



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

24th July 2022

James the Apostle / 6th Sunday after Trinity

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 (EXCEPT AUGUST), 9.45 am to 10.45 am.
Thursdays Said Mass, 12.30 pm

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Dear Friends

'Are you able to drink the cup that I will drink?' (Matthew 20.22)

Today we welcome Canon Charles Masheder as our president and preacher for this Sunday's Mass. After a period of being unwell, it is a joy to welcome him back and we look forward to his ministry among us today.

We keep the Feast of St James the Apostle today. We recall how he figures prominently in the Gospels as one of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus at a particular time. He is usually named before his brother John, who, with Peter, has a leading place after the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. Encouraged by such favour, and prompted by their mother, the two brothers felt confident that they could do anything that their Master did. But, what Jesus offers them was the way of suffering as well as joy, the bitter cup of the agony as well as the blessed cup of the Last Supper.

Like James and those first apostles, Jesus asks us the same question 'Are you able to drink the cup?'..... In other words, are we able to 'forsake the false attractions of the world' (from today's Collect), and follow Jesus to the end. He did not promise that it would be easy. In fact, he said the opposite. But, he did promise to be with us always even until the end of time.

What is it that might get in the way of us following Jesus? What holds us back and what false attractions of this world can get in the way of our faithful discipleship?

Perhaps today, and in the coming week, we can ponder these questions. In doing so, we ask that the example of James may inspire us to deepen our walk with Christ, as we ask him to pray with us and for us as part of the communion of saints.

With love and blessings

Fr Paul

PAM KINNAIRD Fr Keith, Helen, Sally and Simon and their families wish to express their thanks to the congregation of St Michael's and all who were able to attend Pam's funeral, for their love, support and prayers.

YEAR'S MIND LIST If you would like someone added to the Year's Mind list (the list of names read out in the intercessions at Mass on Sundays and Thursdays) please get in touch with Eileen Duckett Tel. 01235 522384, Email: eileenduckett27@gmail.com. Names already on this list will remain as I am not starting a new list, merely adding names to the existing list.

CIRCLE DANCING will finish on Thursday 21 July and will recommence on Thursday 1 September with *Moving into Stillness* at 9.45 am, followed by the regular dancing session at 11 am. There will not be *Moving into Stillness* on 4 August.

AN INVITATION FROM MOTHERS' UNION Abingdon MU members would like you to join them for a Cream Tea on Tuesday, 9 August, in the parish centre from 2.30 – 4 pm. We will be raising money for MU charities. Entry £5. There will be a raffle and a Royal Quiz and an opportunity to learn more about the work of Mothers' Union worldwide. Please sign the list on the notice board by the north door or speak to Glenys Enticott by **Sunday 7 August** if you would like to come.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT St Michael's Church has been granted a contactless payment device by Oxford Diocese under their Digital Giving scheme. The Giving Station can be found at the back of the church by the north door with a full set of instructions. Please ask Louise or Joyce if in doubt. All money donated by this method, using a credit or debit card, goes straight to church funds, minus 1.69% charged by SumUp for their payment services. At the moment these donations are not gift-aided for reasons of speed, but can be set up to do so. We think this payment method will be very useful for concerts and other events and for occasional visitors.

MINUTES OF THE MAY DCC MEETING are available on the notice board on the south porch (near the rotas).

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 (https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_publications.html).

THOMAS MERTON - A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION CURATED BY ESTHER DE WAAL is now open at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, and runs until 15 September. Merton was a Trappist monk who died tragically in 1968. A journalist visiting Merton's monastery in Kentucky lent him a camera and led to what he called "his serious work". He saw the camera as an instrument of meditation. For more details see <https://www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/thinking/thomas-merton-photographic-exhibition>

THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH is hosting what is described as 'an unusual event' at St Michael's at the North Gate, Oxford from 5.30 to 7.00 pm on Wednesday 27 July 2022. Entitled 'An Evening about Elvis Presley, his faith and religious music,' the event will be led by Revd Anthony Buckley, the Vicar, who has been a lifelong fan of Elvis. It will include music from Elvis' religious songs, courtesy PPL/PRS, the music licensing organisation. The event will end with drinks and nibbles. The event will not be recorded. For more details and to sign up for a ticket see

<https://www.ocsg.uk.net/events/evening-about-elvis-his-faith-and-religious-music> Tickets are only available in advance, **not** at the door.

FUNDRAISING EVENT – PIANO RECITAL, SUNDAY 21 AUGUST, 3PM Date for your diary. Mami Shikimori, local professional concert pianist is coming to St Michael's to give a concert. The programme will include old favourites such as Beethoven's "Appassionata" sonata, Tchaikovsky's "Chanson Triste", and Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm". Her playing has been described as "Exquisite" by the Sunday Times, and "Sheer Delight" and "Dazzling" by the BBC Music Magazine. Proceeds will go to church funds and charities TAB and Tariro. Please do come along and bring your family and friends. Tickets are £12 for adults and free for children, available from The Bookstore, Bury Street, Abingdon, or from myself or Louise Heffernan. Refreshments will be provided and FREE PARKING. (St Michael's can now accept debit/credit card payments for church donations or church events.) *Nicola Ng*

TARIRO APPEAL The announcement above of a fundraising concert for TAB, Tariro and church funds was closely followed by an appeal from Tariro for more financial support, printed in last week's pew leaflet. Unfortunately, there was a problem with the link to Fr Nicolas' video – it was a version without sound track. The correct link is <https://youtu.be/DYQ5MzWROk8>

CHRISTIAN AID TASK GROUP Ever since the establishment of the Church in Abingdon, there has been a Christian Aid Task Group. This has continued the work of the Christian Aid Committee which has now worked in the town for well over 50 years. However, the Task Group is about to lose over half of its members and needs new volunteers to join to enable the work of Christian Aid in Abingdon to continue as effectively as in the past. If you are interested in finding out more about what being part of the Task group involves please contact Adrienne.

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW The July edition of the Parish Magazine 'A Candle in the Window' is available to download from https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php Previous issues are also available at this location. The usual rich mixture! *Rob Rutherford*

Worship

This Week The celebrants and preachers (at the time of writing) until the end of July are: 24 July Canon Charles Masheder, 31 July Fr Paul Smith and Mrs Beryl Clements. During August the current list of celebrants and preachers is: 6 August The Revd Dr Charles Miller, 14 August Canon Charles Masheder, 21 August The Revd Elizabeth Birch, 28 August The Revd Dr Charles Miller.

On Sunday (6th Sunday after Trinity) we are keeping the festival of James the Apostle (translated from Monday). Commemorations during the week include Tuesday: Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday: Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901, Friday: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord; Saturday: William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846.

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.

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE is taking place from 26 July to 8 August. From conference web site: "the Lambeth Conference is a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. With the theme of 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together,' the conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world." <https://www.lambethconference.org/> The web site includes a downloadable prayer guide assembled by Br Christopher, Minister General of the First Order Brothers of the Anglican Order of St Francis. The guide includes prayers from churches and religious communities around the Anglican Communion. This prayer was contributed by the Anglican Benedictine Community at Mucknell Abbey (who provide our incense).

Holy and loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we grow in our discipleship we ask for the gift of eager curiosity to discover ever deeper and richer meaning in Jesus' way of life and teaching.

Give us the grace to recognise their implications for our own attitudes and ways of living, and rather than take refuge in past assumptions, give us the courage to respond to the challenges with trustful obedience.

May our discipleship be our increasingly faithful witness to your Risen Christ who dwells in us and to your unbounded love for all your creation.

We ask this as members of Christ's mystical body here on earth. Amen.

A SONG OF CREATION Partly inspired by Eileen Duckett's poem in the July issue of *Candle in the Window* and by Mattins at the Community of the Resurrection last Sunday, two passages came to mind.

Then the three with one voice praised and glorified and blessed God in the furnace:

Bless the Lord all created things,
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord,
you mountains and hills, O bless the Lord,
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground,
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

All winds that blow, O bless the Lord
you fire and heat, O bless the Lord,
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold,
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

All birds of the air, O bless the Lord
you beasts and cattle, O bless the Lord,
bless the Lord all people on earth,
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Extract from *A Song of Creation*, The Song of the Three, 35-65, an addition (in the Greek version) to the book of Daniel between 3.23 and 3.24. For the full text see

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/common-material/canticles-main-4>

The following passage is from the book *Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology* by Elizabeth Theokritoff. It was written by her friend who was asked to comment on a draft of the book.

On the final morning of our vacation "I sat reading about how all creation praises the Lord at midnight. When the rest of my family sleepily drifted out of their beds like morning mist, my husband shepherded us all out to the beach to see the sun rise over the ocean. It was seven o'clock in the morning, but I was awed to have a perfect example of the worship of God by his creation immediately before me. I became aware of the chorus of morning bird calls, the graceful procession of the dolphins, and the changing play of light and pale stained glass colours on the sea and sky. Alone on the dock with my family, the only human representation of creation in attendance, I wished to take part in the celebration."

James the Apostle From prayers of intercession for the festival written by Eric Simmons, CR.

Father of all,
we thank you for the Apostles' teaching and fellowship,
and for their witness to the Resurrection
even to the surrender of their lives.
Today we thank you for St James,
the first of the Apostolic band to give his blood for the love of Christ.
We ask you to renew in your Church
the same spirit of constancy and steadfastness;
so we pray for Christians who face persecution
and trial for their faith,
and for Christians who witness to their faith
in the face of indifference and apathy.

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And we ask you to strengthen us in our Baptismal vocation,
that like St James we may yield our lives for the love of Christ and in his service.

Please pray for:

- Steven and Gavin our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- bishops throughout the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference;
- Her Majesty the Queen and all the royal family;
- the candidate to be elected as the next leader of the Conservative Party who will be our new Prime Minister;
- Archie Allford, whose funeral takes place here on Tuesday, for his parents Rosie and Luke, and brother Freddie;
- Ryan and Vicky preparing for their wedding on Saturday;

- our neighbours at St James the Great, Radley, the Revd Rob Glenny (Rector of Radley, Sunningwell and Kennington), the associate priests and curate-in-training;
- the suffering, all who mourn, the recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in Queen Anne Court, Queen Street, Radley Road and Rawlings Grove.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun (James)	Acts 11.27-12.2	Ps 126	2 Corinthians 4.7-15	Matthew 20.20-28
Mon	Jeremiah 13.1-11	Ps 82		Matthew 13.31-35
Tues	Jeremiah 14.17-end	Ps 79.8-end		Matthew 13.36-43
Wed	Jeremiah 115.10, 16-end	Ps 59.1-4, 18-end		Matthew 13.44-46
Thur	Jeremiah 18.1-6	Ps 146.1-5		Matthew 13.47-53
Fri	Jeremiah 26.1-9	Ps 69.4-10		Matthew 13.54-end
Sat	Jeremiah 26.11-16, 24	Ps 69.14-20		Matthew 14.1-12

Collect (James the Apostle)

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... Amen.

Post Communion (James the Apostle)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect (6th Sunday after Trinity)

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord... 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

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

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/>.