

ASCENSION DAY Corporate communion service for the parish at **St Nicolas' church** on Thursday 10 May at 7.00 pm. The preacher will be the Revd Paul Cowan, Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford. Lunchtime Said Mass at St Michael's as usual.

THE NEXT PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST is from 9.15 am on Saturday 12 May in the Parish Centre. Full English breakfast. Please book in advance. Email ampratley@yahoo.co.uk or ring David on Ab 525408.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018: Saturday 12 May: 9 am – 12 midday: Market Place. The normal awareness-raising event for Christian Aid Week in the Market Place will be a sale of goods such as cakes, books and plants along with a bottle tombola.

ROMANTIC MUSIC FROM VIENNA Saturday 12 May at 7.30 pm. St Michael's will be hosting two top-class artists from Vienna, Anna-Maria Birnbauer (Vienna State Opera) will be accompanied by Huw Rhys James (Vienna Conservatoire). Their programme comprises an attractive mix of piano music and songs by Schubert, Brahms and Korngold. If you heard Huw playing at St. Michael's in 2017, you will certainly not want to miss this opportunity to hear him again. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions; children under 15, free) from Mostly Books, Abingdon, or at the door. Free parking will be available in Park Road for this special occasion.

THY KINGDOM COME is the English Archbishops' annual call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. The church will be open on Tuesday 15 May from 10 am until 3 pm for quiet reflection, and a labyrinth activity will be available. Our circle dancing at 11 am and lunchtime Eucharist at 12.30 pm on Thursday 17 May are also highlighted as alternative ways to pray for God's kingdom to come. Offers to be in church on Tuesday 15 May on a rota system would be appreciated. Please see Sue Sheppy or Carol Bowman.

WINE TASTING AND PUDDING EVENING - 22 May 7pm in the Church Room, £8 a head. Get your tickets from Helen Owen. We are looking to borrow small tables for our bistro bar - please let Helen know if you can lend one.

TRINITY SUNDAY Parish Communion at St Helen's Church at 10am on 29 May. This will be followed by a Parish Lunch in the south aisle. There is a sign up sheet in church.

ABINGDON QUAKERS, assisted by ABCD Film Society, are showing *The Bentley Effect*, the extraordinary (but true) story of people from all walks of life who came together to defend their community in Australia and successfully defied a gas giant using non-violent, direct action. Thursday 7th June, 7.30pm at the Health and Wellbeing Centre, Radley Road. Admission by donation, £6 suggested.

WANTAGE ACADEMY BRASS CONCERT Saturday 16 June at 7pm, raising funds for TAB and TARIRO – Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe. The concert will feature a guest appearance by Our Lady's Abingdon School Band. Tickets £7, concessions £6, in advance from **Jane Duce** and Mostly Books in Stert Street, or at the door. 16 & under free.

PARISH SUMMER PROGRAMME. Leaflets are available in church.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

6th May 2018
6th Sunday of Easter

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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 6 May Easter 6

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'. The Revd Roger Williams
09.30	Family Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Dr Jane Baun, Mrs Beryl Clements
10.30	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd Mary Williamson
11.15	Mattins at St. Nicolas'. The Revd David Bevington
17.30	Vespers at St. Helen's. The Revd Dr Jane Baun

1st Reading Acts 10.44-end

Psalm 98

2nd Reading 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel John 15.9-17

Weekday services at St Michael's

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

Tues: **Said Mass** on Tuesday evenings is temporarily suspended.

Thurs: **Ascension Day. Said Mass** at 12.30, followed by a light lunch;
preceded by Circle Dancing at 11.00.

Parish Corporate Communion at St Nicolas' Church at 19.00.

The Sanctuary Lamps are sponsored from 7 to 13 May by Jenni Collins in memory of her father, Des Ellington.

Sunday 13 May Easter 7

08.00 Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'.

09.30 Sung Mass at St. Michael's.

10.30 Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.

11.15 Holy Communion at St. Nicolas'.

17.30 Taizé at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

Psalm 1

2nd Reading 1 John 5.9-13

Gospel John 17.6-19

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

13 May The Revd Paul Smith

20 May The Revd Paul Smith

27 May No Mass at St Michael's today; corporate communion at St Helen's

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

Hymns (NEH)

Opening:	Thou whose almighty word	466
Offertory:	Jesus lives! thy terrors now	112
Communion:	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	296
Communion:	Bread of heaven on thee we feed	276
Recessional:	Ye holy angels bright	475

Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ... Amen

Psalm

No psalm today.

Please pray for:

- families preparing for their children's baptisms and the recently baptised;
- people living in Bath Court, Bath Street, Bergen Avenue and Blacklands Way in our parish;
- in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the provinces of Canterbury, Kenya, North India, South America, Southern Africa and The Episcopal Church.

A prayer from 'Journey with Mary', one of the new resources this year for 'Thy Kingdom Come' the global prayer movement from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

Mary, our Mother, you stayed with the disciples in those ten long days between the Ascension and Pentecost, still patient, still pondering, still trusting in your Son. Be with us now as we remember how Jesus was taken from your sight. Be with us now as we remember his call to share our faith. Be with us now as we await his Holy Spirit. Pray with us now, 'Come Holy Spirit', 'Thy Kingdom come'.