



St MICHAEL & ALL
ANGELS CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

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MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL

Dear Friends

We welcome Canon Charles Masheder as our president and preacher today and look forward very much to his ministry among us.

It is very good to be back in church and to have celebrated Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and Easter Day in-person. I want to offer my thanks again to all those who worked so hard to make this possible.

On this Second Sunday of Easter we have the familiar gospel account of the Risen Christ's appearance to his disciples in the Upper Room where they were locked in for fear of the Jews. The resurrection brought change for them and the commission to live out the joy of new life, and yet they were afraid. As Jesus appears to them he speaks the word: 'Peace', not once, but three times. Together with the whole world, and the Church of England and beyond, we too probably need to hear that word of Peace from the Risen Christ during these days of Easter. While there are many signs of coming through the pandemic, we are not there yet; continued care and adherence to social distancing and mask wearing has to remain. We still live with the effects of an extraordinary situation, and hearing that word of Peace which Jesus spoke to his first disciples brings us both challenge to trust in uncertain times and hope for both the present and the future.

A reminder that it is essential to make your booking for services to enable us to provide appropriate social distancing with seating and arrangements for Holy Communion. Thank you for your cooperation in this respect.

Finally, a reminder again of the details of our ADCM. This will now take place on-line, via the Zoom Platform, on **Monday 19 April, at 7.00pm**, and not in-person after Mass on Sunday 18 April. If you haven't received it already, the link can be provided by the Churchwardens as indicated elsewhere in this pewleaflet. If you are still considering whether you would like to offer your talents and gifts for any vacancies, I look forward to hearing from you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

With love and prayers.

Fr Paul

BOOKING INFORMATION If you wish to attend Mass on Sunday 11 April, **booking is essential**. Please contact **Church Warden Peter Squire** (details on the cover) before **12 noon on Friday 9 April**.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

St Helen's will live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist through Zoom. 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.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING This year's meeting is on **MONDAY 19 APRIL at 7pm via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be circulated to those receiving the electronic copy of the pew leaflet. Anyone else requiring the link is asked to contact either of our Church Wardens.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on **Thursday 29 April at 7pm via Zoom**. The link will be provided when available.

VACANCY Following the announcement that Jenny Balshaw will be leaving her post at the end of next month, the Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames has a vacancy for a senior administrative position. The post will be part time, hours to be agreed with the Rector. The post requires a variety of skills to enable support for the three churches in the parish, clergy team and lay church officers. Please contact the Parish office for more information and application details. Telephone 01235 520144.

LENT 2021 appeal for *The Abingdon Bridge (TAB)* and *Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe*. The result of our Lent Appeal will be announced as soon as possible.

ELECTORAL ROLL The revision of the roll has now been completed and the draft revised roll is displayed on the church web site. Any error or omission should be notified to Keith Bowman (keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or 01235 528962) by 28 April.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW The third issue for 2021, which includes a number of contributions from members of our congregation, is now available and can be downloaded from <https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/DNR/window.php>.

DIOCESAN SYNOD A summary of the March 2021 Diocesan Synod Meeting, including Bishop Steven's address is available at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-summary-march-2021/>.

Worship

This Week The president and preacher for Sunday's Mass will be Canon Charles Mashedier. There is one commemoration in this year's calendar. Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923 is commemorated on Thursday. She was the third sister of the designer William Morris. She left the comfort of a middle-class lifestyle to work with the poor in South London, as a nurse at Guy's Hospital and then as a Deaconess. She played a key role in the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Church of England.

From an Orthodox Easter Hymn

When the women Disciples of the Lord
had learnt from the Angel
the joyful message of the Resurrection,
casting away the ancestral condemnation,
triumphantly they said to the Apostles:
Death has been despoiled,
Christ God has been raised,
granting the world his great mercy.

From an Easter Intercession by Fr Eric, CR

Father of lights,
you commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
and have shone in our hearts,
to give the light of the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Through him we pray;
that his light in glory rising
may dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
May he the first and last and the living One,
stand in the midst of the Churches
to purify and enlighten his people;
and to strengthen them to proclaim Jesus
and the Resurrection.

Please pray for:

- the gift of peace which the Risen Christ offers to all people;
- preparation for our ADCM on Monday 19 April at 7pm and for the nomination of two Churchwardens and members to DCC and PCC;
- Gavin, bishop-designate of Dorchester, as he prepares for his consecration;
- the people of Myanmar and all place of conflict throughout the world;
- the suffering, recently departed and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living and working in Napier Court, Nash Drive, Neave Close, New Street, North Quay, Nuffield Way, Nuneham Square and Ock Bridge Place.

Eucharistic Lectionary

(On Sundays in Eastertide the reading from Acts must always be used as either first or second reading. At St Michael's it will be the only reading preceding the Gospel.)

Sun	Exodus 14.10-end	Ps 133	Acts 4.32-25 [1 John 1.1-2.2]	John 20.19-end
Mon	Acts 4.23-31	Ps 2.1-9		John 3.1-8
Tues	Acts 4.32-end	Ps 93		John 3.7-15
Wed	Acts 5.17-26	Ps 34.1-8		John 3.16-21
Thur	Acts 5.27-33	Ps 34.1,15-end		John 3.31-end
Fri	Acts 5.34-42	Ps 27.1-5,16-17		John 6.1-15
Sat	Acts 6.1-7	Ps 33.1-5,18-19		John 6.16-21

Collect (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

Prayer after Communion (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Some On-line Resources for Worship

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>. 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.