

ROAD CLOSURE There are notices at the top of Victoria Road and Conduit Road advising that the Victoria Road entrance to the Park will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 12 February. The Conduit Road entrance should be used instead.

PANCAKE LUNCH (including pre-Lent alcoholic beverages) on Shrove Tuesday, 13 February, at 12.30 in the Church Room for St. Michael's and friends. There is no charge, but donations will be invited for The Abingdon Bridge and Tariro – Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14 February. There will be a Sung Mass with imposition of ashes for the parish at St Michael's at 7.30 pm. Also Holy Communion at St Helen's at 10.30 am.

ST VALENTINES DINNER AND DANCE, supporting the Abingdon Passion Play. Saturday 17 February in Trinity Church Hall at 7 pm. Tickets price £12.50.

CIA LENT LECTURES 2018: LET'S WAIT AND SEE A series of four lectures at Abingdon Baptist Church on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm from 19 February. Speaker: the Revd Dr. Paul W. Goodliff. Each lecture will explore a particular stream of the great Western spiritual tradition, consider briefly a practice that enables waiting, and reflect upon the theme of the lecture through some paintings.

THE BEATITUDES: A SHORT COURSE on Saturday mornings, 24 February and 10 March from 11 am to ca. 12.30. The speaker for the third session on **24 February** will be Phillip Tovey. Do please come to the remaining two sessions.

SIMON CURRIE'S 6 PLUS 1 Jazz concert at St Helen's Church, 24 February at 7 pm (doors open 6.30 pm).

INTRODUCING IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY (Diocesan Course). Discover and experience spiritual practices that have been found to deepen the life of prayer and enrich our understanding of God. Date: Saturday 3 March; Time: 10.00- 16.00; Venue: Douai Abbey RG7 5TQ; Tutor: Sue Sheppy (Spiritual Direction Network); Cost: £25 (Including Lunch). Book at <http://ldm.eventbrite.co.uk>

THE WORK OF THE OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST, a talk given by Basil Eastwood Development Officer for OHCT at St Helen's Church, Tuesday 6 March at 7.30 pm. Retiring collection for the work of the Trust.

GODSPELL at the Oxford Playhouse this Easter Discounted prices of £15 per ticket for church groups of 10 or more, for evening performances on 4 and 5 April and afternoon on Sat 7 April. The show is performed by the award-winning Musical Youth Company of Oxford, and brings a fresh take to a modern classic. Please speak to Nicola if you are interested in joining a group.

ABINGDON STREET PASTORS have a vacancy for an Administrator (average 7 hours per week, £10 per hour). The role provides overall administrative support for the Street Pastor initiative in Abingdon. Closing date: **Wednesday 28 February** more details from <https://streetpastors.org/locations/abingdon/> or email Ed Evans at ede@occ.org.uk.

COPIES OF THE DOOR AND THE WINDOW are now available in church.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

11th February 2018
Sunday next before Lent

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Web site: <http://www.stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk>
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 midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591, pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk

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

Sunday 11 February Sunday next before Lent

08.00 Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helens'. The Revd Mary Williamson
09.30 Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
10.30 Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller
11.15 Holy Communion at St. Nicolas. The Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy
17.30 Taizé at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Charles Miller

1st Reading 2 Kings 2.1-12
Psalm 50.1-6
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Gospel Mark 9.2-9

Weekday services at St Michael's

(Morning and Evening Prayer at St Helen's.)

Tues: **Said Mass** on Tuesday evenings is temporarily suspended.
Wed: **Liturgy for Ash Wednesday at 7.30 pm.**
Thurs: **Said Mass** at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; **no circle dancing today.**

The Sanctuary Lamps are sponsored from 12 to 18 February by Sue Scott in memory of her father, Harold Pritchard.

Sunday 18 February First Sunday of Lent

08.00 Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helens'.
09.30 Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30 Sung Eucharist with Great Litany at St. Helen's.
11.15 'Third Sunday' at St. Nicolas.
17.30 Evensong at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Genesis 9.8-17
Psalm 25.1-9
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3.18-end
Gospel Mark 1.9-15

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

18 February The Revd Paul Smith.

The Ash Wednesday Collect – may be used daily throughout Lent.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord ... Amen.

Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence

Hymns (NEH)

Opening: Christ, whose glory fills the skies 234
Offertory: Father of heaven, whose love profound 358
Communion: God everlasting, wonderful and holy 288
Communion: I heard the voice of Jesus say 376
Recessional: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, ... 440 (omit vv.4, 5)

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 50.1-6

Response: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. **R.**

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people. **R.**

'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.' Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. **R.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: 'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God. I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, for your burnt offerings are always before me.' **R.**

Please pray for:

- Christian communities facing persecution;
- the Dorchester episcopal area, our bishop, archdeacon, clergy and all who live in this area;
- the staff of Church House;
- our parish that we may keep a Holy Lent;
- and remember Jean, Jeremy's mother, whose birthday was last week.