



# St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Harvest Thanksgiving / 16<sup>th</sup> 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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### **We welcome Fr AKMA to celebrate and preach at Mass today**

Although we are celebrating Harvest Festival here today – and thank you to Fr AKMA for celebrating and preaching. It being my last Sunday in the parish, I have written the following as my final letter in all pewleaflets in our churches:

#### **‘A Realistic Faith’**

The kind of faith that lets you get on with what you are therefore is revealed in the opening chapter of Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy (2 Timothy 1.1-14) [read in churches keeping this Sunday as the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity].

Timothy’s faith was a family heirloom. When he got anything right, others typically got the credit: ‘that was his mother Eunice’s influence’; or ‘that was because he was a disciple of Paul’. Yet Timothy was under no illusion about faith: he knew it was no painkiller or lifesaver. He guarded it as treasure as Paul requested. (1.14)

Hoping it may go on longer, I am usually the last to leave a party. This week I have to leave a party, as I retire, bidding farewell to this wonderful town and parish. I know just how much I shall miss you, and what I shall miss.

On Thursday evening I shall preside at the Eucharist here for the last time as we gather at 7 pm, as a whole parish, with other friends and guests. It will be the time of Goodbyes; not something I enjoy. But I hope at its heart shall be the celebration and rejoicing that God has enabled me to serve him for 25 years in ordained ministry, fifteen of them here in Abingdon.

I hope I have been more faithful than successful, with a faith a bit like Timothy’s, to enable me to get on with what is needed. I hope I have shown that faith is not a reliable analgesic, but instead it is a treasure which points us to our most dependable friend and guide: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

With much gratitude to you all for what we have shared and achieved these last fifteen years

*With love and prayers*

*Fr Paul*

**ABINGDON FAIR** The Michaelmas Fair takes place this year on **Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 October**, though the road closures will be in place on **Sunday 5 October**. The formal closure notice can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-major-projects/Notice-AbingdonMichaelmasFair.pdf>. One imagines that, as usual, the gates into Park Road from Conduit Road and Victoria Road will be closed and access to St Michael’s will be from the entrance in Faringdon Road. The Fair itself occupies the Market Place, High Street and Ock Street, and there will be other closures and diversions affecting this area of the town.

#### **THANK YOU for OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

As we celebrated our Patronal Festival last week it was a privilege to preside and preach for my last Sunday. It was a beautiful Mass and I am grateful to all involved: readers, servers, intercessor, and to Graham, Glynne and the choir for singing one of my favourite Rutter anthems: ‘I will sing with the Spirit’. I hadn’t cottoned on to the fact that this would be sung. The whole Mass was a joyful and memorable occasion for me.

Special thanks to all those who worked so hard in the afternoon for our Afternoon Tea to mark my retirement and enjoy time together. I am grateful to Glynne and her friend for providing wonderful piano duets, and for accompanying my unrehearsed singing (!) Finally, huge thanks to the seven bakers who provided a wonderful selection of cakes and scones, sandwiches and sausage rolls. It was a wonderful day which I shall always remember.

*Thank you all! Fr Paul*

**FATHER’S PAUL’S FAREWELL MASS** Fr Paul will be celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry at a special **Mass this Thursday 9 October, 7 pm**, here in St Michael’s, marking his retirement. Preacher: The Revd Patrick Taylor, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon. This will be Fr Paul’s final service in the parish. Please do join him on this special occasion.

Mass will **NOT** be said at 12.30 pm this Thursday.

**ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY** Perhaps providential that this week’s issue went to press later than usual, otherwise the announcement made on Friday that Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally is to be 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. From the Oxford Diocesan web site:

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026. On 28 January 2026, there will be a Confirmation of Election at St Paul’s Cathedral in London, at which Bishop Sarah will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government’s Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as ‘an opportunity to reflect the love of God’.

There is an audio recording of a reflection by Bishop Mary on this appointment. See

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/news/rt-revd-and-rt-hon-dame-sarah-mullally-to-be-106th-archbishop-of-canterbury.php>

**FAITH FORUM** A recording of the first talk in the autumn series of Faith Forum on 28 September, Prayer by Margaret Adam, is now available on the parish web site [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_faith\\_forum.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_faith_forum.html)

**LICENSING OF THE REVD DR JENNIFER BROWN** Jen will be licensed as Team Rector on **Tuesday 21 October at 7pm** in St Helen's Church.

**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](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_publications.html)).

The October *Taizé Prayer service* will be on **Sunday 12 October**, in **St Helen's Church**.

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

**FROM THE BISHOPS** is the title of a new monthly online column from our four bishops. The third post is by Bishop Mary, *Flags and family*. <https://oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/bishops-and-senior-staff/from-the-bishops/>

#### **FESTIVALS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

**Sunday 5 October** *Harvest Thanksgiving.*

**Thursday 9 October** *Sung Mass in Thanksgiving for Fr Paul's 25 years of ordained ministry, 7 pm*

**Sunday 2 November** *All Saints Sunday, followed by presentation of the budget for 2026*

**Monday 3 November** *All Souls' Sung Requiem Mass, 7pm*

**Sunday 9 November** *Remembrance Sunday* The 9.30 am Sung Mass will include an Act of Remembrance

**Sunday 23 November** *Christ the King* Renewal of stewardship offerings at the 9.30 am Sung Mass

The date for the budget presentation has now been confirmed. The treasurer will be presenting the budget for 2026 to the congregation after Sunday Mass on Sunday 2 November.

**RIDE AND STRIDE 2025** Thank you to everyone who sponsored us this year. Fifteen churches were visited in Abingdon, including Sunningwell and Radley, and the sum of **£341.00** was raised which will be split equally between St Michael's Church and OHCT. Huge thanks to the volunteers who gave up time to welcome riders and striders to our church. I'm sure they would have been grateful for the hospitality they received. *Louise and Nicola*

**SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE** As Fr Paul announced in the notices last Sunday, Robin Day, who is caretaker at the Parish Centre, was cycling from Dalton Barracks to RAF Benson on Saturday 4 October on an adapted bike which enables his 9 year old twins diagnosed with autism to join him on the challenge. [There is a picture of Robin's bike on the *Just Giving* page – see below. *Ed.*] He is raising money for *Camp Mohawk* to thank the charity for all they do for him. Camp Mohawk is a multi-functional day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire. Throughout the year the centre provides a range of activities, facilities and natural space to encourage children with a variety of special needs to play, socialise and learn in a secure and caring environment. It's support has been invaluable to Robin and his children, Andrew and Helena. To donate, visit his Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/thankyoucampmohawkcycle>

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING** This Sunday, **Sunday 5 October**. We are again be supporting *The Porch* in Oxford which provides a stepping-stone for those who are homeless or vulnerably housed. They provide hot meals and washing and laundry facilities at the Centre for homeless people. In addition, they run programmes in Mental Health and Well-being, Pathways to Stability and Independence, Community and Social Inclusion, and Addressing Root Causes. By providing targeted support and intervention, *The Porch* helps reduce the burden on emergency services, healthcare providers and shelters. Early intervention prevents crises needing costly public interventions. When I spoke to the Charity's Director to check some details, he asked me to stress how much the charity appreciates donations from organisations and individuals which are a major source of income.

There will be basket at the back of the church for you to place your donations by cash or cheque. Please place cheque donations in an envelope labelled "Harvest Thanksgiving" and make cheques payable to "Abingdon Parochial Church Council St Michael's Church").

Alternatively, contributions can be made by bank transfer to NatWest Bank, Account no: 61580376 Sort code: 60-01-01, account name Abingdon Parochial Church Council St Michael's Church; please use the reference HARVEST 2025.

Some readers might prefer to donate online (which offers gift aid benefits where appropriate). In which case, if you feel comfortable doing so, please put an anonymous note of your donation (in an envelope) in the basket so these can be included in the total raised. There are DONATE links on *The Porch* web site <https://theporch.org.uk/>. Readers should be aware that the Crowdfunder platform suggests that users leave a "tip". The minimum setting on the slider is 10%, but a specific amount (which could be £0) can be added by clicking on "Enter custom amount".

For more information about *The Porch* see their web site.

**SUSAN GEE** Her funeral will be held at **11.00 am on Thursday 9 October at St Helen's Church**, followed by a reception with refreshments in the south aisle. All are very welcome to attend. To ensure adequate catering

provision, it would be helpful if you would kindly email [david@gee-family.net](mailto:david@gee-family.net) by **Sunday 5 October** if you plan to attend the reception. Ladies are asked to wear something colourful, and Men to wear brightly coloured (not black) ties to the service please. Family flowers only, please. Donations in memory of Susan may be made to Cancer Research UK.

**THE NORTHCOURT SINGERS** are giving a concert 'Mighty in Power' on **Friday 10 October at 7.30 pm** at St Michael's. A concert of hymns to launch the CD, which was recorded at St Michael's, by local composer David Preston. Tickets £15 on the door, card or cash. Proceeds to St Michael's church and the Abingdon Passion Play.

**JUST JANE** An afternoon of readings from Jane Austen with contemporary music and refreshments (tea, coffee, and cakes), **Saturday 11 October 3.00 -5.30 p.m.** Tickets £15, under 18 free. OR £10 on the door if pre-ordered from Hilary Clare. See also the article by Louise Heffernan, "Just Jane", in the September issue of *A Candle in the Window*, available at [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_window.php](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php).

**AGNOSTICS ANONYMOUS** The Next Meeting of the Agnostics Anonymous open discussion group will take place from **6 – 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 October in the Parish Centre**. The Revd Professor John Barton will lead the discussion on the theme 'Why do Christians bother with the Old Testament?'. There will be a chance to ask questions and discuss the topic. **Free and everyone welcome**. For more information please contact Jill Gant (01235 528929).

**ST MICHAELS' CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025** Please join us for our annual Christmas Fair on **Saturday 8 November from 10 am until 2.30 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 homeless charity *Emmas*. Event generously sponsored by *All Seasons Landscaping Services, Abingdon*.

**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. Please let us know if you are willing to bake cakes for sale. Please save any unwanted bric-a-brac, books, puzzles and games for sale on the day.

**Help is needed** to deliver flyers to the homes in our parish to spread the word. Please see Louise, Joyce or Nicola if you are able to volunteer.

Your help will be greatly appreciated and will ensure the success of our biggest fundraising event of the year.

Thank you, *the Fundraising Committee*.

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH (OCSG)** Places are now available for OCSG's forthcoming event entitled 'Piers Plowman and Medieval Spirituality – The life and works of William Langland', on **Saturday 8 November, from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm**. The event will be held at **St Michael at the North Gate Church**, in Oxford. A Study Day led by Professor Lawrence Warner – Medieval English Literature, King's College London. There will be three talks with a lunchbreak in between. For more details, please refer to the event's page on the following link:

<https://www.ocsg.uk.net/event/william-langland-and-piers-plowman/>. Tickets are available now also this link (advertised prices: in person £25, on-line £10).

**MUSIC AT ST MICHAEL'S**. On Sunday **9 November at 3 pm**, *The Pavlova Wind Quintet*, together with Glynne Butt (piano), will be returning to St Michael's to perform an exciting programme of music including the famous Mozart Quintet for Piano and Winds. Tickets £12, Accompanied children under 16 free. Available by card/cash at the door or from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFRE> Please bring your family and friends to this wonderful event – a concert not to be missed!

**CiA NEWS** A printed copy of the **October issue** should be on display on the notice board by the Welcome desk shortly. It should also be available to download from [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_communications.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_communications.html). Paper copies have been sent out.

**PATHWAYS** The summer issue of the Diocese of Oxford magazine is available online at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/> Printed copies are available in church.

**A CANDLE IN THE WINDOW** The September issue of the Parish Magazine is available to download from [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_window.php](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/P_window.php) Contents include articles by Louise Heffernan "Just Jane", "A Celebration of John Blacknall" by Jenny Metcalfe and a poem by Eileen Duckett "Sunday Afternoon Tea". Also a selection of wonderful photographs taken by David Bevington around the Parish Centre Garden. (Previous issues can also be found at this link.) Do read it! The next issue will be published on Sunday 12 October.

## **Worship**

**September** The celebrants and preachers for October are: 5 October, Fr AKMA; 12 October, Fr AKMA and The Revd Professor John Barton; 19 October, Fr AKMA and Mrs Beryl Clements; 26 October, The Revd Dr Jennifer Brown.

Sunday is Harvest Thanksgiving. Commemorations during the week include: Monday: William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536; Thursday: Denys, bishop and companions, martyrs, c. 250, and Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253; Friday: Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644 (kept on Thursday), and Thomas Traherne,

poet, spiritual writer, 1674; Saturday: Ethelburga, abbess, 675, James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7<sup>th</sup> century.

**Harvest Thanksgiving** forms part of the provision in Common Worship for the Seasons and Festivals of the Agricultural Year. These include Creation, Plough Sunday, Rogationtide, Lammastide, Harvest Thanksgiving and Prayer in Times of Agricultural Crisis.

Plough Sunday is traditionally observed on the First Sunday of Epiphany and provision is made for the blessing of a plough and the blessing of seed. Rogationtide is the three weekdays before Ascension Day. Lammastide is held on 1 August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest though churches can celebrate this at other times. Traditionally a loaf baked from the new harvest would be presented at some point in the Mass that day. The celebration of the Harvest was officially recognised by the Church of England in 1862. Celebrating the harvest on the first Sunday of October can be traced back to the adoption of that Sunday by a priest in Cornwall who from 1843 kept Lammastide on that Sunday.

The Common Worship provisions for most of these include lectionary readings and the variable parts of the Mass – invitation to confession, collect, gospel acclamation, intercessions, prayers at the preparation of the table, extended preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, prayer after communion and blessings. Some have specific provisions such as the Rogationtide Procession. The provision for Harvest includes ‘The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest’ during which produce from the harvest of the cornfields, the harvest of roots, the harvest of seeds for next year’s crops, the harvest of pears and apples, ... the harvest of flowers, concluding with the grain and the grape, the precursors of the bread and wine of the eucharist.

At St Michael’s, at the end of the offertory, donations for The Porch will be brought forward by the Church Wardens to be blessed by the celebrant in these words:

Blessèd are you, Lord God, of all creation, in your bounty you have brought forth the harvest and met our needs in abundance.

+ Bless the work of those who care for the vulnerable and homeless, especially those at the Porch Stepping Stone Centre.

May the gifts we make assist their current endeavours to increase the hospitality and love they can share.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Black History Month** October is Black History Month. The Church of England has produced a range of liturgical resources, available to download from <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/liturgical-resources-black-history-month> and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have produced a new set of resources for 2025, available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/black-history-month-2025-resources-for-churches/>. From the Church of England web page:

Racism is at root an issue of power, the limiting of the capacity of certain people and groups to act whilst privileging and promoting the capacity of others, solely on the grounds of racial characterisation. Our worship and the life of the Church are not free from these dynamics. These resources are an invitation to develop a constant awareness to such dynamics in our worship and the life of the Church, nourished by and borne out of the constant focus of true worship. At the heart of this invitation is an intentional focus on and attention to God and God’s will for all people: life in all its fullness according to the image of God in which all are created.

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, ...

**Paulinus and James the Deacon** Paulinus was probably born in Italy in the latter part of the 6<sup>th</sup> century. He was sent to England by Pope Gregory to assist Augustine in his work. He accompanied Princess Ethelberga, a daughter of King Ethelbert to Northumbria, where Ethelberga was to marry King Edwin. The Venerable Bede in his *History of the English Church* describes Paulinus thus:

Paulinus was a tall man with a slight stoop. He had black hair, an ascetic face, a thin hooked nose, and a venerable and awe-inspiring presence. He was consecrated bishop by Archbishop Justus (Archbishop of Canterbury) on 21 July in the year of our Lord, 625, ...

Paulinus found it difficult to convert King Edwin, but eventually he accepted the Christian faith and was baptised in 627.

The king’s baptism took place in York on Easter Day in the church of St Peter the Apostle which the king had hastily built of wood during the time of his instruction and preparation for baptism; and in this city he established the episcopal see of Paulinus, ... Soon after his baptism, at Paulinus’ suggestion, the king gave

orders to build on the same site a larger and more noble basilica of stone which was to enclose the little oratory he had built previously.

King Edwin was later defeated and died in battle which led to the fragmentation of his kingdom. The widowed queen along with Paulinus fled to Kent where he was offered the bishopric of Rochester which he held until his death in 644 and is buried in Rochester.

The details of the birth and death of James the Deacon are not known, though he too might have been born in Italy. The Venerable Bede writes:

Bishop Paulinus was assisted in his ministry by a deacon called James, a man of energy and high reputation in Christ's Church ... [When Paulinus fled to Kent] he left behind his deacon James to care for the church of York. He was a true churchman and holy person who remained a long time in that church, teaching and baptising, and snatching much prey from the clutches of our old enemy the Devil. ... He had a wide knowledge of church music, and when at length peace was restored to the province and the number of believers increased, he began to teach many people to sing the music of the Church after the uses of Rome and Canterbury. At last, old and 'full of days' as the Scripture says, he went the way of his fathers.

There is one Anglican Church dedicated to James the Deacon, in Acomb Moor, York. <https://jamesthedeacon.org.uk/> Some readers might recall that I wrote about James the Deacon in the pew leaflet for 10 October 2021 and discovered that Archbishop Stephen Cottrell dedicated a new icon to James the Deacon on their Patronal Festival in that year, their Golden Jubilee year. An email to the parish priest, Fr Luke Tillett, revealed that Fr Luke knew Fr Paul through Walsingham. Small world!

### **Prayers during the Season of Vacancies**

A prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate (from the Diocese of Oxford web site).

God our Father,  
Lord of the church,  
We thank you for calling Sarah Mullally to be our new Archbishop.  
We thank you for her willingness to respond to your call,  
and pray that you would pour upon her the strength, wisdom and vision that she needs as she leads and serves us.  
May we in turn commit to praying for Archbishop of Canterbury-designate Sarah and her family,  
that you would bless and protect them,  
and enable your church to walk together under her leadership in grace, unity and love.  
We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

A prayer for our Team Rector designate as her licensing on 21 October approaches

Almighty God,  
By the outpouring of your Holy Spirit,  
You call each of us to walk in the way of Christ and to serve him, with diverse gifts, in the church and the world.  
We praise you for calling Revd Jen, to be our Team Rector,  
and ask you to bless her, and Chris, in all their preparations over the coming few weeks.  
Grant her the needful gifts of grace to minister and serve among us,  
and that as the whole people of God in this parish, we may work together for the coming of your kingdom,  
to the glory of your Holy Name,  
Amen.

The prayer below is the prayer used for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury. But it is not entirely inappropriate as Fr Paul's official retirement date at the end of the month approaches and the next stage of ministry in the parish of Abingdon is discerned.

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your Church,  
send us a faithful pastor to lead with wisdom, courage, and love,  
proclaiming your Gospel, celebrating the sacraments,  
and guiding your people in unity and truth.  
Strengthen your Church, we pray, and direct us in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayers for the Peace of the World**

The prayer for the Holy Land was written by The Very Revd Canon Richard Swell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem. The prayer for Ukraine was written by the Bishop of Oxford.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.	God of compassion, Have mercy this day on the people of Ukraine. Restore to them the gift of peace.
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Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;  
we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and  
Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence  
and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to  
bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are  
treated with dignity and honour as your children for to  
all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Grant wisdom to the governments of the world.  
Bring good in the midst of evil and suffering,  
For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son,  
Who gave his life to bring peace to your world  
Amen.

**Please pray for:**

- Steven and Gavin our bishops in this diocese;
- Stephen, Archbishop of York and the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally preparing to be the 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury;
- Charles, our King, Her Majesty the Queen, and all the royal family;
- our government, the opposition and all who serve in public office;
- the war-torn regions of the world, including Ukraine, Sudan, Israel, Gaza and the wider Middle East; for the release of hostages and for the miracle of sustainable peace;
- those without adequate shelter or food within our parish and for the work of the Foodbanks;
- the work of the Porch whom we support this Harvest;
- those who have taught us in the way of faith by word or example;
- Revd Jen, our Team Rector-designate and Chris, her husband, in all their preparations for her licensing over the next two weeks;
- Fr Paul as he starts his retirement, and for the next stage of his priesthood, giving thanks for his ministry in our parish;
- the suffering, especially those who are known to us and who are on our prayer list;
- all who have recently departed, and all whose year's mind falls at this time;
- people living in: Lammas Close, Langley Road, Lee Avenue and Lely Court.

**Eucharistic Lectionary**

<b>Sun Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Ps 100	<b>Philippians 4.4-9</b>	<b>John 6.25-35</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Jonah 1.1-2.2, 10	Ps 69.1-6		Luke 10.25-37
<b>Tues</b>	Jonah 3	Ps 100		Luke 10.38-end
<b>Wed</b>	Jonah 4	Ps 86.1-9		Luke 11.1-4
<b>Thur</b>	Malachi 3.13-4.2a	Ps 1		Luke 11.5-13
<b>Fri</b>	Joel 1.13-15, 2.1-2	Ps 9.1-7		Luke 11.15-26
<b>Sat</b>	Joel 3.12-end	Ps 97.1, 8-end		Luke 11.27-28

**Collect (Harvest Thanksgiving)**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

**Prayer after Communion (Harvest Thanksgiving)**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, ...

**Prayer after Communion (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ 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](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream&diocese=27)

*Parish Communications and Links* [http://www.abingdonparish.org.uk/P\\_communications.html](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](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM_worship_resources.html)

*St Michael's Publications* page [https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM\\_publications.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StM/StM_publications.html)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqz9I9-LbZlAPGtje0gQbbg>.

*The University Church of St Mary the Virgin (Oxford)* live stream, 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.

*Walsingham* In addition to the daily live-streaming of Shrine Prayers at 6 pm (5pm on Saturdays). the Sunday Mass is live-streamed (usually at 7.30 am, but check the web site).

<https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/whatson-2/livestream/>