

**THE SCOUTS' POST BOX** will be in church until **Sunday 17 December**. This is one week later than previously advertised. They will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to Abingdon, Radley and Shippon only. 25p per card.

**ST NICOLAS' PATRONAL FESTIVAL** will be celebrated on Sunday 10 December with a Parish Evensong at 5:30 pm.

**ADVENT LABYRINTH** The church will be open on **Tuesdays 12 and 19 December** between 11am and noon, and 7pm and 8pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Entry through the south door.

**WINTER WONDERLAND**, a Steventon Choral Society concert at 7.30pm on Saturday **16 December** and Thursday **21 December** in Steventon Village Hall. Tickets £10 to include interval refreshments. See Jean for tickets.

**WORDS AND MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**, Abingdon and District Musical Society, Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm at Trinity Church, Conduit Road. Retiring collection in aid of The Archway Foundation.

**COPIES OF** *The Magnitude of Meekness – Christmas for Twelve Days*, by the Rector, Charles Miller, are on sale on the church bookstall.

**THE WINDOW** Printed copies of the December/January issue are now available in church.

**THE DOOR** Copies of the December issue are available in church. *Please note* that the insert The Doorway was incorrectly printed – pages 2, 3 and 4 were repeats of pages in the Door. Reprinted copies of the insert are available in church. The remaining copies of The Door now have the correct insert.

**CHRISTIAN FOCUS** the Winter edition is now available from the literature table.

**ABINGDON AND DISTRICT CAB FRIENDS** is once again running a winter project whereby you can donate your winter heating allowance to them and it will be passed on by the Citizens Advice Bureau at Abingdon to someone locally who really does need it. Please make cheques payable to: Abingdon CAB Friends and send to: Abingdon CAB Friends, C/O Citizens Advice, New Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JD.



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

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***Please join us for coffee or tea after our 9.30am service today.***

***If you are a visitor to St Michael's and would like us to keep in touch with you please speak to a churchwarden or sidesperson.***

***Please take home copies of this Leaflet for your friends and family who are not in church this weekend.***

***Items for inclusion in the next Leaflet to be sent to David Duce by Tuesday midday. Telephone 522591, [pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk](mailto:pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk)***

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

## Sunday 10 December Second Sunday of Advent

<b>08.00</b>	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's. The Rt Revd Henry Scriven
<b>09.15</b>	Morning Praise at St. Helen's. The Revd Mary Williamson
<b>09.30</b>	Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Pauline Seaman
<b>10.30</b>	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller
<b>11.15</b>	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas. The Revd Mary Williamson
<b>17.30</b>	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong at St Nicolas'. The Revd Dr Charles Miller
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah 40.1-11
<b>Psalm</b>	85.1-2, 8-end [or 8-end]
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	2 Peter 3.8-15a
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1.1-8

### Weekday services

Morning and Evening Prayer at St Helen's.

**Tues:** at St Michaels. **Advent Laybrinth Walks** 11.00 -12.00, 19.00 – 20.00.

**Thurs:** at St Michael's. **Said Mass** at 12.30, in the **Church Room**, followed by a light lunch. Circle Dancing in church as usual at 11.00.

## Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent

<b>08.00</b>	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's.
<b>09.30</b>	Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
<b>10.30</b>	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
<b>11.15</b>	'Third Sunday' at St. Nicolas.
<b>17.30</b>	Evensong at St Helens'.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8 -end
<b>Psalm</b>	126
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1.6-8, 19-28

### Clergy Rota for St Michael's

17 December The Revd Pauline Seaman/ Mrs Beryl Clements

Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence
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### **Hymns (NEH)**

<b>Opening:</b>	The Lord will come	15
<b>Offertory:</b>	Hills of the North, rejoice	7
<b>Communion:</b>	Where the appointed sacrifice	312
		Tune 388(I)
<b>Communion:</b>	My spirit longs for thee	299 (Tune II)
<b>Recessional:</b>	Thou whose almighty word	466

### **Collect:**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... **Amen**

### **Psalm 85 (8-end)**

**Response: Show us O Lord, your mercy.**

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, for he will speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly. Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. **R**

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. **R**

### **Please pray for:**

- the Bishops of the Diocese and all engaged in theological education and ministerial formation;
- politicians and bureaucrats in all countries involved in the Brexit negotiations;
- Fr Nicolas CR visiting Tariro projects in Zimbabwe and the people of that country;
- the people and clergy of our parish, especially Fr Paul convalescing.