



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

10th October 2021
19th Sunday after Trinity

Regular Service Times

Sundays: Sung Mass, 9.30 am
Tuesdays: Silent Reflections, last Tuesday of the month (except December)
Thursdays: Said Mass, 12.30 pm

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Parish Office: The Parish office is now open again **Mondays to Thursdays, 10 am-1 pm** until further notice. Please observe COVID protocols and sign in when you visit.

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MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL: 'Jesus, looking at him, loved him....' (Mark 10.21)

Dear Friends

Today's Gospel:

In the gospel set for this Sunday we encounter the rich young man who cannot manage to obey the costly call of Jesus. He cannot go and sell everything he had in order to become a true follower of the Lord. So he 'went away grieving, for he had many possessions'. We are not told what became of him, whether he had a change of heart, but what we are sure about is that Jesus loved the young man. The man could not do what was asked of him, but Jesus kept faith with him, was sad for the man, and loved him. Perhaps this is a reminder to us that while we might strive to do what is asked of us, our response is not always as we might either wish, or believe is in keeping with the radical call of the gospel. At these times, we can be sure that Jesus looks upon us and still loves us too. For with the Lord, there is always forgiveness, compassion and mercy. The Lord loves us with a love that will never let us go.

Singing during Worship:

It is now permitted for congregations to sing during public acts of worship and this has been the case for some time. The congregation has been singing the hymns with the Choir, but please do now join in the singing of the whole Mass (Gloria; Sanctus and Benedictus; Agnus Dei), and the Alleluia which heralds the proclamation of the gospel reading. Just a reminder that we sing wearing masks, unless exemptions apply.

My Reduced Working Hours: I shall be continuing to work to a reduced working pattern, of 5 hours each day, until **Wednesday 13 October**, having been reviewed by the doctor last week. Please do bear with me if things do not get attended to as soon as they might otherwise. (I am working each morning, and either two hours in the afternoon or evening). Anything that is urgent, to which I cannot respond, please speak to one of our Churchwardens. Thank you for your support and understanding.

With love and blessings *Fr Paul*

THANKSGIVING SERVICE Vernon Butt died on 5 April 2020 during the first Covid-19 lockdown. There will be a thanksgiving service for his life on Sunday 31 October at 11.30 in St. Michael's, following the Sunday Mass for All Saints. Coffee will be served after Mass before the service and Glynne warmly invites people to stay for this occasion as we celebrate Vernon's life and give thanks for all he did for us, and meant to us.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

St Helen's will live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist through Zoom. The Zoom link is available from the Parish Administrator. A recording of the sermon will be made available after the service on the Parish Resources page on the St Helen's web site https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/Parish/P_resources.html

Morning Prayer has begun again and will be said publicly in St Helen's every weekday at 9.10am. *All Welcome*

MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON The first of the series of three Sunday afternoon concerts raised £400 for church funds. Our thanks to Glynne for organising this, to Barbara, Peter and Glynne for performing and to all who supported the event. *Fr Paul*

RIDE AND STRIDE I would like offer on behalf of us all, our warmest thanks to Louise and Nicola for cycling in the Ride & Stride event last month, to Julie who coordinated our participation, to all who helped stewarding at St Michael's, and all who sponsored our cyclists. Louise and Nicola visited over thirty churches, and raised the wonderful sum of £400 which is split equally between Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and St Michael's Church. *Fr Paul*

ALL SOULS DAY *Tuesday 2 November 7pm.* As we remember our loved ones, and those who have died in the past year, there will be a Mass to pray for all the faithful departed. Keith Bowman is collating the list of people to be remembered. There will be a list in church from next Sunday, 17 October, do please add names to this as soon as possible. For logistical reasons we ask that names be provided by Sunday 24 October at the latest. If you are not able to come to church, please give names to Keith either by email keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or phone 01235 528962. *Fr Paul.*

ABINGDON DEANERY SECRETARY The Abingdon Deanery is seeking an adaptable person to provide secretarial and administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the Deanery. The secretary will work closely with the Area Dean, the Lay Chair and Deanery Treasurer in leading the work of the Synod, especially by providing information and documents. The hours are flexible (average 18 per month but varies through the year) and the rate of pay depends on qualifications and experience. For further details of the post (self-employed/freelance) and submission of applications see the <https://www.abingdondeanery.org.uk/jobvacanciesinandaroundthedeanery.htm> or speak to Sue Scott. A copy of the advertisement will be posted on a notice board in church. Closing date: 8 November 2021.

THE BEAUTIFUL COLOUR OF VOCATION is the title of an event in Oxford Cathedral on Saturday 30 October. "Black History Month is a moment to focus our minds once again on the injustice that UK minority ethnic people are currently underrepresented in church leadership, lay and ordained ministry and church officer posts. Revd Poly Falconer, our Diocesan UKME Enabler, has curated a series of events during October that are not to be missed, culminating in a special event at the Cathedral on Saturday 30 October." The series includes four on-line lectures, the first being on Monday 4 October from 6pm to 7pm, *Structures, Barriers, and Authenticity - UKME people's vital contribution through the church* by Mr Raj Patel. For further details and booking information please see <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/called-as-we-are/>

ST FRIDESWIDE PILGRIMAGE It was not possible to hold this event in 2020, but a pilgrimage to our cathedral is planned for Saturday 16 October. There are five pilgrimage routes to the cathedral, the longest is a route of 9 miles following the Thames Path from under Abingdon Bridge. The number of walkers on each route is limited to 25 and booking is essential. On arrival at the cathedral the programme includes prayer stations, tea in the Great Hall and a Pilgrimage service at 5pm. A number of tickets will be available for non-walkers. Ticket prices range from £2.50 to £6. For further details and booking (which appears to be on-line only *Ed*) see <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxford-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage>

THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH is presenting a quiet reflective study afternoon (2pm to 4pm) on Saturday 23 October at St Michael's at the North Gate Oxford. This will be a Zoom live-streamed event, but there might be space for limited personal attendance. The title is *St Teresa and the Garden of our Souls* and is to be given by Sister Clare-Louise SLG. See <https://www.ocsg.uk.net/events/st-teresa-and-garden-our-souls> for further details or phone 07523 529 621 for attendance in person.

SPACE MAKERS Some readers might be interested in *Space Makers* the contemplative toolkit for schools, recently launched by the Diocese of Oxford, to help tackle the growing mental health crisis. This is based on five key practices, one for each day of the school week, of *Stilling, Noticing, Dwelling, Mending* and *Blessing* and includes the use of a simplified form of Ignatian and Examen spiritual practices. For more details see the diocesan web site <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/contemplative-space-makers-toolkit-for-schools-to-tackle-mental-health/>

CHRISTIAN AID: A BIG THANK Thank you to everyone who came along to Afternoon Tea in St Ethelwold's House garden on 22 August 2021. This was a very enjoyable event in a lovely setting attended by at least 50 people. Donations for the work of Christian Aid came to at least £410. Equally successful was the Walk for Water held on 4 September 2021. Sixteen or so walkers enjoyed a gentle 4.5 mile walk out along the Ock and back along the Thames. Donations made at this event totalled over £600. These two late summer events raised over £1000 for the work of Christian Aid at a time when Covid-19 has affected the possibilities for fund raising. We are very grateful to our supporters who, as ever, have been most generous in their donations. *Christian Aid (Abingdon)*

CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ An Autumn Puddings Quiz is planned for 6 November 2021 at Trinity Church, all being well. For more information, please contact Cliff Marshall at candpmarshall@btinternet.com.

THE ABINGDON PASSION PLAY COMMITTEE is a small interdenominational group whose aim is to continue the production of an Abingdon Passion Play, with the next one fixed provisionally for June 2024. We are in urgent need of new members from local churches within the Church in Abingdon who are helpful, enthusiastic and full of suggestions, as well as a Publicity Officer. If you would like to find out more or would like to get involved, please contact Jane Cadogan at jane.cadogan@tinternet.com. It is hoped to begin fundraising in January 2022 for the next production.

CHURCH TWINNING The committee would welcome new members from any of the interdenominational churches of the Church in Abingdon. Committee members enjoy meeting Christians from other countries as well as discussing ecumenism. We plan visits to Abingdon from a twin town annually, as well as arrange and take part in these visits. We also organize an away visit to a twin town each year. The twin towns are Argentan and Colmar (France), Lucca (Italy), Sint Nikolaas (Belgium) and Schongau (Germany). There are only four committee meetings a year, plus an informal planning meeting for any visit here. If you are interested in this outreach, contact Eileen Bontempelli on 01235 526331 or at epkbontempelli@gmail.com.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW Issue 8 of the Parish Magazine should be available to download from Sunday 10 October from <http://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/DNR/window.php>. What can we learn from the book of Ruth? Whose burial in Westminster Abbey caused surprise to some? Who won what? Read a reflection on an island holiday, about harvest celebrations and about words for 'church' across Europe etc.

PATHWAYS For readers with internet access, the Autumn 2021 edition of the diocesan magazine can be downloaded from <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/> There are some printed copies in church, last seen on the bookstall table by the south porch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday 17 October: 4.00pm (Note later starting time) The Creation, Haydn. We are fortunate to welcome the East Oxford Community Choir together with their twin town choir from Grenoble, accompanied by a full orchestra to repeat for us a performance they are giving elsewhere the day before.

Sunday 14 November: 3.00pm Pavlova Winds with Glynne Butt (piano) will play trios by Poulenc and Glinka. Some exhilarating and tuneful music! We are delighted that all four players are available to repeat a concert they performed recently in Oxford.

Saturday 20 November: Autumn Fair: more details will follow.

Saturday 27 November: 7pm Abingdon Passion Play AGM at Christ church Barns with entertainment. Further details to follow.

Worship

This Week The celebrant and preacher this month are 10 October Fr Paul, the Revd Rosalind Rutherford on 17 October, Fr Paul/ Mrs Beryl Clements on 24 October and Fr Paul/Revd Elizabeth Birch on 31 October (All Saints Sunday).

Commemorations this week include Ethelburga, abbess, 675 and James the Deacon companion of Paulinus, 7th century on Monday; Wilfrid, bishop, missionary, 709, Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845 and Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915 on Tuesday; Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582 on Friday then on Saturday Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555.

James the Deacon The dates of his birth and death are not known, though as he accompanied Paulinus he may well have been Italian. He seems to have been very active in assisting Paulinus on his mission to southern Northumbria, but when Paulinus had to flee south when King Edwin was killed in battle, James remained in the north. He continued, at some risk to his own life, to preach and baptize in the area that is now North Yorkshire As an old man he attended the Synod of Whitby in 664. The Venerable Bede writes in *The History of the English Church and People*:

Bishop Paulinus was assisted in his ministry by a deacon called James, a man of energy and high reputation in Christ's Church... He left behind his deacon James to care for the church of York. He was a true churchman and holy person who snatched much prey from the clutches of our old enemy the Devil. There is a village near Catterick, where he usually lived, which bears his name to this day. He had a wide knowledge of church music; and when at length peace was restored to the province and the numbers of believers increased, he began to teach many people to sing the music of the Church after the uses of Rome and Canterbury. At last, old and 'full of days' as the Scripture says, he went the way of his fathers.

The story doesn't quite end there though. There is at least (and maybe at most) one Anglican church dedicated to James the Deacon which is in Woodthorpe near York. As it happens this year is their Golden Jubilee Year. It is a long story (see <https://www.jamesthedeacon.org.uk/>) a church finally being consecrated by Archbishop Donald Coggan on 2 July 1971. The Church is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year from 1 July 2021 to Sunday 3 July 2022 which includes the Patronal Festival this Sunday, 10 October at which the Archbishop of York will celebrate and preach and dedicate a new icon of St James the Deacon. The Collect for James the Deacon:

Everlasting God, whose servant, James the Deacon carried the Good news of your Son to the people of Northumbria: grant that we who commemorate his service may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts and manifest its light in all our ways; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Climate Change COP26

There is a network of UK universities called the COP26 Universities Network, sponsored by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). UKRI encompasses the nine research councils including the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the Medical Research Council and the Natural Environment Research Council. Network members have produced a series of briefing papers for COP26 which are available at <https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/cop26/briefings/>. Readers are likely to find some more accessible than others, but collectively they give an impression of both the scale and the complexity of the challenge. There is also a podcast to accompany the papers <https://shows.acast.com/the-climate-papers/episodes>.

Please pray for:

- Steven and Gavin our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- our response to the call to follow Jesus, in the knowledge that we are always loved;
- those whose material wealth or possessions distract them from faithful discipleship;

- those caught up in the grip of poverty and concerned about their long-term futures following the effects of the pandemic;
- congregation of the Church of St James the Deacon, Woodthorpe, York, celebrating their Golden Jubilee Patronal Festival this Sunday;
- the suffering, all who mourn, the recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in Ashgate, Ashmole Road, Aston Close and Audlett Drive.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun	Amos 5.6-7,10-15	Ps 90.12-end	Hebrews 4.12-end	Mark 10.17-31
Mon	Romans 1.1-7	Ps 98		Luke 11.29-32
Tues	Romans 1.16-25	Ps 19.1-4		Luke 11.37-41
Wed	Romans 2.1-11	Ps 62.1-8		Luke 11.42-46
Thur	Romans 3.21-30	Ps 130		Luke 11.47-end
Fri	Romans 4.1-8	Ps 32		Luke 12.1-7
Sat	Romans 4.13,16-18	Ps 105.6-10, 41-44		Luke 12.8-12

Collect (19th Sunday after Trinity)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... Amen.

Prayer after Communion (19th Sunday after Trinity)

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Oxford Cathedral: 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 (5pm on Fridays). the Sunday Mass is live-streamed (usually at 7.30 am, but check the web site), <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/>