Clements, 25th The Revd David Bevington/ Mrs Gwen Bevington, 1st November The Revd Paul Smith, 8th November The Revd Canon Charles Masheded.

This week On Monday the commemorations are Wilfrid, bishop, missionary (709), Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer (1845), Edith Cavell, nurse (1915). Edward the Confessor, king (1066) is commemorated on Tuesday, Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith (1582) on Thursday, Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs (1555) on Friday and finally Ignatius, bishop and martyr (c 107) on Saturday. Next Sunday we will celebrate the festival of Luke the Evangelist. Given this wide range of options, Wilfrid and Edith will be mentioned below; Wilfrid for his northern roots, Edith as a nurse and a link to Luke the physician and Norwich Cathedral.

Wilfrid was born in Northumbria around 633 and was educated at the monastery on Lindisfarne, though it is said he disapproved of their Celtic insularity from the wider church. His life was complex and sources aren't necessarily consistent, some being written with a particular purpose in mind. In summary, he moved around a lot, was prone to falling out with kings (being imprisoned at one point) and bishops and founded many monasteries in the Benedictine tradition. He argued the "Roman" case at the Synod of Whitby (664), which was called to resolve the conflicts between the Roman and Celtic traditions, including the date of Easter and questions of authority and universality of the Church. As Basil Hume OSB put it in his book "Footprints of The Northern Saints", "he continued to encounter difficulties with kings and bishops throughout his lifetime". One commentator wrote "His gift to the English Church was to make it more clearly a part of the Church universal, but his manner and method were not such as to draw people close to him at a personal level". Basil Hume is rather kinder in his conclusion. "... it would be quite wrong, I believe to say that he was reacting against Lindisfarne when he promoted the Roman tradition ... He was rather like Benedict Biscop, who managed to marry in his person the best of both traditions".

Edith Cavell was born at Swardeston in Norfolk in 1865. She trained as a nurse and worked with the Red Cross in Belgium from 1907. From the outbreak of the First World War she became involved in caring for the wounded on both sides. She refused repatriation and began smuggling British soldiers from Belgium into Holland. She was arrested and tried in 1915 and protecting her fellow-workers she was sentenced to death and was executed on 12 October 1915. Her funeral service took place in Westminster Abbey on 15 May 1919 and her coffin was taken by train to Norwich where she is buried outside the East End of the cathedral. Her grave was rededicated in May 2016 and a new headstone and ledger stone were provided. A memorial to Edith was unveiled in Brussels to mark the centenary of her death. The railway carriage that transported her body to Norwich was made available in Norwich for "quiet contemplation". In a letter to her nurses written on the eve of her execution she wrote:

One word more. Never speak of evil. May I tell you, who love your country with all my heart, that this has been the great fault here. During these last eight years I have seen so many sorrows which could have been avoided or lessened if a little word had not been breathed here and there, perhaps without evil intention, and thus destroyed the happiness or even the life of someone. Nurses all need to think of this, and to cultivate a loyalty and team spirit among themselves.

Please pray for:

- governments, local authorities, health professionals responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and all who have contracted or died from the disease;

- Fr Paul and his recovery and Canon Charles Masheder providing pastoral care to our congregation;
- the families of Bryan Bond and Charles Cottell in their bereavement, giving thanks for the lives of Bryan and Charles;
- residents and staff in the care homes in our parish;
- the Church of England's response to the independent enquiry into child sex abuse;
- the suffering, recently departed and all whose year's mind falls at this time and recently departed Bryan Bond and Charles Cottell;
- people in our parish living in Chaunterall Way, Checker Walk, Clifton Drive and Coleridge Drive.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun	Isaiah 25.1-9	Ps 23	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
Mon	Galatians 4.21-24, 26-27, 31;5.1	Ps 113		Luke 11.29-32
Tues	Galatians 5.1-6	Ps 1		Luke 11.37-41
Wed	Galatians 5.18-end	Ps 1		Luke 11.42-46
Thur	Ephesians 1.1-10	Ps 98.1-4		Luke 11.47-end
Fri	Ephesians 1.11-14	Ps 33.1-6, 12		Luke 12.1-7
Sat	Ephesians 1.15-end	Ps 8		Luke 12.8-12

Collect (18th Sunday of Trinity)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ...

Some On-line Resources for Worship

Bishop Steven is producing an increasingly popular weekly podcast. Current and past episodes are available from <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/>

Parish resources page

http://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/Parish/P_resources.html.

St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page

https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm

Diocesan Church at Home (Live-streamed Eucharist) page.

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/> The Diocesan Church at Home is live-streamed at 10 am each Sunday.

Oxford Cathedral on-line services (includes service booklets and sermons). Some changes to the pattern of worship and live-streaming have just been made. The 8.00 am Sunday Eucharist is now live-streamed. Choral worship in the cathedral has resumed and **Choral Evensong will be offered daily to the public at 6pm.**

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxfords-cathedral/online-worship>.

An archive of cathedral services and sermons is available on Soundcloud <https://soundcloud.com/user-867515242>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise

<https://www.facebook.com/CoRMirfield/> Details of services at <https://mirfield.org.uk/community-of-the-resurrection/our-life-and-work/worship/>

Walsingham In addition to the daily live-streaming of Shrine Prayers at 6 pm. the Sunday Mass is live-streamed at 9.00 am, <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/>

RESOURCES ACCESSIBLE BY TELEPHONE

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