

**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.

**THE MAGNITUDE OF MEEKNESS: Christmas for Twelve Days** by Charles Miller. A reprint is now available from the Parish office, price £9.95.

**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL** celebrations include Choral Evensong on Sunday 9 December 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 4, 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.

**JENNIFER SMALL** will be visiting Jean Hercus on Saturday 8 December and would like to meet friends from St Michael's at 14 Harding Road from 10.30 to 12.30 for a chat, coffee and a mince pie.

**OBERRAMMERS 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**.

**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. Please also pray for this event for which we will prepare at the start of our New Year. Many thanks, *Fr Paul*

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



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

<b>Team Rector:</b>	<b>The Revd Dr Charles Miller</b>	<b>(520144)</b>
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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](mailto:pewleaflet@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk)**

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

## Sunday 2 December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

<b>08.00</b>	Holy Communion (1662) at St. Helen's.
<b>09.30</b>	Family Mass at St. Michael's.
<b>10.30</b>	Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's.
<b>11.15</b>	Matins at St. Nicolas'.
<b>17.30</b>	Service of Advent readings and music at St. Helen's.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Jeremiah 33.14-16
<b>Psalm</b>	25.1-9
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	1 Thessalonians 3.9-end
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 21.25-36

### Weekday services at St Michael's

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

<b>Tues:</b>	<b>Advent Labyrinth Walks</b> between 11.00 and 12.00, and 19.00 and 20.00.
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>Said Mass</b> at 12.30, followed by a light lunch; preceded by Moving into Stillness at 9.45 and Circle Dancing at 11.00.

**The Sanctuary Lamps** are sponsored from 3 to 9 December by Jenni Collins in memory of her mother, Kath Ellington.

## Sunday 9 December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>	Holy Communion at St. Nicolas'.
<b>17.30</b>	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong at St Nicolas'.
<b>17.30</b>	No evening service at St. Helen's today.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Malachi 3.1-4
<b>Canticle</b>	Benedictus
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Philippians 1.3-11
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3.1-6

### Clergy Rota for St Michael's

9 December	The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
16 December	The Revd Paul Smith
23 December	The Revd Paul Smith/ Mrs Beryl Clements
24 December	The Revd Mary Williamson
25 December	The Revd Paul Smith

<b>Mass will be preceded by a welcome and a short period of silence</b>
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### **Hymns (SOP)**

<b>Opening:</b>	Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling	41
<b>Offertory:</b>	Lo! He comes with clouds descending	34
<b>Communion:</b>	People, look east. The time is near	38
<b>Communion:</b>	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	30
<b>Recessional:</b>	O for a heart to praise my God	310

### **Collect:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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### **Psalm**

**No psalm today**

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### **Please pray for:**

- families preparing for the baptism of their children;
- our keeping of the Advent Season, in preparation for Christmas;
- a spirit of waiting and watchfulness in our daily lives;
- our politicians;
- Christ Church Oxford, the clergy and other staff of the college and cathedral;
- people in our parish living in Mill Road, Mill Stream Court, Mons Way and Mullard Way.