



St HELEN'S CHURCH
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

Sunday 7th June, 2026

Trinity 1

Eucharist

The Eucharist, (Holy Communion) is the central sacrament of Christian worship; a profound sign of spiritual union with Christ, bringing together the family of God as one body in Christ.

Jesus commanded His disciples, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Each week, we gather as Christians together, to celebrate the Eucharist; we remember the Last Supper as Jesus broke and blessed bread with His disciples.

As we consume the consecrated bread and wine, (the Body and Blood of Christ), we are each remembering Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. He died that our sins might be forgiven, and we give thanks to God for all He has given us in the gift of His beloved Son.

To share the eucharistic meal with fellow Christians is a privilege. God invites each believer to share in this heavenly banquet; all are welcome to the Lord's table, all will be fed, loved, and forgiven, spiritually nourished by His risen life today.

We pray that all Christians be free to celebrate the Eucharist without fear of persecution or violence.

As we leave each service of Holy Communion, we are sent out to live, serve, and work to the praise and glory of God. We are sustained and empowered to share Christ's love, with family, friends and all whom we meet, to continue Christ's work and mission in the world.

Linda Hobbs L.L.M.

WELCOME to St Helen's this Sunday. 8.00am *Holy Communion (1662)*; 10.30am *Sung Eucharist with Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child and Baptismal Welcome*. The 10.30am service at St Helen's today can be accessed on Zoom from 10.15am on: Meeting ID: 865 5159 6523; Passcode: 626891.

FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Readings: Romans 4.13-end, Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Service Setting: Aston

Hymns:

Processional: SP 249 O Lord my God

Gradual: SP 153 From heaven you came

Offertory: SP 171 Will you come and follow me

Anthem: Chilcott, *Just as I am*

Post communion: SP 156 Go to the world

Collect: God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your son. **Amen.**

THE COMING WEEK AT ST HELEN'S

ON WEEKDAYS 9.10am *Morning Prayer*

ON MONDAY 9.30–11.00am *Babies & Toddlers* in the centre hall
2.30pm *Funeral of Peter Cannon-Brookes*. *All are welcome.*
7.00pm *Circle Dancing* in the centre hall

ON TUESDAY 5.00–8.30pm *Private booking* in the centre hall

ON WEDNESDAY 10.30am *Holy Communion*
5.15–6.15pm *Beavers* 6.30–8.00pm *Cubs* in the centre hall

ON THURSDAY 6.15–8.00pm *Private booking* in the centre hall
7.15pm *ADMS rehearsal* in the church

ON FRIDAY 2.00–4.00pm *Abingdon School Yr 7 visit* in the church
5.00pm *Young Ringers Practice* in the church
5.30pm *Choir Practice* in the church

ON SATURDAY 7.30pm *Concert (and afternoon rehearsal)* in church

ON SUNDAY 8.00am *Holy Communion (1662)*; 10.30am *Sung Eucharist*;
5.30pm *Taizé*

PROGRAMMES, EVENTS & NOTICES

A survey of plant and animal life, Tuesday 9th June, 6.30 – 8.30pm in the St Helen's churchyard, weather permitting. This is to mark the 'Churches Count on nature' week and it is a baseline from which to think about biodiversity. If you are interested, make yourself known to Rob Rutherford or Geoff Meen.

ADMS perform Haydn's *Creation*, Saturday 13th June, 7.30pm at St Helen's church. Tickets are available via www.wegotickets.com/ADMS or on the door.

Colin and Val Casemore would be delighted if you would join them in the South Aisle after the service on **Sunday 14th June** for Prosecco and Cake in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Book Sale & Coffee Morning, Saturday 20th June 10.00am-12.00 noon at St Nicolas church

Les Miserables, 24th – 27th June, at Oxford High School. A production conducted by our own Peter Foster. Tickets available <https://oxfordhigh.gdst.net/our-community/our-events/>

Albert Park Singers Summer Concert, Friday 26th June 7.00 pm at St Michael's Church. Join us for an evening of choral favourites from West End Shows to traditional folk songs. Free entry and refreshments, donations to Sobell House and St Michael's Church

Faith Forum, Sunday 28th June, 12.45pm in the parish centre. Fr AKMA will speak on the use of symbol in the liturgy.

Time Out for Parents - The Primary Years – A course from Care for the Family Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30pm, 4, 11, 18, 25 June, 9 and 16 July at Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon. A course designed to help negotiate the early years and build strong family relationships. Open to all parents and carers of primary age children. For booking and more information visit the website: <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community>

Open Church Stewarding. If you could do this to support the outreach of St Helen's church, please talk to Elizabeth Simpson, or email on simpsonem123@gmail.com. With thanks.

The funeral of Loelia Lyon will take place at South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 3.00 pm on Friday 19th June 2026

Status of Team Vicar Recruitment: Shortlisting for the post of Team Vicar took place on Monday 1st June. From the applications received, we were able to shortlist candidates for interview. Interviews will take place on 29th June. Please continue to keep the process of finding our next Team Vicar in your prayers.

Intercessory prayer requests to clairembolton@googlemail.com.

For your thoughts and prayers

- For all affected by war
- That all Christians should feel free to worship without fear of persecution
- For all affected by economic pressures
- For Foodbanks everywhere, pray that donations continue to support the needy
- The homeless, the destitute, all who society forgets

Please pray for the residents of Yewtree Mews, Ypres Way.

For health, consolation & wellbeing: Sarah Stevens, Katie Stuart, Alli, David, Anne Smithson, Vanessa Madden, Louise Siddle, Annelise Dennis, Ann & Ron Moss.

Next week's readings: Exodus 19.2-8a; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8

Team Rector	The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown rector@abingdonparish.org.uk
Team Vicar	Vacant
Associate Priest	The Revd Dr A. K. M. Adam (AKMA) akma@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk
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Director of Music	Dr Peter Foster
Assistant Organist	Mr Andrew Shouler
Parish Administrator	Mrs Kate Burland
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The **Parish Office** is open Monday – Thursday, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm (closed on Fridays).

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