



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## **Regular Service Times**

**Sundays:** Sung Mass, 9.30 am  
**Tuesdays:** Silent Reflections, last Tuesday of the month (except December)  
**Thursdays:** Moving into Stillness, Taizé circle dancing with silent interludes, first Thursday of the month, 9.45 am to 10.45 am. N.B. In June Moving into Stillness will be on 9 June due to the bank holiday on 2 June.  
**Thursdays:** Said Mass, 12.30 pm

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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](mailto:pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk)***

***[\*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]***

Dear Friends

### **Ascensiontide**

On Thursday we celebrated Jesus' Ascension into heaven where he has returned to the right hand of the Father, and where he makes intercession for us all. In the days that lead to Pentecost (Whitsunday) next week, we are given an opportunity to wait expectantly for the gift of the Holy Spirit and are encouraged to pray earnestly for what Jesus promised: the Advocate or Comforter (John 15:26-27).

The Team Rector has produced a resource for us to use in the lead up to next Sunday: *The Oil of Gladness: Thoughts and Prayers for Ascensiontide*. The theme is on the Sacrament of Anointing, which happily coincides with remembering that Her Majesty, like every monarch, was anointed at her Coronation, as during this week the nation celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of the year she acceded to the throne. Copies of this resource have been made available electronically but hard copies are also available in church today for people to take away.

### **Resumption of the Common Cup**

At the DCC meeting last Wednesday, I brought to the attention of the members the new guidance issued by the House of Bishop's Covid-19 Recovery Group on 3 May concerning returning to the administration of Holy Communion in both kinds. Members had also requested to discuss this. In the bishop's guidance the following is said:

*Holy Communion should be administered in both kinds unless there is a clear and objective reason why there would be a significant risk in doing so, such as local public health warnings relating to coronavirus levels in your area. It is important that no pressure is placed on members of the congregation to receive the sacrament if they feel unable to do so. If communicants do not wish to receive in both kinds, they may do so by receiving only the bread (communion in one kind). Intinction by the communicant is not recommended.*

In order to make this transition I would like to stress the following:

- No one should feel under pressure to receive from the Chalice. If you wish to abstain, then receive the Host in the usual way, and simply return to your seat. It remains sufficient to receive the sacrament in one kind only as it has up until now;
- Intinction (or dipping the host into the chalice) is not an alternative to receiving from the chalice: this will *not* be offered at the time of administration;
- The remaining consecrated wine will not be consumed by the priest or chalice assistant but carefully and reverently poured into consecrated ground after each celebration of the Mass;
- It was agreed at DCC that it would be appropriate to resume the use of the Common Cup on Trinity Sunday, 12 June, in order give due notice to the congregation and those assisting with administration.

Finally, I would like to assure people that in the unfortunate event of a severe increase or outbreak of new infections in our area that consideration would be given to a suspension of using the Common Cup as advised in the bishop's guidance outlined above.

With love and blessings

*Father Paul*

**THURSDAY 2 JUNE** There will **NOT** be a lunchtime Mass at 12.30pm on this bank holiday.

**FATHER PAUL** will be away between 1 – 5 June inclusive and at the Diocesan Clergy Conference between 7 – 9 June inclusive.

**PEW LEAFLET SUNDAY 5 JUNE** The issue for Sunday 5 June will cover a two week period to 18 June. Please send any items for inclusion in this issue to the Editor by **Wednesday 1 June**. As Sunday 12 June is the Corporate Communion for the parish, our pew leaflet will be replaced that day by an issue of *TeamWord*.

### **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 (audio and video) will be made available after the service on the St Helen's web site (try [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH\\_publications.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_publications.html)).

The evening service at St Helen's at 5.30pm on Sunday 15 May will be Evensong with Easter Lessons and Carols.

**TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday 12 June** There will be a Corporate Communion for the parish at St Michael's at 10.00 am. Please note the later time of our service that day. The president will be The Revd Dr Charles Miller and the preacher is Fr Paul.

**SILENT REFLECTIONS** will be on Tuesday 31 May at 7.30 pm. Entry will be through the North door (opposite Albert Park). Final prayers will be at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be available. Fr Paul will be providing materials on the theme: *Mary and Elizabeth: Meeting the Cousins of Gladness*. A copy will be emailed to all those on our list, and made available on the Prayer and Worship Resources page of St Michael's website. Paper copies will be available in church. All are welcome.

**MOVING INTO STILLNESS:** circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes will be held on **Thursday 9 June** from 9.45 – 10.45 am, before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am. Tea and coffee will be provided between the two sessions. **NB** There will be no circle dancing at all on **Thursday 2 June** because of the Jubilee bank holiday.

**THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CIA)** are organising a stall in Rye Farm Meadow for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and have asked if St Michaels would be able to man a cake decorating stall as we have previously done at Fun in the Park. Volunteers are invited to let me know if they can help. The date is **Thursday June 2** and we would run from 11 am till 4pm. Please let Jane Cadogan know if you could spare some time – contact her on 07743178561.

**CELEBRATION SERVICE FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE** There will be a Civic Service for the whole town community of Abingdon to celebrate HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Helen's Church on **Thursday 2 June** at 7pm. We will be thanking God for her great sense of duty, her faith and her life of devotion and care for the Nation and the Commonwealth. All very welcome!

**CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE AT THE CATHEDRAL** at a service on Saturday 4 June, 1.30–4pm. Join local MPs, civic and faith leaders, and representatives of the universities, businesses and voluntary sector to celebrate this unique occasion. Entry is free but it is necessary to register for tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/service-to-celebrate-her-majesty-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-tickets-333524249007>

**QUIET GARDEN DAY** at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection on Saturday 11 June 10 am - 4 pm. Leaders: Margaret Gallop and Keith Green. Theme: *Coming Alive in a Garden*. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. Email: [abi.perrow@googlemail.com](mailto:abi.perrow@googlemail.com), if you want to attend.

**TARIRO** Fr Nicolas CR has just returned from a three-week visit to Zimbabwe. There are a number of notable developments including: five of the young people in the rural areas have qualified for university; three others, have embarked on O levels; Dumisani has found a job working for an NGO in Mozambique. A local bank, First Capital Bank, is helping to prepare some of the young people for life in commerce. The CEO's wife, has had several of the older girls and boys to stay with her. Significant repairs have been carried out at The Shearly Cripps Children's Home, the kids are much happier than they were six months ago, though much remains to be done. There is a plan to make the Harare House a centre to which the rural kids can come for short or long stays, and where the Shearly Cripps children can visit to improve their social skills and see what they can achieve in life if they try. For the full version of Fr Nicolas' report see <https://tarirouk.com/news/>

**THE DOG WALKERS' CAFE** needs more volunteers, particularly of people to act as welcomers and stewards. This is especially necessary for wet days when we come into church. Please see Hilary if you can help.

**UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL** Many charities have launched appeals to provide help in the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, including the British Red Cross, <https://www.redcross.org.uk/> and UNHCR <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/>. The Disasters Emergency Committee has also launched an appeal <https://www.dec.org.uk/>.

**A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW** The May edition of the Parish Magazine 'A Candle in the Window' is available for you to download at [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_communications.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html) and select Issue 4. Read Fr Paul's article about the Queen to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee, Charles Masheder's reflections on 50 years of ordained ministry and much more! For the June edition we would like to hear about Jubilee celebrations and following Claire's article about the Church in Western Australia and anticipating the Lambeth Conference, any interesting experiences of the Anglican Church abroad... *Rob Rutherford*

## **Worship**

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**This Week** The celebrants and preachers until the end of June are: 29 May, The Revd Rosalind Rutherford; 6 June (Pentecost), the Revd Jennifer Brown/ Mrs Beryl Clements; 12 June, Parish Corporate Communion at St Michael's, The Revd Dr Charles Miller/ Fr Paul Smith; 19 and 26 June, Fr Paul.

Tuesday is the festival of the Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. Other commemorations this week are Monday: Josephine Butler; social reformer, 1906, Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431, Apolo Kivebulaya, evangelist, 1933; Wednesday: Justin, martyr, c. 165; Friday: Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977; Friday: Petroc, abbot, 6<sup>th</sup> century.

**Ukraine** We are encouraged by Fr Paul to light a candle by the reserved sacrament and pray the prayer for Ukraine from Archbishops Justin and Stephen. The prayer, which can be used at any time, is reproduced below.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth** An extract from intercessions for the festival composed by Fr Eric CR (*Look in Mercy Penitential Rites and Intercessions*, Volume 2):

We pray for good will in the hearts of all, that peace, righteousness and mercy may abound throughout the human family, that all may live in freedom and security, and that human dignity may be promoted and protected in every place.

Gracious Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, pour the grace of your blessing upon all homes and families. Grant that husbands and wives may honour and cherish each other, that family life may be strengthened in all that is good.

We pray for homes where there is unhappiness and cruelty, and where children are neglected and unloved and abused. Grant that there may be wise-hearted love and compassion in the face of human misery and degradation.

**Apolo Kivebulaya** was born in 1884 and became a teacher in the Church of Uganda. He then went as an evangelist and missionary and catechist to Boga in the Belgium Congo (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) and was ordained priest in 1903. He built many churches and spent the rest of his life at Boga. In later life Apolo ventured into unknown territory, the great primeval forest, to evangelise the Pygmies. He tried to write down some of the pygmy language (which had never been done before). After many years, his greatest achievement was the translation of Mark's Gospel (from Lunyoro, a language spoken in western Uganda) into the pygmy language. A scholar at Edinburgh University, Dr Emma Wild-Wood has recently published the results of her research into Apolo Kivebulaya, drawing on jottings, diaries, articles and other achieve materials. "They [also] shed light on the quotidian development of Christianity in Buganda, Toro (Uganda) and Ituri (Congo) during the colonial era from the perspective of first generation African Christians who promoted the spread of the faith." (See our *Prayer and Worship* resources page for references and other links.) After his death the Church Missionary Society sent British missionaries to carry on his work.

**Please pray for:**

- Steven and Gavin our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- Her Majesty the Queen, for the celebrations to mark her Platinum Jubilee and the civic service in our parish on Thursday 2 June;
- in this Ascentiontide that we may pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit;
- that our worship may be filled with joyful expectation towards Pentecost;
- the suffering, all who mourn, the recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in Masefield Crescent, Medicott Drive, Metcalfe Close, Midget Close and Mill Paddock.

**Eucharistic Lectionary**

<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 16.16-34</b>	Ps 97	<b>Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end</b>	<b>John 17.20-end</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Acts 19.1-8	Ps 68.1-6		John 16.29-end
<b>Tues: Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>	Zephaniah 3.14-18	Ps 113	Romans 12.9-16	Luke 1.39-49 [50-56]
<b>Wed</b>	Acts 20-28-end	Ps 68.27-28, 32-end		John 17.11-19
<b>Thur</b>	Acts 22.30; 23.6-11	Ps 16.1,5-end		John 17.20-end
<b>Fri</b>	Acts 25.13-21	Ps 103.1-2, 11-12, 19-20		John 21.15-19
<b>Sat</b>	Acts 28.16-20, 30-end	Ps 11.4-end		John 21.20-end

**Collect (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Post Communion (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Collect (Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth)**

Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Some On-line Resources for Worship**

*A Church Near You Live Streamed events*

[https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live\\_stream&diocese=27](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream&diocese=27)

*Parish resources page (Look under St Helen's Church, Publications and downloads)*

<http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/>

*St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page*

[https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship\\_resources.htm](https://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk/worship_resources.htm)

*Oxford Cathedral: Livestream events will appear on the cathedral's YouTube channel, see*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZJAPGtje0gQbbg>

*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/>.