



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

17th January
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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***Items for inclusion in the next Leaflet to be sent to David Duce by midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591
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[*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]

MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL

Dear Friends

This Sunday is the first time we will be worshipping on-line via Zoom and the link will be sent to you. This will be a celebration of Mass from the Vicarage and the service will begin at the usual time of 9.30 am. It will be possible for you to log-in using the link provided up to fifteen minutes before the start of the service.

At this celebration I will preside and Canon Charles Masheder will preach from his home. During the celebration it will only be possible for the priest to make a 'physical communion', that is receive bread and wine. I will lead everyone present on-line in the prayer of Spiritual Communion which we have been using in church for those unable to receive – that prayer will have become familiar to you.

One of the realities we experience during this pandemic is the interruption in our sacramental life, being deprived of Holy Communion when we cannot meet together in person. I am sorry for the effect that has upon you all. Let us pray that when we are able to worship once more in our buildings again that we may have a greater longing for and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

So we will then be worshipping on-line for the foreseeable future. I realise that it is not possible for everyone to join us in this way, and I am sorry about that. The readings will continue to be provided each week in this pewleaflet and it will be possible for you to follow the Order of the Mass from home on the website [the link to the text of the Mass is on the *Prayer and Worship Resources* page. Ed]

Next Sunday we will be celebrating our Dedication Festival – the details of which are directly below.

With love and blessings and the assurance of my prayers.

Fr Paul

DEDICATION FESTIVAL The anniversary of the consecration and dedication of St Michael's Church is Monday 25 January. This year our Dedication Festival will be celebrated during our Said Mass on-line the day before, on Sunday 24 January, at 9.30 am.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

The Order of Mass for 17 January is available on the web site https://stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm

St Helen's are aiming to live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist with ministers, technicians and organist only in church. A recording will be made available after the service. For details see the Parish Resources page on the St Helen's web site https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/Parish/P_resources.html

Morning Prayer will not be said publicly for the foreseeable future.

SANCTUARY LAMPS 2021 There is now a list on the Notice Board at the back of church for those who wish to sponsor the lighting of Sanctuary Lamps during next year in memory of a loved one or to commemorate another occasion. During lockdown whilst the list is inaccessible, please contact David Duce who will ensure an acknowledgement is given in this pew leaflet in accord with the sponsor's wishes.

NEW DAYLIGHT BOOKS It is time to re-subscribe for the year for these books of daily readings, comment and prayer which are edited by the Revd Sally Welch and published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. If you would like them in printed format please get in touch with Brenda on 01235 522881 **before the end of February**. The cost is £17.85 for the year, but cheaper if we can order 5 or more sets. For more information see <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/new-daylight> BRF also offer options to receive this publication by email or through an app.

THE PARISH CHRISTIAN BOOK READING GROUP will meet via Zoom, fortnightly, on a Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm beginning on 21 January. The book the group will be reading and discussing is Encounters - Jesus, connection and story: past, present and future by Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, published by Darton-Longman and Todd, ISBN: 978-0-232-53466-5 The group is open to anyone, but if you wish to participate please inform Susan Scott on 01235 522960, susan.scott21@btinternet.com so the Zoom details can be forwarded to you.

CHURCH IN ABINGDON CHRISTIAN AID WALK 2021 will be 'self-service' this year and can be done anytime during January, singly or in household/wider groups and must follow COVID guidelines at the time the walk is completed. Visit 9 CiA churches to find a single letter [on poster] at each church to make an anagram of a word connected with Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. Our poster is displayed in the main notice board and will remain in place for the whole month. Participants will be asked for the 'word' they have found. Sponsors are invited to make a donation via the Just Giving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/team/Abingdon-Churches-OR838> Prospective walkers should contact Rob King Ab 553715 rking.home@ntlworld.com or Mary Anderson on mary.fulani@gmail.com or 07956 813524 for details of the walk.

One of our readers came across this resource which might be of interest,

<http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/prayer-stations-god-revealed-in-creation.pdf> a field guide to wild worship,

from an organisation called The Sanctuary. It has suggestions for passages of scripture and points for reflection whilst walking and observing the natural environment, e.g. birds of prey, clouds.

FAITH FORUM: Spring 2021 will see the continuation of our series on 'other voices', this time looking at healing, health & disability in the life of the Church. The first of the talks will be on 7 February and will be held via Zoom. The speaker will be the Revd Dr Helen Leathard, Professor Emerita of Healing Science & Pharmacology and Trustee of the Guild of Health & St Raphael -The role of the Church in promoting physical and mental wellbeing.

HARD QUESTIONS FOR HARD TIMES a series of talks (delivered as YouTube videos) from St Pau's Cathedral in London. "This is a time which raises hard questions - about how we live, about our values, about God. We asked people what was most on their minds, and then we asked a wide range of writers, thinkers and theologians to reflect on these 'hard questions'." Questions include: where is God in this, what does hope mean in this time, what is the church when people can't be together physically? <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/hard-questions-for-hard-times>

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW We are hoping to bring out the first edition of the new year on Sunday 7 February. The deadline for contributions is Friday 29 January. Pictures, poems, reflections, hopes, memories etc all welcome. Please send to candle@abingdonparish.org.uk

DONATE YOUR OLD TABLET TO HELP A CHILD LEARN AT HOME Do you have an old tablet lying around you no longer use? Could you donate it to help a local child access home learning? Many local children are struggling to access home learning as they do not have a suitable device to access the internet. If you have a device at home, which you no longer use or need, would you consider donating it to a local school? **TrinityLearning** can collect devices from you and arrange to have them wiped and reset before passing them on to a school in the Abingdon area. We just ask that all devices are in working order and have their charging plugs and leads. We cannot return devices so please only donate devices you no longer need or use. By donating a device you could enable a local child or family to access home learning and help to reduce the pressure on schools. If you would like to know more, or have a device you would like to donate, please contact Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com.

MARMALADE On a very light matter it is marmalade season again and if people send me a text (07743 178561) of their address I can drop a jar or two off on my daily walk or trip to the allotment! Empty jam jars 1 lb or smaller are always welcome. *Jane Cadogan*

Worship

The Sanctuary Lamps from 17 to 23 January are sponsored by Louise in memory of her parents.

Commemorations this week include Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951, Wulfstan, bishop, 1095, Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349, Agnus, child martyr, 304 and Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304. The period 18 to 25 January is the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity The Church in Abingdon is not able to keep the week of prayer for Christian Unity in the usual way this year (midday prayers at St Nicolas' Church and a combined Sunday service). However, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have provided an extensive set of resources prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. See <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/> In addition to resources designed for corporate worship there are also resources for home use, in the form of three vigils, which could be used (respecting Covid-19 Restrictions) by an individual, a household, or adapted for an on-line (e.g. Zoom) context. Each vigil includes a scripture reading, intercessions, and actions. The opening prayer:

Lord, you invite us to abide in you who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you and one another is lost. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. That as one family we may praise your name. Amen.

The Grandchamp community today has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning. The origins of the community are in the 1930s when some women of the Reformed Church of French-speaking Switzerland rediscovered the importance of silence in their life of faith and started to organize retreats at Grandchamp. They were encouraged by religious of Roman Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox communities and

developed links with Taizé. In 1952 the community adopted the Rule of Taizé that Brother Roger had just completed, shortly after the first sisters made their life commitments. For more information see

<https://www.grandchamp.org/en/community/>

Please pray for:

- the unity of all Christians during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;
- the people of the USA and a peaceful transition in leadership;
- all those working on the front-line of the NHS in this time of extreme pressure;
- all those administering the Covid-19 vaccine at this time;
- people living in Hyde Place, Inkerman Close, Jackman Close and John Jones Close.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun	1 Samuel 3.1-10	Ps 139.1-5, 12-18	Revelation 5.1-10	John 1.43-end
Mon	Hebrews 5.1-10	Ps 110.1-4		Mark 2.18-22
Tues	Hebrews 6.10-end	Ps 111		Mark 2.23-end
Wed	Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17	Ps 110.1-4		Mark 3.1-6
Thur	Hebrews 7.25-8.6	Ps 40.7-10, 17-end		Mark 3.7-12
Fri	Hebrews 8.6-end	Ps 85.7-end		Mark 3.13-19
Sat	Hebrews 49.2-3, 11-14	Ps 47.1-8		Mark 3.20-21

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...

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.

Online each Sunday, Church at Home takes place at 10am. See

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

Oxford Cathedral: See. <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxfords-cathedral/online-worship>. Livestream events will appear on the cathedral's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZJAPGtje0gQbbg/videos>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise <https://www.facebook.com/Join-with-us-103095121647089> (new address). Details of services at the facebook page and also at the Community web site, <https://mirfield.org.uk/community-of-the-resurrection/our-life-and-work/worship/> On Sundays Mass starts around 8.10 am, after Matins at 7.30 am.

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 of most of the Sunday services 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.