



St HELEN'S CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

You can contact the Parish Administrator by email or phone 01235 520144 or 07395 943957 from Monday – Thursday, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm (closed on Fridays); please observe COVID protocols and sign in when you visit.

For your thoughts and prayers:

- The Bishop of the Armed Forces and the chaplains who serve under him;
- All who work to maintain national security – for forward-thinking, restraint, wisdom;
- All churches (and their congregations) dedicated to St Martin of Tours;
- The Catholic Church in France of whom St Martin is a patron saint.

Please pray for the residents of: Masefield Crescent, Mayott's Road, Meadowside, Meadowside Court.

For intercessory prayer requests contact clairebolton@googlemail.com.

For health & wellbeing: Connie Tait, Barbara Mazey, Ken Chapman, Anne Benad, Mary Barton, Sue Hartley, Chris Bayliss, Bill Burnett, Sue Phipps, Ann Moss, Linda Brewer, Thea Murphy, Janet Perry, Nancy McLellan, Edward Lord, Janet and Jeff Dale.

Next week's Readings: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.13-37

Team Rector	The Revd Dr Charles Miller
Team Vicar	The Revd Paul Smith
Associate Priests	The Revd Jennifer Brown (on sabbatical) The Revd Canon Charles Mashedier
Licensed Lay Minister	Mrs Gwen Bevington
Wardens	Mrs Linda Hobbs and Dr Geoff Meen
Director of Music	Dr Peter Foster
Assistant Organist	Mr Andrew Shouler
Parish Administrator	Mrs Jackie Cunningham
Caretaker	Mr Robin Day

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A copy of this Newsletter is posted regularly on our website.

Sunday 14th November, 2021

2nd Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Last year's customary Remembrance Sunday commemoration in church did not take place. Today we mark this important autumnal event but we do so in a simpler way. Our Town Councillors have decided that their safest course is *not* to gather indoors, so only the outdoor service at the War Memorial will include civic officers and guests. I hope you will join in that outdoor witness just before 11 o'clock this morning once the church service is ended.

Our church service today at **10** a.m. is much like the usual morning service on Remembrance Sunday though there is no presentation of standards, etc., and the scripture reading is one appointed for the Remembrance Sunday commemorative service. Our regular Sung Eucharist will be celebrated at **5.30** p.m. this afternoon.

Armistice Day, November 11th is also the feast of St Martin of Tours (d. 397). If you've travelled in France you will know how many churches are dedicated to St Martin. Indeed from the fifth century of the Christian era onward he became widely popular throughout Europe. He became a Christian catechumen early in life but delayed baptism until after a career as a soldier. He then joined St Hilary of Poitiers to found the first monastery in Gaul (Ligugé) and then, as Bishop of Tours, set-up the rudiments of what would become the parochial system in France, whence it spread through Christian Europe and England.

Welcome back...

...to our Associate Priest Jen Brown whose sabbatical leave ends. Jen will return to active ministry in the parish beginning next Sunday. We pray that it has been both a refreshing and productive time for Jen.

(The Revd Dr) Charles Miller

WELCOME to St Helen's today. The Remembrance Day Service takes place at 10am. *Sung Eucharist* takes place at 5.30pm.

FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Sung Eucharist at 5.30pm

Readings: Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8

Service setting: Archer, Lincoln Setting

Anthem: Wesley, Lead me Lord

Hymns:

Introit: 457 Hark my soul, it is the Lord

Gradual: 547 Oft in danger, oft in woe

Offertory: 563 Rejoice the Lord is King

Post Communion: 390 Blessed assurance

Psalm: 16

Response: *In your presence is the fullness of Joy*

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.

Response

For you will not give me over to the power of death;
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Response

Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THIS COMING WEEK AT ST HELEN'S

WEEKDAYS *Morning Prayer* is said at 9.10 am in the Lady Chapel

ON WEDNESDAY *Holy Communion* will be in the Centre Hall at 10.30 am.

NOTICES

St. Helen's Christmas Market, Sat 27th Nov, 10.00 am to 2.30 pm. We will hold a market again this year to raise funds for the church and to offer a welcome to all. Book the date now! We need helpers to man stalls, buyers and quality goods to sell. Look out for more details over the coming weeks, but if you can help in any way, please let Margaret Horton know: margaret_r_horton@yahoo.co.uk 01235 528813

Senior Quest starting 28th November Calling all older 'young people'! We would like to start a Senior Quest for teenagers from about the age of 14 upwards, to meet during the service (leaving after the Gospel reading) in the Vestry. It will meet on the last Sunday of each month, starting 28th November and will look at all kinds of ethical questions and beliefs, and discuss the Christian viewpoint. For more information, please contact Margaret Horton, margaret_r_horton@yahoo.co.uk 01235 528813

The November issue of the Parish Magazine (issue 9) is available to download from here: <http://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/DNR/window.php>

Mondays 9.30 – 10.30 am. St Helen's Baby and Toddler Group meets in the Parish Centre, using both inside and

outside space. We welcome anyone and their babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Please email bandt.sainthelens@gmail.com to find out more. We are still keeping numbers to a safe level, but do all we can to offer a place to those who would like to join this group.

Jesse Tree - Some help is requested to assemble the Jesse Tree/Christmas Tree from 10 am on Tuesday 23rd November in the south aisle. Please let Norman Dawson or Susan Scott know if you can help.

St Nicolas' is hoping to hold its annual Christmas meal this year at Cosners House on the 5th December. The cost of the traditional meal will be approx £30.

If anybody is interested please contact the Parish Centre office or Linda Hobbs asap as numbers must be confirmed with Cosners by the end of the month to allow for sole use of the room.

Minutes and the Team Rector's report from the PCC meeting which took place on 15th September, have been posted on the notice board in the vestibule outside the Parish Centre office.