



St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

20th October 2024

Luke the Evangelist / 21st Sunday after Trinity

Regular Service Times

Sundays: Sung Mass, 9.30 am
Tuesdays: Silent Reflections, last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm (except December)
Thursdays: Said Mass, 12.30 pm
Moving into Stillness, Taizé circle dancing with silent interludes, usually first Thursday of the month, 9.45 am to 10.45 am.

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Items for inclusion in the next pew leaflet to be sent to David Duce by midday on Tuesday.
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[*for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals please contact the Parish Office]

Dear Friends

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Luke, Apostle and Evangelist, transferred from Friday of last week. As well as he is believed to be the writer of the gospel which bears his name, St Paul, in writing to Timothy, called Luke 'the beloved physician'. Today's Collect refers to Luke as a 'physician of the soul'. Luke has long been associated with the ministry of healing in the church. It is good that we have generally got further in understanding that healing is not about the body alone, but about the whole person 'body, mind and spirit', and that healing can come to us in many ways.

As the church remembers St Luke it also uses his Feast Day to teach and exercise its healing ministry. That is why today, following the distribution of Holy Communion, there will be an opportunity for you to receive, if you wish, the laying-on-of-hands and sacrament of anointing of the sick with the oil blessed by the bishop on Maundy Thursday for this purpose. You may wish to come, asking for prayer for yourself or for someone else.

If you wish to receive this sacrament, then once you have received Holy Communion, please make your way to the North Aisle, where I will be beside the Blessed Sacrament to pray with you and administer the anointing. This week Holy Communion will be distributed, therefore, by two lay assistants – Beryl will be distributing the host, and Gill will be administering the chalice. Please receive your Holy Communion in the normal way. If you do not wish to receive the ministry of healing then simply return to your place in the usual way.

The ministry of healing is sometimes under-used by the church and there can be a lack of understanding around it. I would like to take the opportunity here to make clear that it is a ministry which anyone can access at any time. Please to speak with me if you feel that this is something you would benefit from and I would be happy to offer this ministry to you.

May St Luke pray with us and for us especially as we seek God's healing in every part of our lives.

With love and prayers, Father Paul

ABINGDON MARATHON will take place on **Sunday 20 October**. Some road closures are planned for the start of the marathon and in other places stop/go boards will be used to ensure the runners can run in safety. This might affect journeys to church from some locations. Details can be found at:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-major-projects/Notice-AbingdonMarathon_0.pdf

<https://www.abingdonmarathon.org.uk/race-information>

ALL SOULS' DAY Saturday 2 November, 12 pm. As we remember our loved ones, and those who have died in the past year, there will be a Mass to pray for all the faithful departed. Keith Bowman is collating the list of people to be remembered. There will be a list in church from **Sunday, 20 October**, do please add names to this as soon as possible. For logistical reasons we ask that names be provided by **Sunday 27 October** at the latest. If you are not able to come to church, please give names to Keith either by email keithdm.bowman@btinternet.com or phone 01235 528962.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST HELEN'S CHURCH

St Helen's will live-stream their 10.30 am Eucharist through Zoom. The Zoom link is available from the Parish Administrator. A recording of the sermon (audio and video) will be made available after the service on the St Helen's web site (https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_publications.html).

MORNING PRAYER is normally held at 9.10 am on weekdays at St Helen's Church.

THE REVD DR CHARLES MILLER will preside and preach at his final service prior to retirement on All Saints' Sunday, **3 November in St Helen's Church at 3 pm**. Simple refreshments will follow the service. There will be no other services in the parish that day. All are invited to attend.

Bakers Can anyone please bake a cake to be served after the service? If so, please it bring along already sliced and on one of your own plates, for ease of serving. Please cover with cling film or foil and hand in to the servery on arrival. Please put your name on your plate, if you are unable to claim at end of the afternoon.

PEW LEAFLET 27 OCTOBER / 3 NOVEMBER Because there will be no Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 3 November, the pew leaflet for **27 October** will be a double issue covering the period **27 October to 10 November**. Please send all items for inclusion in this issue to David Duce by midday on **Tuesday 22 October**. If, as expected, there is an issue of *TEAMWord* on 3 November, the editor will submit relevant items to that publication.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2024 Thank you again to everyone who sponsored us. The total money raised was £361, half of which will come to St Michael's. We have noticed on the sponsor form that the box headed 'Gift Aid? (v)' has not been ticked by many people. If you are a UK taxpayer and you would like *Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust* to reclaim tax on your donation (i.e. 25p of tax on every £1 that has been given) please can you let *Nicola or Louise* know by email as soon as possible providing your address and postcode. Thank you. Nicola: nicolafng@aol.com
Louise: lheff@stmichaels-abingdon.org.uk

FAITH FORUM The second talk in this series on *Engaging with the Bible*, was given by Fr Patrick Goujon from Campion Hall, Oxford. Fr Patrick spoke about Ignatian reading of scripture. A recording of the talk is available on the Faith Forum web page, https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_faith_forum.html.

MUSIC AT ST MICHAEL'S You are warmly invited to the second concert of our Autumn season: on **Sunday 20 October at 3 pm. Pavlova Winds**, a much-loved local ensemble, will be performing music by Holst and Hindemith. Tickets at £12/£10, accompanied children under 16 free. Available at the door or from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTWT>. Free parking and refreshments available. Proceeds to church funds. Generously sponsored by *Creative Drives (Oxford) Ltd*.

VINCENT STRUDWICK LECTURE Some readers might be interested in this year's Vincent Strudwick Lecture, "Imagine the world to be different": the Church as an agent of change? This year's lecturer is the Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Piccadilly in London, and a regular broadcaster on the BBC including Radio 4's Thought for the Day. The lecture will be given in Kellogg College University of Oxford on **Monday 28 October from 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm**. To book for the event (no charge) and for further details, please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/imagine-the-world-to-be-different-the-church-as-an-agent-of-change-tickets-1012823842377?aff=oddtcreator>

Canon Vincent Strudwick is an Emeritus Fellow of Kellogg College. He was Principal St Albans & Oxford Ordination Course 1988 – 1997 and Director of Education and Training in the Diocese of Oxford 1981 – 1988.

SILENT REFLECTIONS will be held on **Tuesday 29 October at 7.30 pm**. Rosalind Rutherford will provide material for our reflections on the theme: *Psalm 1: Delighting in the law of the Lord* and there will be the opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Final prayers will be at 8.30 pm and refreshments will be available. We meet initially in the church room. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

MOVING INTO STILLNESS circle dancing to Taizé music with silent interludes on **Thursday 7 November** in the church room from **9.45 – 10.45 am** before the regular circle dancing session at 11 am (now on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month only). Elizabeth Mitchell will be the teacher. No prior experience/partner needed. Tea and coffee will be provided.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair on **Saturday 9 November from 10am until 2 pm**. There will be an exciting range of craft and gift stalls plus a raffle with generous prizes. Cakes, bottles, books, plants and bric-a-brac will be on sale and there will be live music and activities for children. Free parking and refreshments available including our favourite bacon butties. All welcome. Proceeds to church funds and local charity *Flexicare (Oxford & Abingdon)*. Event generously sponsored by Breckon & Breckon.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of stalls including cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, raffle, bottles, books, and our usual refreshments. Any unwanted bric-a-brac, books, puzzles and games can be placed at the back of the church. Bottles of all varieties will be most welcome for our Tombola stall. Donations of cakes will be welcome for sale on our cakes stall. The church will be open from **2pm on Friday 8 November** for setting up stalls. We would be grateful if anyone can lend us picnic tables for the refreshments area.

Please contact **Joyce, Louise or Nicola** if you wish to help at our biggest fundraising event of the year. Thank you.

ABINGDON SCHOOL CONCERTS The School will be holding two concerts in church in November.

Remembrance Concert Sunday 10 November at 7 pm Fauré's Requiem will be performed by pupils, staff, and OAs. The first half will feature a number of choral items and chamber music. The concert is **free** but please **book tickets** through the Abingdon School website and go to What's on/Events and Online Booking. The direct link is: <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/remembrance-concert-faure-requiem/>

The School will also be holding a concert on the **22 November at 7 pm. The Joint Chamber Choir** will give a recital of both sacred and secular choral music. Tickets should be booked as above but are free. The direct booking link is: <https://www.abingdon.org.uk/sports-and-leisure/performance/joint-chamber-choir-concert/>

Refreshments will be served in aid of St Michaels, if anyone can help on either night, please contact **Joyce**.

RETREAT *Discovering the Sacred in Daily Life: The Monastic Way to Happiness and Holiness* Weekend Silent Retreat, organised by the School of Contemplative Life, at St. Mary's Convent, OX12 9AU, **Friday 8 November to Sunday 10 November**. "In this experiential retreat, we'll explore how living within a monastic wisdom framework - St. Benedict's 'little Rule for beginners' - can help us become aware of our immersion in God, discover grace in the seemingly mundane and live our ordinary life in a way that makes room for the extraordinary." For more information please see:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theschoolofcontemplativelife/1397397>
(from diocesan e-News, 27 September).

PRE-ADVENT QUIET DAY Ripon College, Cuddesdon, **10.00 am to 3.30 pm on Saturday 30 November** "Wilderness, Watching and Waiting" offers a serene, reflective day inspired by the spirit of Advent. This tranquil experience invites you to step into a peaceful space where poetry, music, and personal reflections guide your heart and mind. As you watch and wait in the stillness, you'll have opportunities to engage in creative activities, allowing for self-expression and contemplation. Whether through writing, drawing, or simply being, this day is a gentle pause to reconnect with yourself, your surroundings and the deeper meaning of the season. Let the quietness nurture your soul.

The day will be led by Revd Prebendary Jane Haslam, Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester who has a specific interest in Christian Spirituality, with a post graduate diploma in the subject from Sarum College. She is also trained Spiritual Director and has led several quiet days. The event is Free. For more details and booking, please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wilderness-watching-and-waiting-tickets-1043550396327>

CiA NEWS A printed copy of the **October issue** is now on display on the notice board by the Welcome desk. This includes an announcement that the *Inter-church Quiz* during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2025 will be held on **Friday 24 January 2025** at Abingdon Baptist Church.

PATHWAYS Printed copies of the Autumn 2024 issue of the Diocesan magazine are available at the back of church. It is also available on-line <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW Do download the October Magazine if you haven't yet!

https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php (Earlier issues are also available via this link.) Do contact us if you have ideas for November. We hope to publish on 10 November so copy needed by 3 November.

Rob Rutherford

Worship

October The celebrant and preachers during October (the limit of the current clergy rota) are: 20 October Fr Paul/ Mrs Beryl Clements; 27 October Fr Paul.

On Sunday we celebrate the festival of Luke the Evangelist, transferred from Friday 18 October. Commemorations include Friday: Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c. 287; Saturday: Alfred, king, scholar, 899 and Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664.

Cedd was born in Northumbria in the late sixth century. He joined the monastery of Lindisfarne where he served for many years. Sometime later he was sent with another priest to Essex. They landed at Bradwell and found the ruins of a Roman fort. They probably first built a wooden chapel, but with so much stone in the area this was replaced with the chapel that survives to this day (after as one would expect extensions and restorations). Holy Communion is celebrated in the chapel on the last Thursday of every month and there is also an annual pilgrimage to the site. There will be a service in the chapel for St Cedd's Day with the Bishop of Bradwell in Chelmsford Diocese (The Rt Revd Adam Atkinson). Readers with internet access might like to view the chapel's web site

<https://www.bradwellchapel.org/>.

After returning to Lindisfarne, Cedd was consecrated bishop of the East Saxons and he returned to the province to carry on the work he had started. He also had responsibility for the monastery at Lastingham on the southern edge of the North York Moors National Park. He contracted the plague during a visit to the monastery after attending the Synod of Whitby, became ill and died. He was buried initially outside the walls of the monastery but after a church had been built to honour the Mother of God his body was reburied in the church. From the web site of Lastingham Benefice, concerning the Chapel at Bradwell:

There is a pleasant solemnity about the interior of this small chapel. The beauty is in the empty space and the bare walls. The only decoration is a crucifix high up on the wall behind the altar. Otherwise, just blank stone walls and stone flag floor, splendid plain oak benches and the beautiful, undressed stone altar. With very little adornment and perhaps just how churches would have been in the 7th century.

The altar was consecrated in 1985 by the Bishop of Chelmsford and the Bishop of Brentwood. The three stones set into the supporting pillar represent the three other communities involved in St Cedd's ministry. The one on the left is from Lindisfarne, where St Cedd was trained by St Aidan. The centre one is from Iona, the Celtic mission founded by St Columba and from where St Aidan was sent to Lindisfarne. The stone on the right came from our church here in Lastingham, where Cedd came to build the monastery.

Source: <https://www.lastinghamparishchurch.org.uk/about-us/>

Sundays after Trinity This Sunday is the 21st Sunday after Trinity. It is a while since there was a 21st Sunday after Trinity, a consequence of the very early date of Easter this year. Next Sunday, 27 October, we will keep the Last Sunday after Trinity. The maximum number of Sundays after Trinity, including the last, is 23 and if there are 23 then the provision for the Third Sunday before Lent is used on the 22nd Sunday as that would not have been used earlier in Ordinary Time.

Liturgical Resources for Black History Month (October) From Liturgical Resources for Black History Month:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/liturgical-resources-black-history-month>

The resources include a lament:

God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that was used to justify the theft of native lands and the enslavement of your people. From this sin, we ask for deliverance.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

Touch hearts that have been shrivelled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know you without being committed to justice for all people.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

In your mercy, help us mourn the divisions among the body of your Son, and work for healing in the places where we gather to worship you.

All Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

As we name and unlearn the habits of racism, discrimination, and prejudice, give us grace to draw deeply from the witness of the movements that have always resisted injustice in the power of your Spirit.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge and inspire us today. Give us grace to follow them to freedom.

Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in your mercy, set us free.

A Collect for Black History Month:

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ

to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,

create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,

to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others

as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Prayer for the Peace of the World (Church of England)

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:

kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace

and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth

that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,

till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Please pray for:

- Steven and Gavin our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- for the church's ministry of healing, both in teaching and practice, and all those who come in their need for prayer;
- King Charles, Her Majesty Queen Camilla, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the royal family;
- our government, the opposition and all who serve in public office;
- the gift of peace for the world, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Syria;
- the people of the United States in the last preparations for election of a new president;
- the people of Florida, and especially Tampa Bay, following the impact of Hurricane Milton;
- all those working to reduce the impact of Climate Change and to promote the care of the environment and for our own response in this parish;
- Charles, our Team Rector, as he prepares for retirement, and for his final weeks of ministry in the parish;
- all Churchwardens of the parish, Fr Paul, Fr AKMA, the Revd Dr Jen Brown, and all our Honorary Assistant Clergy, and LLM's as we prepare to enter the forthcoming interregnum;
- Fr Paul, AKMA, and all wardens of the parish meeting with the Archdeacon on Monday evening for a pre-vacancy meeting where the day-to-day running of the parish during the interregnum will be discussed and other matters relating to preparation of the Parish Profile for the appointment of a new Team Rector;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- residents and staff of care homes in the parish, especially Bridge House and Old Station House;
- all who have recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in Ock Mews, Ock Mill Close, Ock Street and Old Station Yard.

Eucharistic Lectionary

Sun Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35.3-6	Ps 147.1-7	2 Timothy 4.5-17	Luke 10.1-9
Mon	Ephesians 2.1-10	Ps 100		Luke 12.13-21
Tues	Ephesians 2.12-end	Ps 85.7-end		Luke 12.35-38
Wed	Ephesians 3.2-12	Ps 98		Luke 12.39-48
Thur	Ephesians 3.14-end	Ps 33.1-6		Luke 12.49-53
Fri	Ephesians 4.1-6	Ps 24.1-6		Luke 12.54-end
Sat	Ephesians 4.7-16	Ps 122		Luke 13.1-9

Collect (Luke the Evangelist)

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Post Communion (Luke the Evangelist)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect (21st Sunday after Trinity)

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

Some On-line Resources for Worship

A Church Near You Live Streamed events

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream&diocese=27

Parish Communications and Links

http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html

St Michael's Prayer and Worship resources page

https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM_worship_resources.html

Oxford Cathedral: Livestream events will appear on the cathedral's YouTube channel, see

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZJAPGtje0gQbbg>.

The University Church of St Mary the Virgin (Oxford) live stream services on YouTube, see

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityChurch/featured>

Community of the Resurrection: live streaming and recordings of the community's daily round of prayer and praise

<https://www.facebook.com/Join-with-us-103095121647089>. Details of services can be found at the facebook page and also at the Community web site, <https://mirfield.org.uk/live-streaming/>. On Sundays Mass starts around 8.10 am, after Matins at 7.30 am.