

THE SCOUTS' POST BOX will be in church until Sunday 16 December. They will deliver your Christmas cards/letters to Abingdon, Radley and Shippon only. 25p per card.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, raising funds for the Abingdon Passion Play, are on sale in church, price £5 for a pack of 10 or £8 for two packs.

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL Choral Evensong today at 5.30 pm. The preacher will be The Revd Kevin Beer, Team Vicar in the Wallingford Team Ministry.

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALKS. The church will be open on Tuesday 11 and 18 December between 11 am and noon, and 7 pm and 8 pm. There will an opportunity to walk the labyrinth or simply to enjoy the sacred space. Material for reflection will be available on a different Advent theme each week. A short prayer will be said at the beginning and end of each session, but feel free to come and go as you please. Entry will be through the porch on the south side of the church.

OBERRAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020 & CHURCH TWINNING: Schongau, Bavaria, twinned with Abingdon, has invited 12 Christians to stay for a long weekend and attend the Passion Play from Thurs 9–Mon 13 July OR Thurs 16– Mon 20 July 2020. Contact John Clare or the parish office for more details. Deadline is **10 December**.

CribFest Festival of crib sets from around the world. All Saints' Methodist Church Appleford Drive, Saturday 15 December from 10 am to 4 pm. Donations to The Gatehouse, Oxford.

ABINGDON CONCERT BAND. *An Abingdon Christmas Carol*, 15 December from 4pm to 6pm at St Michael's. The Band's Christmas concert this year will be a re-telling of Charles Dickens' classic tale. The abridged version of the story will allow us to set the mood with seasonal music for everyone to enjoy.

EPIPHANY LUNCH. Our seasonal celebration will be a lunch at The Cosener's House on 6 January at 12.30pm, £20 for two courses including a glass of Buck's Fizz to start and coffee to finish. Booking forms are available in church, return by **16 December**.

CHURCH AWAY MORNING Saturday 19 January 9.30-12.30, concluding with a sandwich lunch until 13.30; at Christchurch Barns, Northcourt Road. A morning to look back and give thanks, and look forward to our future under God. This will be facilitated by the Revd Charles Chadwick, Parish Development Advisor for the Dorchester Archdeaconry. Members of the congregation are invited to join members of the District Church Council (DCC) for this. Numbers are limited to thirty people, so if you would like to attend please sign the list on the Noticeboard as soon as possible. Many thanks, *Fr Paul*

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

CHRISTIAN FOCUS Printed copies are available in church.

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St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

9th December 2018
2nd 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 midday on Tuesday. Telephone 522591, pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk

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

Sunday 9 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's. The Revd Professor John Barton
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/ Mrs G Bevington
11.15	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas'. The Revd Mary Williamson
17.30	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong at St Nicolas'. The Revd Paul Smith/ The Revd Kevin Beer
17.30	No evening service at St. Helen's today.
1st Reading	Malachi 3.1-4
Canticle	Benedictus
2nd Reading	Philippians 1.3-11
Gospel	Luke 3.1-6

Weekday services at St Michael's

(Morning (9.10) and Evening Prayer (17.10) at St Helen's.)

Tues:	Advent Labyrinth Walks between 11.00 and 12.00, and 19.00 and 20.00.
Thurs:	Said Mass at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; preceded by Circle Dancing at 11.00.

Sunday 16 December 3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's.
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15	'Third Sunday' at St. Nicolas'.
17.30	No evening service at St. Helen's today.
18.30	Christmas Carol Service at St. Nicolas'.
1st Reading	Zephaniah 3.14-end
Psalm	Psalm 146.4-end
2nd Reading	Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel	Luke 3.7-18

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

16 December	The Revd Paul Smith
23 December	The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
24 December	The Revd Mary Williamson (Midnight Mass)
25 December	The Revd Paul Smith (Christmas Day at 10.00 am)

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

Hymns (NEH)

Opening:	The Lord will come and not be slow	15
Offertory:	Lord, thy word abideth	407
Communion:	Lift up your heads ye mighty gates	8 (Tune 128 (ii))
Communion:	Hills of the North, rejoice	7
Recessional:	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

Canticle Benedictus

Response: He has raised up for us a mighty saviour.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel: for he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour: in the house of his servant David. **R.** Through his holy prophets he promised of old: that he would save us from our enemies from the hands of all that hate us. He promised to show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant. **R.**

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R.**

Please pray for:

- Steven and Colin our bishops; Judy, Archdeacon of Dorchester;
- all the peoples of the Yemen at this time;
- our elected politicians;
- the homeless in our community;
- the Abingdon Emergency Food Bank, the volunteers who run the food bank and the people they help;
- people in our parish living in Napier Court, Nash Drive, Neave Close and New Street.