

THANK YOU for all your cards, messages, and generous gifts at Christmas which I very much appreciate. It was a wonderful celebration of Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year as we pray for God's blessing upon us throughout 2019. With love and prayers, *Fr Paul*.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS will resume on Tuesday 8 January at 7.30pm.

DESIRING LIFE – Winter and Spring 2019. The group will be studying John Barton's book "Love Unknown – Meditations on the Life and Death of Jesus". Meetings are held in the Church Centre Lounge from 2.30pm every fortnight from Tuesday 15 January. Meetings are led by a member of the clergy team or one of the group's members. Please contact Susan Scott at St Helen's Church for more information (522960, or susan.scott21@btinternet.com).

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.

THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at 7.30 pm on Friday 25 January. We will welcome as our preacher that evening, Father Phil Ritchie, Vicar of SS Mary and John, Cowley.

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ, ST HELEN'S, Friday 25 January 2019, church opens at 7.30 pm, papers on tables 7.40 pm, first questions read 8 pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided – people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact the Parish Office (520144) to enrol teams by Monday 14 January 2019. All profits to local charity.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL will have two almshouses available around early February. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Gillian or Christine on 01235.526487 or call in at Christ's Hospital offices at 1, Station Yard.



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

6th January 2019
Epiphany

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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 6 January Epiphany

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'. The Revd David Bevington
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's. The Revd Paul Smith
10.30	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's. The Revd Mary Williamson
11.15	Mattins at St. Nicolas'. The Revd Paul Smith
17.30	Vespers at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm Psalm 72

2nd Reading Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

Weekday services at St Michael's

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

Tues: **Said Mass** at 19.30.

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

Sunday 13 January Baptism of Christ

08.00	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Nicolas'.
09.30	Sung Mass at St. Michael's.
10.30	Blessing of the Water and Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
11.15	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas'.
16.30	Epiphany Music and Readings, followed by tea at St. Helen's.

1st Reading Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalm Psalm 29

2nd Reading Acts 8.14-17

Gospel Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Clergy Rota for St Michael's

13 January	The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
20 January	The Revd Dr Charles Miller
27 January	The Revd Paul Smith

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

Hymns (Songs of Praise)

Opening:	<i>See service booklet</i>	
Gradual:	Joy to the world, the Lord has come!	154
Offertory:	O worship the Lord in beauty of holiness	68
Communion:	Infant holy, infant lowly	50
Communion:	Brightest and best are the sons of the morning	66
Recessional:	Unto us a boy is born!	62

Collect:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord... Amen

Psalm

No psalm today. The Gradual Hymn and Gospel follow the Old Testament reading.

Please pray:

- giving thanks for the revelation of the Christ Child to the whole world;
- for all the nations especially those under threat or suffering the effects of war;
- the people of Indonesia;
- the offering of our worship and our gifts to God;
- the Church Council meeting on Thursday evening;
- people in our parish living in Park Crescent, Park Road, Parsons Mead and Penlon Place.

A prayer in preparation for the Church Away Morning

Generous God, who has blessed the life of this church with your abundant gifts, renew us by those same gifts of your Spirit, that we may be filled with wisdom and understanding. May we discern your will and purpose for us at this time as we look to the future, knowing at work within us that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity, made in your image and redeemed by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen