

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 :

- All congregations and churches dedicated to St Mark the Evangelist;
- The more than ten million Christians in Egypt whose witness since apostolic times stems from the apostolic labour of St Mark in what is now the city of Alexandria;
- The Anglican-Oriental Churches Dialogue
- The staff and students of Keble College, Oxford, whose foundation day is the Feast of St Mark (April 25th)

For intercessory prayer requests contact clairembolton@googlemail.com.

Please pray for the residents of Virginia Way, Wallace Close, Wellesbourne Close, West Quay.

For health & wellbeing: Connie Tait, Barbara Mazey, Janet and Ken Chapman, Anne Benad, Margaret Brooks, Mary Barton, Sue Hartley, Chris Bayliss, Bill Burnett, Sue Phipps, Eleanor Robinson (outside Parish), Mary Blanks, Ann Moss, Linda Brewer, Thea Murphy, Frank Peirson, Janet Perry, Nancy McLellan.

Next Week's Readings: Acts 8:26-end; 1 John 4:7-end; John 15: 1-8.

Team Rector	The Revd Dr Charles Miller
Team Vicar	The Revd Paul Smith
Associate Priests	The Revd Jennifer Brown
Licensed Lay Minister	The Revd Canon Charles Masheder
Wardens	Mrs Gwen Bevington
Director of Music	Mrs Linda Hobbs and Dr Geoff Meen
Assistant Organist	Dr Peter Foster
Parish Administrator	Mr Andrew Shouler
Caretaker	Mrs Jenny Balshaw
	Mr Philip Atkinson

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



St HELEN'S CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

25th April 2021

St Mark, Evangelist

As Eastertide proceeds apace we find ourselves on the brink of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The two meetings happen “back-to-back”, first, to elect the churchwardens, and then to conduct statutory business, including acceptance of the parish accounts. Handling parish-wide accounts is in transition at a number of levels, including saying a big “thank you” to our long-standing parish treasurer, Dr Andrew Birks, who steps down from the role after several decades of service. Our own treasurer, Susan Read, has offered herself for election to the role by the new PCC; Susan has been working hard behind the scenes to stream-line and coordinate our parish bookkeeping and accounting. This time next year we should have a new system in place to make financial oversight by the PCC more regular and effective.

The APCM will take place via Zoom this Thursday at 7 pm. Please refer to the Zoom link inside this *Newsletter* to participate in the meeting. I hope to ‘see’ you there.

I want to thank in advance the PCC Secretary, Eluned Hallas (St Nicolas), and outgoing churchwardens Paul Rast-Lindsell, Andrew Coker (St Nicolas) and Peter Squire (St Michael & All Angels) for their offerings of time and talent in service of our common life in the Body of Christ.

The Revd Dr Charles Miller, Team Rector

WELCOME to St Helen's today, St Mark, Evangelist. *Holy Communion (BCP)* is at 8.00 am. The *Eucharist* is at 10.30 am and can also be accessed on Zoom from 10.15am on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86551596523?pwd=UkV0RDA3TE5GSnJxRHNBNU1U2emFoUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 5159 652; Passcode: 626891
A recording will also be available on the website.
There will be NO evening service.

FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Readings: Acts 15: 35-end
Ephesians 4: 7-16
Mark 13: 5-13

Collect: Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THIS COMING WEEK AT ST HELEN'S

There will be no Morning Prayer.

ON WEDNESDAY *Holy Communion* will be in the South aisle at 10.30 am.

NEXT SUNDAY *Holy Communion* will be at 8.00 am in St Nicolas' Church. *Faith Forum* will be on Zoom at 9.15am. The talk will be given by The Revd Paul Smith: *Thinking about the healing miracles of the gospels in the light of disability.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409117049?pwd=ZHNBdXRac0U5VWpI0XNZFprSUYwUT09;>

Meeting ID: 824 0911 7049 Passcode: 779716.
The *Eucharist* will be in church at 10.30 am.

NOTICES

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER. St Helen's Church is open from 11am to 1pm for private prayer on Tuesdays during April, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays during May.

ADVANCE BOOKING FOR SERVICES.

Wednesday Eucharist at 10.30am in the South aisle. No need to book in advance.

8 o'clock Holy Communion (BCP). To reserve a place for this service please contact Peter Penfold papenfold@aol.co.uk or Jan Lawrence jil129@outlook.com.

Advance booking is still required for all other services via the Parish office; services will also be available on the website

<https://www.abingdon-st-helens.org.uk/>.

SILENT REFLECTIONS on Tuesday 27 April will be held in St Michael's Church, entry by the north door by Albert Park. To BOOK text Sue on 07786736226. Masks must be worn and hand sanitisers will be available. Chairs will be 2 metres apart round the labyrinth. Sue Sheppy will introduce the theme *What brings you to your knees?* A copy will still be emailed to all those on our list, and available from St Michael's website. If you can, print off your own copy to bring; copies will be available in church. Labyrinth walks will be possible one at a time.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place by Zoom on Thursday 29th April at 7.00 pm. The zoom link for Thursday is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98025260189?pwd=eU9ENkdmZk9lanFEN2orSGdENm5uQT09>

Meeting ID: 980 2526 0189; Passcode: 395415.
Papers will be available on the website or contact the Parish Office.

FRIENDS OF ST HELEN [FOSH] stall is now open again, at the back of church. If you are looking for cards there is a good selection for special occasions. Have a look.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

The Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames has a vacancy for a senior administrative position. The post will be part time, hours to be agreed with the Rector.

The post requires a variety of skills to enable support for the three parish churches, clergy team and lay church officers. Please contact the Parish office administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk for more information and application details.

Deadline for applications: 5th May 2021

PARISH OFFICE. The Parish office is now open again Mondays to Thursdays, 10am-1pm and other times by arrangement. When the office is closed (Fridays until further notice) contact the Revd Canon Charles Masheder on 01235 520959 for any urgent pastoral issues.

NEW BISHOP OF DORCHESTER

Gavin Collinson, the new Bishop of Dorchester, was consecrated at Lambeth Palace in a small service conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Please keep Bishop Gavin and his family in your prayers as his Episcopal ministry begins. We look forward to welcoming him to our Parish on a suitable occasion.

GAZEBO NEEDED for a small wedding reception at St Helen's on 15th May. Please contact Linda Hobbs tel: 01235 529725 or the Parish office if you can help.